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## Anson Mobile Food Market is this Thursday, November 21 at 4:00 p.m.

The next Anson Mobile Food Market will be held on Thursday, November 21, starting at 4:00 p.m. at Lilesville Baptist Church, located at 118 Camden Street in Lilesville. Food will be given away, including fresh vegetables, fruit and bread (if available). There will be blood pressure and blood sugar checks, along with other healthy living topics and booths. This free event offers citizens of Anson County six to eight different types of fresh produce monthly. This is a free initiative, so please come and get some produce. **Nothing is required for you to receive produce, just come.** The event is sponsored by the Anson County Extension and its partners. This event is to assist in the scarcity of fresh, healthy food in the county. It will also serve as an educational event to offer education on the two targeted areas of the county health assessment which are tobacco use and hypertension. Agencies will be set up offering services and information in those two targeted areas.

## School Teachers, Administrators and Staff Recognized at October School Board Meeting

During the October 28 Anson County School Board meeting teachers, administrators and staff were recognized for their outstanding performance.

- **Principal of the Year (pictured below center with Superintendent Dr. Brian Ratliff)** - Kevin Adams of Wadesboro Elementary School
- **Teacher of the Year (pictured above on left)** - Luke Hyatt
- **Exceptional Children's Educator of Excellence (pictured at right with Superintendent Ratliff)** - Deidre McBride
- **CTE Teacher of the Year (pictured below on left with Superintendent Ratliff)** - Brown Huntley
- **Beginning Teacher of the Year (below right)** - Myra Bricken
- **Teachers of the Year (pictured above)** - Luke Hyatt, John Brooks, Regina Corbett, Lora Wyatt, Celeste Dutton, Jade Knotts, Erin Adams and Christie Liles. (Her mother, Jackie Liles, accepted Christie's plaque on her behalf.) (Not pictured: Robin Little.)
- **Beginning Teachers of the Year (pictured below right)** - Myra Bricken and Sam Kemmerly. (Not pictured: Kellie McCormick.)
- **Paraprofessionals of the Year (pictured at bottom)** - Ashley Maxwell, Constance Knotts, Lauren Dutton, Quatavis Liles, Sandra Spencer, Jada Sellers and Ashley Teal. (Not pictured: Kristi Porten and Cynthia Mabry.)



## School Board Meeting is November 25

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 25. The meeting will be held in the Anson County Schools' Administrative Board Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel and property pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) and NCGS 143.318.11(a)(5). Open Session to the public will begin at 6:00 p.m. If the public wishes to sign up for public comment, they can sign up in-person. A sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting begins for any individual or group to indicate their desire to address the board. Public comment will be held during the Open Session portion of the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed on the Anson County Schools' YouTube channel for the public to view. To find the channel you can search YouTube for "Anson County Schools."



## Juvenile Arrested in Friday, November 8 Polkton Shooting Incident

This is a release from the Polkton Police Chief Tim Hutchinson dated November 19: Wanted to update everyone that an arrest has been made in the shooting incident where subjects shot at our officer and patrol vehicle on Friday, November 8. We are still working to make more arrests. The arrested suspect is a juvenile and his information will not be released due to his rights. We were able to get a secured custody on this suspect, and myself and Capt. Bradshaw personally escorted him to Stonewall Jackson last night. (Editor's note: Cabarrus Youth Development Center - Formerly Stonevall Jackson Youth Development Center - is a juvenile correctional facility of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety located in unincorporated Cabarrus County, North Carolina, near Concord.) This investigation is still ongoing. We want to thank the Anson County Sheriff's Office and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation for all their assistance and continued help with this investigation. Again this investigation is still open and ongoing and other arrests will be made. Here is Chief Hutchinson's recap of the incident that took place on November 8: On Friday, November 8 at around 10:00 p.m. one of our officers received a suspicious person call in the Wyndor Down Apartment area. While enroute to the area he noticed several subjects walking through the small wooded area at the main entrance of South Piedmont Community College. Our officer went to go check these people out due to them coming from that area where a car had attempted to be stolen earlier. As the officer made his way to the suspects they all started running into the college. Our officer watched them and followed them when he noticed one suspect had a handgun. The officer called for assistance and relayed that one subject had a gun. The subjects ran down and around the building and our officer stopped waiting on backup. Our officer was stepping out of his patrol vehicle and was met with a barrage of gunfire from one of the subjects. The officer took cover and did not return fire and gave the information out over the radio. After getting to a safe distance the officer noticed that the patrol unit had been struck multiple times and was inoperable. We are just thankful that our officer did not get injured in this incident.

## North Carolina's October Employment Figures

The state's seasonally adjusted October 2024 unemployment rate was 3.7 percent, decreasing 0.1 of a percentage point from September's revised rate. The national rate was unchanged at 4.1 percent. North Carolina's unemployment rate increased 0.1 of a percentage point from a year ago. The number of people employed decreased 763 over the month to 5,067,394 and increased 4,529 over the year. The number of people unemployed decreased 1,103 over the month to 196,774 and increased 8,364 over the year. Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm employment, as gathered through the monthly establishment survey, decreased 5,500 to 5,024,800 in October. Major industries experiencing increases were Education & Health Services, 2,800; Government, 600; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 500; and Information, 100. Major industries experiencing decreases were Construction, 4,300; Manufacturing, 2,000; Other Services, 1,800; Leisure & Hospitality Services, 800; Professional & Business Services, 400; and Financial Activities, 200. Mining & Logging employment remained unchanged.

	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024
N.C.	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7
U.S.	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1

Please note: 2023 numbers have undergone annual revision

Since October 2023, Total Nonfarm jobs increased 75,800 with the Total Private sector increasing by 61,800 and Government increasing by 14,000. Major industries experiencing increases were Education & Health Services, 27,700; Leisure & Hospitality Services, 16,800; Government, 14,000; Professional & Business Services, 12,000; Construction, 6,400; Financial Activities, 3,400; and Other Services, 2,800. Major industries experiencing decreases over the year were Manufacturing, 4,100; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 2,400; and Information, 800. Mining & Logging employment remained unchanged over the year.

## Author Event at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library will have an author event Monday, November 25 at 10:30 a.m. The featured authors are Mary H. Jordan and Dr. Leon Smith. Mary's latest book is "Life Comes in Bits and Pieces," and Leon's book is titled "As Much As Words Can Tell." The authors will share their writing journeys and inspiration. Books will be available for purchase. Everyone is invited to attend this event. It will be in the library's Pritchett Room. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

## Lions Club Meets at Papa Joe's

The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Wadesboro every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. They welcome new members. If you are interested in learning more about the Lions Club and the many good causes they support locally, you are invited to visit. Join in and enjoy the fellowship...plus delicious Papa Joe's pizza! For more information regarding Lions, membership and their services to our community, please call Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

## Volunteers Needed at Anson Crisis Ministries

Anson Crisis Ministries is in need of volunteers to help hand out food, sort through items, and more. They are open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The dress code is comfortable clothes, such as jeans and a nice t-shirt. The Crisis Ministries feeds Anson County residents all week. If you have some time to give please call 704-694-2445 to sign up. They are located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro.

## Crisis Ministries Provides Free Food Tuesday- Friday

Anson Crisis Ministries distributes free food items to over 1,000 families each month. This adds up to an estimated 50,000 people a year in Anson and surrounding counties. They serve families Tuesday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Anson Crisis Ministries is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-2445.