

Home Builder Will Create 263 Jobs with New Facility in Stanly County

Clayton Supply selects location in New London

Clayton Supply, part of Clayton Home Building Group, will create 263 jobs as it locates a new facility in Stanly County, Governor Roy Cooper announced on Tuesday. The company's project will locate in New London.

"Manufacturers trust North Carolina because they know we've earned our reputation for having the best advanced manufacturing workforce in the nation," said Governor Cooper. "From our central, east coast location that makes it easy to reach customers, to our world-class transportation infrastructure and workforce training systems, North Carolina offers everything these companies need to succeed."

As a leading national home builder dedicated to attainable housing, Clayton Home Building Group's portfolio includes a comprehensive range of off-site and site-built housing. The project in Stanly County will expand Clayton Supply's capabilities to support the growing market demand the company is seeing in the housing industry.

"North Carolina is the number one manufacturing state in the Southeast United States," said Commerce Secretary Machel Baker Sanders. "This leadership depends on a strong, well-trained workforce. As our First in Talent strategic plan makes clear, investing in our people and educational systems creates economic opportunities for everyone."

The North Carolina Department of Commerce led the state's support for the company during its site evaluation and decision-making process.

Although wages will vary depending on the position, the average salary for the new positions will be \$59,388. The current average wage in Stanly County is \$41,612.

Clayton Supply's project in North Carolina will be facilitated, in part, by a Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG) approved by the state's Economic Investment Committee earlier today. Over the course of the 12-year term of this grant, the project is estimated to grow the state's economy by \$649 million. Using a formula that takes into account the new tax revenues generated by the new jobs and a capital investment of \$46.6 million, the JDIG agreement authorizes the potential reimbursement to the company of up to \$2,063,700, spread over 12 years. State payments only occur following performance verification by the departments of Commerce and Revenue that the company has met its incremental job creation and investment targets. JDIG projects result in positive net tax revenue to the state treasury, even after taking into consideration the grant's reimbursement payments to a given company.

Because Clayton Supply chose a site in Stanly County, classified by the state's economic tier system as Tier 2, the company's JDIG agreement also calls for moving just over \$229,300 into the state's Industrial Development Fund - Utility Account. The Utility Account helps rural communities finance necessary infrastructure upgrades to attract future business. Even when new jobs are created in a Tier 2 county such as Stanly, the new tax revenue generated through JDIG grants helps more economically challenged communities elsewhere in the state.

"A quality company like Clayton Supply is a welcome addition to Stanly County," said N.C. Senator Carl Ford. "We're the perfect location for leading industries and I'm confident the company will find the people and the support they need to thrive and grow in our community."

"It's great to see Clayton Supply choose Stanly County for the next phase of their company's growth," said N.C. Representative Wayne Sasser. "We welcome these new jobs and this significant investment, which will lift our region to a welcome new level of prosperity."

Partnering with the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina on this project were the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Community College System, the North Carolina Department of Revenue, Stanly County, the Town of New London, and the Stanly County Economic Development Commission.

North Carolina's July Employment Figures Released

The state's seasonally adjusted July 2023 unemployment rate was 3.3%, unchanged from June's revised rate. The national rate decreased 0.1 of a percentage point to 3.5%. North Carolina's unemployment rate decreased 0.4 of a percentage point from a year ago. The number of people employed increased 12,229 over the month to 5,060,181 and increased 81,640 over the year. The number of people unemployed decreased 1,159 over the month to 171,445 and decreased 22,097 over the year.

Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm employment, as gathered through the monthly establishment survey, increased 13,000 to 4,928,400 in July. Major industries experiencing increases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 5,500; Government, 4,200; Education & Health Services, 3,100; Financial Activities, 2,000; Manufacturing, 400; and Other Services, 100. Major industries experiencing decreases were Information, 1,000; Professional & Business Services, 600; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 400; Construction, 200; and Mining & Logging, 100.

Since July 2022, Total Nonfarm jobs increased 108,000 with the Total Private sector increasing by 100,900 and Government increasing by 7,100. Major industries experiencing increases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 30,900; Education & Health Services, 28,100; Professional & Business Services, 16,500; Government, 7,100; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 7,100; Other Services, 6,200; Financial Activities, 5,000; Manufacturing, 5,000; Construction, 1,700; Information, 300; and Mining & Logging, 100.

School Has Started. Be Sure to Check The Express Website for Lots of School Information.

Now that the new school year is underway be sure to check out the Inside Anson Schools Publication that was published in The Express Newspaper in the August 16 edition. It features 12 pages of helpful back-to-school information for our students, families, staff, and community. We hope you will take the time to enjoy reading all the wonderful articles from our schools as well. Great things are happening in Anson County Schools! You can access all of the information online at www.theexpressnewspaper.com.

