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## Anson High School Volleyball Team is Named All Conference

Congratulations to Alena Baxter, Allie Steagall and Brooklyn Miles for being named All Conference in volleyball. And also, congratulations to Hannah Austin and Lauren Lomax who received All Conference Honorable Mentions! And, still more congratulations to AHS Coach Patty Livingston (pictured with her team) who was named the Rocky River 2A 3A Volleyball Coach of the Year! The team had a 15-8 overall record. Their conference record was 8-4. One County - One Team - One Cat!

## Unofficial General Election Results

The General Election was held on Tuesday, November 5. Here are the races and voting totals, with the winners in bold. The Anson County vote totals are in parenthesis. These are unofficial results:

- US PRESIDENT**
- Kamala Harris 2,683,911 (5,209)
  - Tim Walz (DEM)
  - Chase Oliver 21,772 (26)
  - Mike ter Maat (LIBERTARIAN)
  - Jill Stein 24,273 (20)
  - Rudolph Ware (GREEN)
- US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 08**
- Justin E. Dues (DEM) 160,110 (5,219)
  - **Mark Harris (REP)** 237,024 (5,375)
- NC GOVERNOR**
- Mark Robinson (REP) 2,224,955 (4,664)
  - Vinny Smith (CON) 54,033 (73)
  - Wayne Turner (GRE) 48,639 (71)
  - Mike Ross (LIB) 174,306 (224)
  - **Josh Stein (DEM)** 3,036,034 (5,659)
- NC LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**
- Rachel Hunt (DEM) 2,737,528 (5,417)
  - Hal Weatherman (REP) 2,643,943 (4,922)
  - Wayne Jones (CON) 53,057 (155)
  - Shannon W. Bray (LIB) 102,468 (131)
- NC ATTORNEY GENERAL**
- **Jeff Jackson (DEM)** 2,842,292 (5,460)
  - Dan Bishop (REP) 2,695,167 (5,193)
- NC AUDITOR**
- Bob Drach (LIB) 165,059 (206)
  - **Dave Boliek (REP)** 2,710,129 (4,992)
  - Sarah Taber (DEM) 2,467,944 (5,116)
- NC COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE**
- Sean Haugh (LIB) 133,319 (220)
  - **Steve Troxler (REP)** 2,901,019 (5,292)
- NC COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**
- Natasha Marcus (DEM) 2,618,904 (5,197)
  - **Mike Causey (REP)** 2,862,557 (5,382)
- NC COMMISSIONER OF LABOR**
- **Luke Farley (REP)** 2,882,169 (5,324)
  - Braxton Winston II (DEM) 2,571,772 (5,226)
- NC SECRETARY OF STATE**
- **Elaine Marshall (DEM)** 2,806,239 (5,523)
  - Chad Brown (REP) 2,702,257 (5,062)
- NC SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**
- **Maurice (Mo) Green (DEM)** 2,805,973 (5,457)
  - Michele Morrow (REP) 2,686,458 (5,131)
- NC TREASURER**
- Wesley Harris (DEM) 2,599,883 (5,281)
  - **Brad Briner (REP)** 2,877,789 (5,253)
- NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 6**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- **Jefferson G. Griffin (REP)** 2,749,073 (5,144)
  - Allison Riggs (DEM) 2,739,222 (5,366)
- NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 12**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- **Tom Murry (REP)** 2,788,556 (5,161)
  - Carolyn J. Thompson (DEM) 2,680,061 (5,322)
- NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 14**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- Ed Eldred (DEM) 2,598,872 (5,229)
  - **Valerie Zachary (REP)** 2,857,089 (5,231)
- NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 15**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- **Chris Freeman (REP)** 2,822,964 (5,230)
  - Martin E. Moore (DEM) 2,624,698 (5,243)
- NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 29** *(You may vote for ONE)*
- Kevin Clark (DEM) 31,908 (5,269)
  - **Dave Craven, Jr. (REP)** 70,012 (5,190)
- NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 55**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- Judy H. Little (DEM) 14,212 (5,103)
  - **Mark Brody (REP)** 24,328 (5,420)
- NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 21 SEAT 2**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- **Sophia Gatewood (DEM)** 28,440 (7,392)
- NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 21 SEAT 4**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- **Amanda L. (Amy) Wilson (DEM)** 29,548 (7,344)
- ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 1**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- **Kyle Leary (UNA)** 1,197
  - Lorrie Burns Bennett (DEM) 537
- ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 3**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- **Robert Mims (UNA)** 897
  - Sylvester Bennett (DEM) 722
- ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 6**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- **Jarvis Woodburn (DEM)** 443
  - Ken Caulder (UNA) 299
- ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 7**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- **Joshua E. Ellerbe, Sr. (DEM)** 861
  - Don Jewell (UNA) 451
- ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 1**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- Kayesha (Kaye) Nivens (DEM) 550
  - **Kelly Sheppard (UNA)** 1,360
- ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 3**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- **Beulah Pratt (DEM)** 554
  - Brandon Smith (REP) 501
- Telesha Rae (Sunshine) Heilig 450 (UNA)
- ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 6**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- **Frank Liles (DEM)** 753
- ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 7**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- **Carol Ann Gibson (DEM)** 877
  - Tabitha Horne (UNA) 334
- ANSON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS**
- (You may vote for ONE)*
- **Tara Eudy (UNA)** 6,211
  - Dannie Montgomery (DEM) 4,183
- ANSON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR** Nonpartisan Election
- (You may vote for ONE)* • Jeff Poplin 2,738 • **Gary Sikes** 3,529 • Jesse Campbell 3,373
- CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT For 7,894** Against 2,363
- (Constitutional amendment to provide that only a citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age and otherwise possessing the qualifications for voting shall be entitled to vote at any election in this state.)

