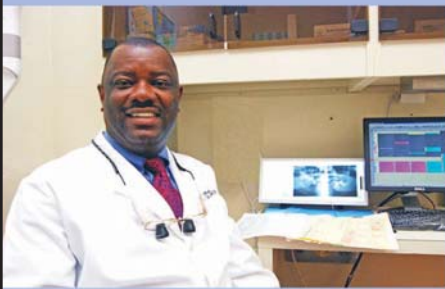


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Extension Notes

Food Safety After a Disaster

September is National Preparedness Month. This year's theme "Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare" is being used in a national campaign to encourage the public to act now in case disaster strikes.

Although locally we have seen a quiet hurricane season, September is usually the peak month for storms. With the national campaign happening as well, it is a good time to remember a few ideas about food safety during and after a storm.

After a power failure, you might not have heat, refrigeration or water. To prepare food when you have no power, follow these guidelines. If you have limited heat for cooking, choose foods that cook quickly. Prepare casseroles and one-dish meals, or serve no-cook foods.

If you cannot use your stove, you can use a fireplace or candle warmer, such as a fondue pot. Do not use a candle warmer to cook raw meats, fish, poultry, and eggs. You can also use a camp stove and charcoal burner.

Never use a fuel-burning camp stove or charcoal burner inside your home, even in a fireplace. Fumes from these stoves can be deadly. Do not cook frozen foods because they require much more cooking time and heat than canned goods.

Eat commercially canned foods straight from the can. Do not eat home canned meats and vegetables unless you can boil them for 10 minutes before eating. Substitute liquids from canned vegetables for water in unsweetened cooked dishes.

Substitute juice from canned fruits for water in salads and beverages. All water from questionable sources that will be used in food preparation must be boiled for at least 10 minutes before use.

If you are without refrigeration, open only enough cans or jars of food for one meal. Leftover food in jars and cans cannot be saved. If necessary, substitute canned and powdered milk for fresh milk. Prepare and eat foods in their original containers, if possible.

With the door closed, food in most freezers will stay below 40°F for up to 3 days, even in summer. Thawing rate depends on the amount of food in the freezer, the kind of food, the temperature of the food, the freezer and the size of freezer. You may safely re-freeze foods that still contain ice crystals or that have been kept at 40°F or below.

More information on disaster preparation and recovery can be obtained from the NC Cooperative Extension Service at ncdisaster.com.

By Janine B. Rywak, County Extension Director

New NC Poll Finds Major Support for Early Childhood Education

Bipartisan support for expanding Smart Start and NC Pre-K. Anson County program has strong support.

A new bipartisan North Carolina poll finds that North Carolina voters view early childhood education as a critical issue in the state and across the nation. Majorities of Democrats, Republicans and Independents support investments in early childhood programs in the state – including expanding access to Smart Start, Pre-K, teacher training and home visiting programs.

More than four in five (83%) of North Carolina voters believe that investments in early childhood programs will benefit North Carolina's economy in the short and long term. Voters ranked ensuring children get a strong start as a top priority for policy-makers, second only to jobs and the economy and well ahead of reducing the tax burden on families. The poll was conducted by the bipartisan team of Public Opinion Strategies and Hart Research for the First Five Years Fund and the North Carolina Early Childhood Foundation.

Voters are very concerned that children get a strong start in school and see high quality early childhood education as the answer. Three-quarters of state voters support expanding access to the NC Pre-K and Smart Start programs so that more children in the state can benefit from them. In addition, 88 percent want North Carolina to invest in training and classroom resources so that all pre-school and early elementary school teachers are able to teach each child in a way that addresses their individual needs and ensures they have a strong start in reading and school.

As the funding agent for Anson County's Smart Start and North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten Program, the Anson County Partnership for Children is charged with ensuring that Anson County children get a strong start in school. Executive Director Elaine B. Scarborough says she is not surprised by the results the bipartisan North Carolina poll. "Citizens and businesses in Anson County are strong supporters of the work of the Anson County Partnership for Children on behalf of young children in our community. They understand the link between strong early childhood education and success in school and in the workforce. I'm sure our citizens support expanding access to early childhood programs in Anson County in order to better prepare our children to succeed in school."

Nearly three-quarters of North Carolina voters (71 percent) support greater federal investment in early childhood education if it increased the deficit in the short term but paid for itself in the long term by improving children's education, health and economic situations. Earlier this year, a national poll commissioned by The First Five Years Fund found that 71 percent of voters – including 60 percent of Republicans – support greater federal investments in early childhood education.

"North Carolina voters truly understand that when each child is given the best opportunity to succeed—to realize their potential and contribute as productive citizens—North Carolina prospers," said NCECF Founding Executive Director Susan Perry-Manning. "Our state has a proud history of innovation and investment when it comes to early learning, and we know more needs to be done. Increased state and federal investments will mean more children can benefit from high-quality early learning programs, which in turn creates better education, health and economic outcomes for everyone in North Carolina."

The mission of the North Carolina Early Childhood Foundation (NCECF) is to marshal North Carolina's great people, ideas and achievements to build a foundation of opportunity and success for every child by the end of third grade. www.buildthefoundation.org

Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization which was formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership's mission is "helping to make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." For more information, contact Elaine B. Scarborough at 704-694-4036, www.ansonchildren.org.