Funny, Random & Weird Holidays

- August 31 Thursday - Eat Outside Day
- September 1 Friday - Emma Nutt Day
- September 1 Friday - No Rhyme or Reason Day
- September 2 Saturday - Bison Ten Yell Day
- September 3 Sunday - Skyscraper Day
- September 4 Monday - Eat an Extra Dessert Day
- September 5 Tuesday - Be Late for Something Day
- September 5 Tuesday - Cheese Pizza Day
- September 6 Wednesday - Fight Procrastination Day
- September 6 Wednesday - Read a Book Day

Chamber of Commerce Kids Expo Was a Smash Success!

This is a release from the Anson County Chamber of Commerce: The Kids Expo is just the best! This year, we had 27 vendors - our largest event to date. These kids are incredibly talented and worked so hard to create and sell their products. It was a great turnout in uptown Wadesboro! The participants are pictured below.

Thank you to every child for participating, to their parents and caregivers for supporting them in their endeavor, and for the community for rallying behind these kids and making it a wonderful event! We want to say another HUGE thank you to our sponsors. This event would not have been possible without their support. And, a special thank you to the Town of Wadesboro for providing lunch for all vendors and coordinating the road closures, trash and restroom facilities.



Church

THE CHURCH CALENDAR IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THESE SPONSORS

SEPTEMBER 3

Friends & Family Day Gospel Singing Program at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 3pm. All are invited.

SEPTEMBER 16

Yard Sale & Bake Sale 7am-1pm at First Presbyterian Church of Wadesboro, located at 208 S. Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro. Lots of items, something for everyone!

SEPTEMBER 18 - 20

Fall Revival At First Baptist Church, 722 Sikes Ave in Wadesboro with Pastor Tobias Wall of Saron Missionary Baptist Church, Polkton at 7pm nightly. All are welcome!

SEPTEMBER 24

Special Program Chalktalks.net evangelist and chalk artists Dwight Haynes and his wife Ann at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, 3373 Country Club Rd in Wadesboro. They will minister through music, chalk art and preaching.

SEPTEMBER 30

Free Household Items & Paper Goods at Community Outreach Tent Meeting hosted by Lamb of God Church in the Wadesboro IGA parking lot, 805 Camden Rd, 9am as long as supplies last. Info 843-623-3777.

ONGOING

HOPE Grief Support Group at Harmony Community Church, meets Tuesdays at 5:30pm offering help for anyone suffering from grief, like death, sickness, divorce, separation from family, job, etc.. Free & confidential, everyone welcome. Come join

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Events

SEPTEMBER 5

Board of Commissioners Meet 6pm in Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. Now there are two regular monthly meetings. Meetings are available online at youtube.com, search for Anson Commissioners. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201.

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ONGOING EVENTS

Bridge Club 2nd Thursday each month, 1-3pm at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

Senior Cafe 4th Thursday each month, 2:30-3:30pm at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

Free Food Distribution at Feed My Lambs every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 1-4pm. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820

Writers' Club Meets Fourth Sunday each month at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, 3pm (except July & Dec). Open to public, new members of all ages invited. Info 704-694-5211 or sandybruney@gmail.com

Grace Senior One-Day Trip to Fuller's Bar-B-Q for Lunch

Grace Senior Center invites all seniors to join them for a fun trip to Fuller's Bar-B-Q in Fayetteville on Tuesday, September 19. Fullers is famous for their delicious pit cooked BBQ. They have won multiple awards, including the People's Choice Award "Best of the Best" and Southern Living Food Awards.

Here's how Fullers describes it: "Since 1986 we've been mastering the art of pit cooking to bring you the best BBQ in town. Our slow-smoked meats are cooked low and slow, resulting in mouthwatering flavors and tender, juicy cuts. Come taste the difference that over three decades of experience makes."

The restaurant features a lunch buffet. Their menu includes BBQ (of course!), steak, chicken, seafood, vegetables, sandwiches and homemade desserts.

For the trip, the Grace Senior Center charter bus will load at the Food Lion parking lot, with a departure time of 9 a.m. The total cost of the trip is \$46.91, which includes transportation and lunch.

For more information and to register, please call 704-694-6616.

Grace Senior Center Has It Going On In September!

Grace Senior Center is an excellent resource for Anson County's senior citizens. They provide programs, services, activities and fellowship that are beneficial... ALL FREE...AND ALL FUN & INFORMATIVE!

Be sure to check the Express Events Calendar for even more activities at Grace Senior Center.

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, on the left just past IGA. For information call 704-694-6616.

September Events

- **Chair Exercise** every Tuesday and Thursday, 10am-11am. (No class on Sept. 14 & 19.)
- **Book Club** every 1st Thursday of the month, 10am-12pm.
- **BINGO!** Tuesday, September 12, 12-1pm.
- **Senior Picnic in the Park** Thursday, September 14, 10am-1pm (Details in this edition of The Express)
- **Day Trip to Fuller's Bar-B-Q**, Tuesday, September 19, 9am (Details in this edition of The Express)
- **Bridge Club** Thursday, September 21, 1pm-3pm. Held 2nd Thursday of the month.
- **Craft Memory Bead Bracelets Workshop** Tuesday, September 26, 12pm-2pm
- **Movie Day** Thursday, September 28, 12pm-2pm
- **Memory Bracelet Craft** Thursday, September 28, 12pm-2pm