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Sheriff Seeks Public's Help in Murder Investigation

On Monday, February 4 at approximately 7:00 p.m. officers of the Anson County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to Ratliff Gin Road in Morven in reference to an abandoned vehicle. Upon arrival at the scene, deputies spoke with the owner of the vehicle. She stated that she allowed her boyfriend Montzell Rivers to drive her vehicle, but had not spoken with him since earlier in the day. After processing the scene deputies believed that foul play was involved with Rivers' disappearance. The vehicle Rivers had been driving had bullet holes and blood on it.

On Tuesday, February 5 at approximately 4:00 p.m. officers of the Anson County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to Peru Road in Morven in reference to a deceased body. Once deputies arrived on the scene they identified the body as Montzell Rivers. Rivers had been shot, and his body was dropped off at this location.

Sheriff Landric Reid is asking that anyone who may have information about this case please the call Captain Tim Watkins of the Anson County Sheriff's Office at 704-694-4188. You may remain anonymous.



Pictured from left in front are Cheyanne Hassell, Kacey Huntley and Sophia Bacon. The parents pictured behind are Crystal Bacon and Ashley Huntley.

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Anson Girl Scouts are selling cookies by direct order and at cookie booths throughout the month of February. The cost is \$4 for the classic flavors, and \$5 for the newer S'mores and gluten-free Toffeeastic.

Girl Scout cookie sales help power new, unique and amazing experiences for girls - experiences that broaden their horizons, help them learn essential life skills, and prepare them to practice a lifetime of leadership.

Whether it's a trip to a place they've never been before, an opportunity to attend Girl Scout

BRLC Receives Donation from Food Lion Charitable Foundation

This is a release from Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center: Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC) has received a \$2,000 contribution from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation. BRLC received the funding just in time to help feed local residents who are in need of food and provide education as well.

BRLC will use the gift to purchase food to feed the increasing low and limited income population of people. Purchasing healthy food and providing educational sessions weekly will be the main focus of this funding.

BRLC Emergency Food Pantry helps provide to neighbors who are without food. BRLC's neighbors do not have money to buy food when medical bills and utilities expenses are astronomical high. The organization also reaches out to help neighbors who may be experiencing short term crises.

Children who attend BRLC's Kids Café afterschool, the Summer Fun Day Camp when school is out during the summer months, and also those who receive back packs will be administered food through this funding.

"100% of all funding will be used to serve the increasing needs of neighbors to whom BRLC provides assistance to throughout 2019. Also, sessions will be conducted on how to prepare a nutritious meal. The Food Lion Charitable Foundation gift is a great help to this organization," said Carol Smith, BRLC Director.

Smith continued, "There is a need in this community for home cooked meals for low income seniors citizens who are home alone and have lost the desire to prepare meals daily. As people age and are alone the cooking desire fades. BRLC has a commercial kitchen and we want to turn it into a place for meals to be prepared and carried out to low economic seniors, people who are sick, shut in and have lost the desire to cook - or may not even have food at home to prepare."

Established in 2001, the Food Lion Charitable Foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to feeding the hungry in the communities it serves. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded more than \$12 million in grants.

Toys for Tots Father/Daughter Dance

This is a release from Vancine Sturdivant, Anson County Toys for Tots Coordinator: I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our first Father/Daughter Dance that was held on Friday, February 8. This event would not have been successful without the generous support and help from these special people: my husband, Scott Gullede, my entire family, Minister



Volunteers pictured from left are Erica Greene, Milea Gullede, CJ Hartley, Vancine Sturdivant and Barbara Thomas.

Barbara Thomas and Erica Greene. A special thank you to Mr. Gary Gilmore, our photographer, and Stephen Green, our DJ. Thank you Carolyn Hilliard for allowing us to use the beautiful decorations and all who helped decorate. Also a big thank you to our special contributors: Attorney Evdane Smith, Attorney Adam Johnson, Sheriff Landric Reid, Dr. Bernice Bennett, Pat McCoy, Cameron Price, Walmart, Papa Joes Pizzeria, Food Lion,

and to those who purchased a ticket for a family who could not afford to purchase a ticket.

We are appreciative for all that you did to make my vision the success that it was. We were excited to present all the proceeds to Toys for Tots in the amount of \$850 to assist with purchasing toys for our less fortunate children in Anson County.

We are looking forward to making this event happen again in February 2020. May God bless all you!

camp and revel in the power of the great outdoors, or the chance to try something new, every experience helps each scout to find the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader) within to do amazing things for herself and for the community.

Local Girl Scouts sell cookies to learn about the world around them and take care of it, go on outdoor adventures, explore science, help our community and more! Thank you for your support!

