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Christa Anita Colson Arrested for Murder of Kim Leon Campbell

Anson County Sheriff's deputies have arrested Christa Anita Colson, 44, of Morven in the shooting death of Kim Leon Campbell, 37. It is reported that Campbell was Colson's boyfriend. Officers arrived at Campbell's home on Powe Lane near Morven (located just off Cason Old Field Road/1003 near Highway 145) at about 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 4 after receiving a call, and found him dead on a neighbor's porch. It is reported that Colson shot Campbell in the chest during an argument, and that Campbell was able to run to the neighbor's house before he died.



Christa Anita Colson

There were no prior reports of domestic violence with the couple. Colson is being held in the Anson County Jail, charged with First Degree Murder. Her court date has been set for February 16.

Lanesboro Correctional Institution Officer Assaulted by Inmate Saturday, February 6

On Saturday, February 6 an inmate at Lanesboro Correctional Institution in Polkton, Marvin Breedon, Jr. who is in the prison for first degree rape, attacked a prison officer with a homemade metal weapon. The incident occurred at about 1:30 p.m. The officer suffered head injuries, and was airlifted to a medical facility where he was treated and released. Breedon will be charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill. Because of the attack, one of the four units at the prison was in lockdown status for 30 hours while an investigation took place. It has been reported that inmates at Lanesboro Correctional have assaulted nine correctional officers in the last week. That information was confirmed by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, which stated that most of the attacks resulted in little to no injuries. Two of the attacks involved inmates throwing urine and feces on the officers.

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Everyone deserves to be in a safe, healthy relationship. In a recent national survey, 1 in 10 teens reported being physically abused by a boyfriend or girlfriend at least once in the last year. The coordinated programs within the N.C. Chronic Disease and Injury Section are reminding North Carolinians to "Love Your Health" throughout the month of February by emphasizing the importance of healthy relationships and increasing the awareness of teen dating violence. The Anson County Health Department wants you to know that there's a lot you can do as a parent to prevent teen dating violence. One of the most important things you can do is keep the lines of communication open with your kids. Take steps to make a difference:

- Be a role model - treat your kids and others with respect.
- Start talking to your kids about healthy relationships early - before they start dating.
- Get involved with efforts to prevent dating violence at your teen's school.
- Call the National Dating Abuse Helpline at 1-866-331-9474 or text "loveis" to 22522, if you are worried about your teen.

You can help keep your loved ones safe and healthy. For more information, visit loveisrespect.org and enoughnc.com.

NC Department of Insurance Assisting Hundreds with Blue Cross Blue Shield Complaints

Heavy complaint volume related to payment and enrollment issues at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC) is putting a strain on consumer assistance resources at the N.C. Department of Insurance (NCDOI). Since January 4 NCDOI has received more than 850 complaints from BCBSNC customers related to issues such as overbilling, inability to verify effective coverage, and lack of a way to pay premiums due to company system errors. The department has fielded more complaints related to BCBSNC in the past month than the total number of complaints it handled in the previous four months. "I'm going to hold Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina accountable for fixing its problems and doing right by consumers," said Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin. "In the meantime, I have shifted additional staff members to the phones at the Department of Insurance to help people get the health care they need." NCDOI's first priority is assisting people with urgent medical and prescription needs. The department has successfully escalated cases to BCBSNC's attention for people in need of care for conditions including high-risk pregnancies, heart issues, cancer and diabetes, or services including emergency surgeries, MRIs and CT scans. "To say that people are frustrated is an understatement. I'm frustrated, too," Goodwin said. "As Insurance Commissioner, I will get answers from Blue Cross as to how this happened and assurances that it won't happen again." Consumers in need of assistance from the N.C. Department of Insurance should call 855-408-1212 or visit www.ncdoi.com.

Compassionate Friends Meet Thursday

The Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents, grandparents and siblings who have lost a child of any age, meets on Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m. in the Training Room at Pee Dee Electric, located on Highway 52 South in Wadesboro. The group meets the second Thursday of every month.



Saturday Night Fever is an iconic piece of movie history as well as theater history. The musical production is coming to the Cole Auditorium in Hamlet on Thursday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Iconic '70s Movie Gains New Life as Broadway Musical

Saturday Night Fever coming to the Cole Auditorium
Break out the bellbottoms and leisure suits on Thursday, February 11, and get ready for "Saturday Night Fever," The Musical, coming to the Cole Auditorium located on Richmond Community College's main campus in Hamlet. All the magic and music of the 1977 movie starring John Travolta is brought to the stage by this Broadway production group. "We are excited to bring a full-scale musical to our area. With the recent productions of musicals like 'The Wiz' and 'Grease,' just to name a few on network television, there has been a renewed interest in musical theater," said Cole Auditorium Director Joey Bennett. "Saturday Night Fever is an iconic piece of movie history as well as theater history. It is one of the most beloved dance stories of all time with the coming of age tale of young Tony Manero, who learns the value of life in 1970s Brooklyn." The musical is packed with legendary hits from the Bee Gees, including *Stayin' Alive*, *Night Fever*, *Jive Talking*, *You Should Be Dancing* and *How Deep is Your Love*, in addition to several new songs written especially for this show. "This musical is a break from the tradition of performing the standard musicals that we have featured before like *The Sound of Music*, *Showboat* and *Annie*. We hope that we reach new audience members with more contemporary piece," Bennett said. To see video clips from the musical, visit www.richmondcc.edu/dewitt-series or www.facebook.com/coleaud. Tickets to "Saturday Night Fever" on Thursday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m. are \$40 each and can be purchased through the Cole Auditorium Box Office. Box office hours are Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (910) 410-1691 for more information.