NAACP Freedom Banquet is October 26

The Anson County NAACP Branch will be hosting its annual Freedom Banquet Celebration on Sunday, October 26 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. The theme for the banquet will be "Moving Forward, Not One Step Back." Honored guest speaker will be Marshville Mayor Frank Deese.

In order to make this a successful and profitable event, organizers have put together a souvenir journal. The journal will highlight the guest speaker and all elected officials. In addition, the journal will provide a forum for candidates and personal messages of encouragement, love and support from their family and friends, as well as to promote local business and/or companies to the attendees at the event.

The Banquet organizers are asking for your support by attending the event in record numbers as well as purchasing a journal ad. All contributions will receive the proper acknowledgements and are greatly appreciated.

If you would like more information, please contact Kishia Dunlap, Secretary/ Treasurer at 704-695-6807. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Job Opportunities at CMH SPACE



Receiving Clerk

Primary Responsibilities Include:

- Perform physical or admin/physical tasks involved in receiving, storing and distribution or floor covering products.
- Sort and place materials or items on racks, shelves, or in bins according to a predetermined sequence such as size, type, style, color, or product code.
- Will be required to learn and operate RF handhelds and Dancik system.
- Mark materials with identifying information.
- Open boxes, crates, and other containers.
- Record amounts of materials or items received.
- Use computer to enter data.
- Will be responsible to ensure that all incoming freight is accurate and that there is no visible damage to material.
- Will be required to operate both stand-up and sit-down forklifts.
- Will be required to maintain a safe and clean environment daily.
- Will be required to wear safety toed shoes or boots.
- Complete and maintain forklift certification training.

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Job Requirements:

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- 1 to 2 years of warehouse experience.
- Heavy lifting and forklift experience required.
- Basic computer, reading, writing and math skills necessary.

Warehouse 2nd Shift Loader

Primary Responsibilities Include:

- Report to work on time daily.
- Perform a safety check on forklift. *Report any hazards to supervisor immediately.*
- Stage material into racks as needed.
- Maintain a safe and clean work area at all times.
- Assemble and load material onto assigned truck.
 - 1) Build and assemble product by customer using load sheets, and load and scan product onto truck to allow driving to unload assuring that material is correct and not damaged.
 - 2) Report any damage or material short to supervisor immediately.
 - 3) Check load sheet to make sure all materials are loaded.
 - 4) Check dock and staging area for any material that should be on the truck.
 - 5) After completing load, take picture of load with route placard.
- Check in any and all materials not loaded onto delivery trucks staging all will call, freight line and future delivery orders in the correct staging bins.
- Report any material to supervisor that was left off any delivery trucks, or any overages shipped from Baltimore.
- Check assigned staging bins for any old or unmarked material, and report to supervisor.
- Check and sweep doc and all staging areas (including any aisles materials where placed from the transfer trucks).
- Assist with loading will calls
- Pull material from staging or storage locations ensuring the customer receives the correct item, quantity and undamaged.
- Any other tasks assigned by supervisor.

Job Requirements:

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- 1 to 2 years of warehouse experience.
- Heavy lifting and forklift experience required.
- Basic computer, reading, writing and math skills necessary.

Delivery Driver - Class CDL "A"

Primary Responsibilities Include:

- Primarily responsible for the condition of the truck and the contents within.
- Perform a pre-trip and post-trip daily ... documenting and reporting findings to the manager on duty ASAP and RTR, so arrangements can be made to correct the problem.
- Responsible for contacting the Manager on duty as early as possible when unable to work, so other arrangements can be made for coverage.
- Knowledgeable of multi routes and areas with the ability to read and understand maps.
- Train other drivers as needed.
- Keep all logs and driving reports up to date and accurate.
- Make all deliveries on time and damage free.
- Treat each and every customer as they are the most important, maintaining good customer relations.
- Report any problems, delays (in excess of 20 minutes) to the office ASAP.
- Re-secure the load as needed between stops.
- Pick up money and checks as directed on paperwork ... calling credit with any discrepancies.
- Assist with truck routing to insure sequenced correctly.
- Ability to operate a forklift, with and without a carpet pole.
- Pick up all returns, off load and placing in return bin.
- Fuel vehicle at the end of each trip.
- Complete daily paperwork and turn into shipping at the end of the shift.
- Attend all Safety and Staff meetings.
- Must meet and follow all DOT requirements.
- Adhere to all Company Policies and Procedures.
- Wear complete CMH uniform & safety shoes.
- Maintain STOP / 3D / Forklift Certification Training.
- Strive for continuous job process improvements.
- Perform other work as directed by the Distribution and Shipping Manager.

Job Requirements:

- Class A CDL required, with at least 1 year experience.
- Must have clean MVR and ability to pass DOT physical.
- Excellent verifiable safety and attendance record.
- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Good reading, writing, mathematical and communication skills.
- Knowledge of DOT rules and regulations.
- Ability to use material handling equipment for offloading in a safe and damage free manner.
- Requires heavy lifting (in excess of 75 pounds) and will require forklift certification.
- Must work and drive during all types of weather conditions.
- Able to deal directly with the customer and interact within a team environment.

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