## Town of Lilesville's Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park Set for December 10

Save the date! The Town of Lilesville will host their annual lighted Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park on Tuesday, December 10 at Hatcher Park. The parade begins at 6:00 p.m. and Christmas in the Park will begin after the parade. If you are interested in having an entry in the parade, please contact the Lilesville Town Hall at 704-848-4711 or Beth Griggs Richeson at 704-212-8258 for all the details. If you would like to be a vendor at the Christmas in the Park, please contact Jamie Varela at 1-321-202-3465.

## ACORNS Alert System Keeps Citizens Informed During Emergency Situations

**Public safety officials encourage residents to create and update their information in the new ACORNS platform**

The ACORNS Alert System is available to all Anson County residents. It replaced the previous ACORN system. ACORNS is a free service that allows individuals to receive notifications sent from National Weather Service (NWS) and local authorities to stay informed on potentially hazardous situations involving weather, traffic and other emergencies, including the spread of the coronavirus. The switch from ACORN to ACORNS allows residents to receive alerts via phone, text and email, and answer poll questions that will give Anson County officials critical information during emergency situations. Individuals who are signed up for alerts will receive reliable information from county officials, including tailored updates based on their specific needs and geographic location. Individuals who were previously signed up for ACORN will need to enroll in ACORNS, and to review and update their information in the new platform to ensure accuracy. Residents and travelers to Anson County who were not previously signed up for ACORN should sign up for free at [www.co.anson.nc.us](http://www.co.anson.nc.us) to receive timely and actionable emergency alerts via email, text or voice message. They can also identify when and how they are alerted and communicated with before, during and after emergencies. "ACORNS strengthens Anson County officials' ability to communicate with residents when it matters most," said R. Diggs, Chief, Anson County Emergency Services. "This service allows for critical communication with the public and provides individuals with the information needed to stay safe or take precautions during hazardous or emergency situations, especially during severe weather." ACORNS is powered by Rave and is trusted by thousands of institutions including state and local authorities, business and educational institutions. Rave sends millions of messages daily and during critical situations such as severe weather. Community members are encouraged to sign up for ACORNS and input or update their information and notification preferences today at [www.co.anson.nc.us](http://www.co.anson.nc.us).

## Anson's September Unemployment Rate

**Anson County** Anson County's unemployment rate for September was 3.7%, down significantly from August's 4.9% rate. In September Anson County ranked #77 of the 100 counties statewide (low unemployment rate to high). Anson's total labor force in September was 10,075, with 9,705 employed and 370 unemployed. In August the total labor force was 10,082, with 9,584 employed and 498 unemployed. **Statewide** the unemployment rate for September was 3.2%. Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in all 100 of North Carolina's counties in September 2024. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 5.6 percent while Buncombe, Ashe, Avery, Currituck, Watauga, Swain, and Dare Counties each had the lowest at 2.5 percent. All fifteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 4.6 percent while Asheville had the lowest at 2.6 percent. The not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.2 percent. When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in 66 counties, increased in 14, and remained unchanged in 20. Seven metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year, two increased, and six remained unchanged. The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in September by 69,046 to 5,097,020, while those unemployed decreased by 56,132 to 167,762. Since September 2023, the number of workers employed statewide increased 6,657, while those unemployed decreased 2,266.

## Goshen Medical Center's Mobile Health Unit to Visit Anson County

The Goshen Medical Center Mobile Health Unit has an upcoming visit to Anson County in November. Their team will conduct screenings and refer persons to local medical facilities if a need is identified. As Goshen Medical Center is a Federally qualified healthcare organization, no one will be denied access to services due to inability to pay. If assistance is required to meet payment obligations there is a discounted sliding fee schedule available to those who qualify. The visit takes place on Tuesday, November 12 at the Anson Crisis Ministry, 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The Mobile Health Unit offers free screenings such as: cardiac screenings (risk evaluation & EKG); depression screenings; tobacco cessation counseling; blood pressure & vital signs check; and sports physicals. In addition, primary care visits & acute visits.