Meeting Thursday About Possibility of Coal Ash Coming to Landfill in Polkton

Pee Dee Wall will meet in the Hampton B Allen Library on Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. The agenda is to discuss the possibility of coal ash coming to the landfill in Polkton. This is a free event. For more information please contact Pee Dee WALL (Water, Air, Land and Lives) Denise Lee at 704-826-6324 or 704-694-8577.

Prescribed Burns to Benefit Wildlife and Habitat

Where there's smoke, there's fire. And where there's fire, at least on a N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission game land, there's usually a prescribed burn - one of the best and most cost-effective methods of managing habitat for wildlife. A prescribed burn, or an intentional burning of vegetation under strict and specific circumstances, helps restore and maintain wildlife habitat. It is a cost-effective tool that the Commission uses to create and maintain suitable and ample wildlife habitat on game lands throughout the state. The most common prescribed burns conducted by the Commission are restoration burns and maintenance burns. Restoration burns are done on fire-dependent habitats that haven't been burned in years. Maintenance burns are repeated burns that restore and maintain fire-adapted habitats. Commission staff typically conducts maintenance burns in multi-year cycles to open groundcover for quail, grassland birds, deer and turkeys. Many of North Carolina's declining or rare wildlife species are adapted to and found only in fire-dependent habitat. Many prescribed burns, also called controlled burns, are conducted between January and March when trees are less active metabolically. Some burns are conducted into spring and summer as warm season burning provides for better control of young hardwoods. "Burning encourages production of native grasses and herbaceous vegetation, which provides valuable food and cover for a wide variety of wildlife species," said Isaac Harrold, the Commission's lands program manager. "Animals like deer browse on groundcover. Quail and songbirds utilize seed produced by native plants. Quail and other species, such as turkeys and rabbits, use the groundcover for nesting." Many times during a burn, the Commission gets calls from people who are concerned about animals not being able to escape the fire, particularly during turkey hunting season in the spring. "We use burning techniques that ensure animals have time and room to escape," said Harrold. After we burn an area, we typically see regeneration of vegetation within a few weeks and animals returning to the burn site shortly after. Prescribed burns are also used to help reduce high levels of forest fuels that can cause deadly wildfires and to control disease and insects, such as brownspot disease in long leaf pine seedlings and cone beetles in white pines. For more information on prescribed burns, read "Using Fire to Improve Wildlife Habitat," (content.ces.ncsu.edu/20171.pdf) by the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service. For more information on the Wildlife Resources Commission, including an interactive game land map, visit www.ncwildlife.org.

Year End Small Business Finance and Accounting Requirements

Free small business seminar provided by SPCC
In a release from South Piedmont Community College: Our guest speaker Tommy Alvis is a small business owner who is an outstanding, dynamic and passionate speaker on the ins and outs of finance, recordkeeping and taxes for your small business. He will be going over and teaching you what you need to do to get ready to file your taxes, what information you need to prepare for year end. If you have accounting, taxes and recordkeeping questions, he is the one who can help give you the answers and make sure your books are in order. What kinds of records should I keep? You may choose any record keeping system suited to your business that clearly shows your income and expenses. Except in a few cases, the law does not require any special kind of records. However, the business you are in affects the type of records you need to keep for federal tax purposes. How long should I keep records? The length of time you should keep a document depends on the action, expense, or event the document records. You must keep your records as long as they may be needed to prove the income or deductions on a tax return. How long should I keep employment tax records? You must keep all of your records as long as they may be needed; however, keep all records of employment taxes for at least four years. How should I record my business transactions? Purchases, sales, payroll, and other transactions you have in your business generate supporting documents. These documents contain information you need to record in your books. What is the burden of proof? The responsibility to prove entries, deductions, and statements made on your tax returns is known as the burden of proof. You must be able to prove (substantiate) certain elements of expenses to deduct them. This free seminar will be held on Monday, February 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. in OCH Creech Board Room at SPCC's Monroe campus, located at 4209 Old Charlotte Highway in Monroe. You can register online at www.ncsbc.net, email LRolan@spcc.edu or call 704-993-2424.

Brown Bag Book Club Meeting Features Anson Author Jerry Adcock

The Brown Bag Book Club of the Hampton B. Allen Library will meet on Monday, February 15 at 12 noon in the Pritchett Room for a covered dish and author talk. The author is Anson County native Jerry Adcock. He has written a book called *The Suns Of August*, and will have books available on site for purchase. Please bring a dish, invite friends and come join in a time of fellowship and support for this local Ansonian as he speaks about his book. If you need additional information or have questions please call the library at 704-694-5177.

Wadesboro Town Council Annual Retreat

The Wadesboro Town Council's annual budget retreat will be held Saturday, February 20, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Carolina HealthCare Systems Anson Community Room, located at 2301 Highway 74 West in Wadesboro. The following topics will be discussed:

- Closed session to discuss economic development as per N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11 (a)(4).
- Annual retreat workshop
- Salisbury Street

East Polkton School's Taste of Soul Program

The East Polkton School Alumni Association is sponsoring their annual Taste of Soul program on Saturday, February 20 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center at 4 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$10. To purchase tickets or get more information call Fred Ledbetter at 704-272-7622.

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