Upcoming booth dates (weather permitting) include:

- Friday, February 15 - 4 to 6 p.m. at IGA in Wadesboro
- Saturday, February 16 - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at IGA in Wadesboro
- Friday, February 22 - 4 to 6 p.m. at Walmart in Wadesboro (Troop 1389)
- Saturday, February 23 - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Walmart in Wadesboro (Troop 1389)

For more information about Girl Scouts and how to become a member of a troop contact Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Council at 704-731-6500 or visit www.hngirlscouts.org.



Pictured from left are Kacey Huntley, Melody Moore and Cheyanne Hassell.



Pictured on the carousel are, from left, Shastar Clark, Za'kiyah Hixson and Jessica Laney.

Play All Shook Up Coming to the Ansonia Theatre

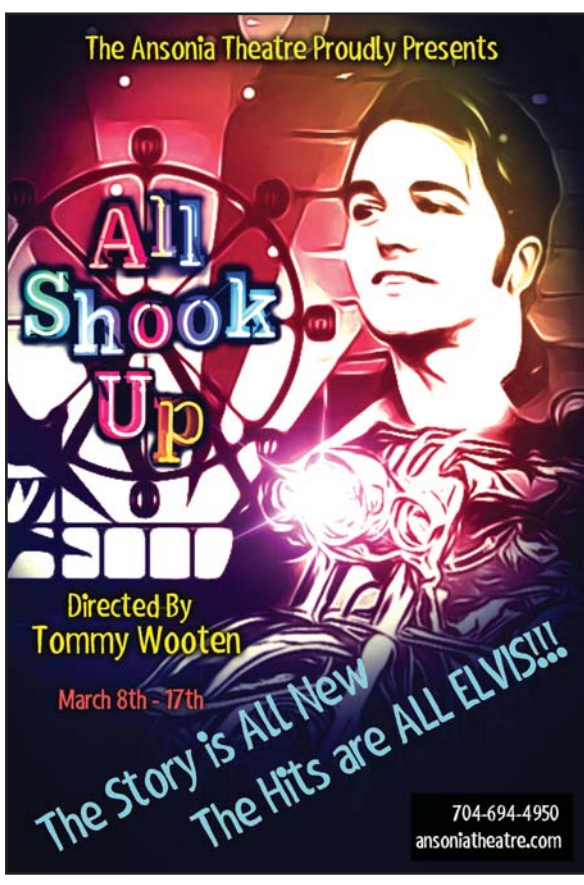
The Ansonia Theatre in Wadesboro is gearing up for their next production. The music of Elvis comes alive in *All Shook Up*. Inspired by Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, the show follows a small Midwestern town that is thrown into a frenzy with the arrival of Chad, played by Carson Traywick of Marshville, a good-looking, motorcycle riding roustabout who rides from town to town with a guitar on his back, blue suede shoes on his feet, and a song in his heart.

Repressed by their conservative mayor, the town begins to come alive once more under Chad's influence. Lovers meet, woo, pursue and more, all in one zany night that will change the town forever. *All Shook Up* is a rocking, heartwarming tale about following dreams, opening up to love, and the power of music.

Director Tommy Wooten saw the original Broadway production and it became one of his favorite shows of all time. He has assembled an incredible cast of 24 actors from four different counties. The cast includes Gina Clarke as Natalie, Jennifer Boswell as Sandra, Kianna Ellerbe as Sylvia, Mike Railton as Jim, Matthew Thompson as Dennis, Amiya Griffin as Lorraine, Brice Billingsley as Dean, Karen Johnston as Mayor Hyde and Chip Long as Earl.

The incredibly talented ensemble includes Amanda Moss, Ayla Perkins, Cleve Baxley, Greyson Helms, Kimberly Smith, Mark Traywick, Charley Williamson, Miraqule Stansberry, Nekeisha Lindsey, Paige Mercer, Persia Harrison, Donnie Lewis, Rachel Skipper and Terra Medlock.

The show runs March 8-17, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at ansoniatheatre.com or by calling 704-694-4950. Hurry! Tickets are going fast!



Compassionate Friends Meet Thursday

The Compassionate Friends, an international support group for parents, grandparents and siblings who have lost a child of any age or cause, meet this Thursday, February 14 at 7 p.m. in the Training Room at Pee Dee Electric, located on Highway 52 South in Wadesboro. You are encouraged to bring a photo of your child.

For information call Becky at 704-272-7449 or Irvin at 704-694-8774.

Black History Program at Harvest Ministries

Harvest Ministries Outreach Center, Apostle Tim Adams and Pastor Steve Adams will celebrate their Black History program on Sunday, February 17 at 10:00 a.m. Anson County Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant will share her "Mountain Top" experience with the congregation.

The public is invited, and dinner will be served.

For more information contact Pastor Steve Adams at 704-695-2879. Harvest Ministries is located 1134 East Caswell Street (Highway 74) in Wadesboro, behind McDonalds.

