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Anson Middle School, Anson High School and Early College Dismiss at 1:00 p.m. on Friday

The following SwiftK12 message was sent to all families and staff of Anson Middle School, Anson High School and Anson Early College High School at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22:

"This message is from Anson County Schools Superintendent Howard McLean. Due to an event that is scheduled on Friday afternoon, numerous teachers are requesting to be off the Anson Middle School Campus. Because of this and the already existing teacher and substitute shortage, we feel we will not be able to provide a safe and orderly environment for students. We believe dismissing school at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24 is the safest option for Anson Middle School. The 1:00 p.m. dismissal will also include Anson High School and Anson Early College High School due to the sharing of buses. Once again, the 1:00 p.m. dismissal for Friday, February 24, 2023, is ONLY for Anson Middle School, Anson High School, and Anson Early College High School. Thank you and have a good evening!"

It is believed that the event referenced to above is a funeral for a former Anson school administrator.



Ceremony this Friday to Honor African American Leaders in Anson County

The Martin Luther King Committee and HOLLA! have sponsored a display of portraits of some of Anson County's African American men and women who were the first of their race to hold leadership positions in Anson County after integration. The interesting display is at the Belk Building in uptown Wadesboro, across from the court house. There will be a ceremony to honor those community leaders this Friday, February 24 at 7 p.m. in the Garibaldi Building at SPCC's Polkton campus. Everyone is invited to come out and support the program. Entertainment will be provided by Destiny DeBerry Stone-King, founder of the Music House in Salisbury, as well by Minister Curtis E. Gatewood and Kenya Miles. Pictured here are just a few of the many photographs on display in the window of the Belk Building.



School Board Meeting is February 27

The Anson County Board of Education will hold their regular meeting on Monday, February 27. During the meeting Internet Safety Policy will be covered. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Open Session to the public will begin at about 5:30 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." The meeting will be held in the Anson County Schools' Administrative Board Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. 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.

Cedrick Obrian Little Arrested, Charged with Selling Cocaine and Pot

On Wednesday February 15 narcotic detectives and deputies from the Anson County Sheriff's Office along with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation conducted a search warrant at 253 Passaic Street in Peachland. The search resulted in a seizure of over 2.5 ounces of cocaine, 1 ounce of marijuana and 3 firearms. Cedrick Obrian Little, a resident of the residence was arrested. Little was charged with these felonies: Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Cocaine and Marijuana; Trafficking in Cocaine; and Maintaining a Dwelling all Felonies. He also was charged with Misdemeanor Posses Drug Paraphernalia. Little was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$200,000 secured bond with an initial court date of February 24.



ACDVC BBQ is Friday

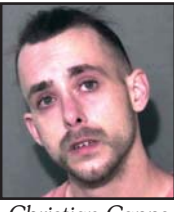
Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition will hold its annual BBQ Fundraiser this Friday, February 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or until they sell out. The event will be held at Calvary Episcopal Church located at 304 East Wade Street. This will be take-out and delivery only. All deliveries require a minimum of five orders. Deliveries to local businesses and organizations are courtesy of Anson County Sheriff's Office. The cost: Sandwiches \$5.00, Pints \$12.00 and Quarts \$22.00. Plates are \$10.00 and include chopped BBQ, slaw, baked beans, roll and dessert. Call-ins or faxed orders are welcomed and encouraged to ensure you get yours before we sell out! The fax number is 704-694-4515 and the office number is 704-694-4499. The Anson County Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center is a nonprofit organization funded solely by grants, donations and fundraisers. They encourage you to come join them for some delicious BBQ and help promote awareness against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Thank you for your continued support of this important cause!

School Mobile Pantry is Thursday

The Anson Mobile Pantry will be held on Thursday, February 23, from 5 to 6 p.m. at Wadesboro Primary School, located at 1542 US Highway 52 South in Wadesboro. Attendees can receive produce, meat and dairy items. This is a free initiative, so please stop by and get some healthy food for your family. This event is to assist in the scarcity of fresh, healthy food in the county.

Christian Braxton Capps Arrested, Charged with Multiple Breaking and Entering Felonies

In the early morning hours of Saturday, February 11 numerous vehicles, outbuildings, and a residence were broken into around the Morven Road, Leak Avenue and Ashe Street areas of Wadesboro. All vehicles, buildings and residences involved were left unlocked, and no forced entry was made. Investigators were able to piece together video footage from several residences in the area and quickly developed a suspect. Deputies and detectives located several stolen items at a house in the area of Sunshine Mobile Home Park #2. As a result of the investigation, most of the items taken were recovered, including a firearm. Investigators obtained an arrest warrant for Christian Braxton Capps, 25, charging him with seven felonies and one misdemeanor. As of Saturday, February 18 the Wadesboro Police Department reported that not all offenses had been charged and more were forthcoming.



As of Monday, February 20 Capps was being held at the Union County Sheriff's Office Detention Center on unrelated charges. Wadesboro Police Chief Theddis Spencer said, "I would like to thank the Anson County Sheriff's Office, Union County Sheriff's Office and the Monroe Police Department for their assistance in this investigation." Anson County Sheriff Scott Howell said, "I am proud of the hard work and dedication that these officers put forth every day while serving the citizens of this great county." Spencer concluded "I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to please lock their doors and secure their valuables. Let's not make it easy on criminals."

Public Feedback Sought on NC Clean Transportation Plan

State officials will host a series of public meetings to provide information and allow public feedback on the draft version of the N.C. Clean Transportation Plan, which outlines strategies to decarbonize the transportation sector. The N.C. Department of Transportation will host its fourth and final virtual information session on the plan from 4-5 p.m. Feb. 28. Registration is required to participate in the virtual session. (Register at: register.gotowebinar.com/register/5394425476460876889) The agency will also host a series of open house meetings throughout the state on March 1-2 and March 6. Registration is not required to participate in the open house meetings. NCDOT will publish the draft plan on its website March 1. Once the plan is published March 1, NCDOT will also provide a link on its website where stakeholders can provide feedback through March 15. Information about the plan's goals can be viewed at NCDOT's N.C. Clean Transportation Plan website: ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/climate-change/Pages/clean-transportation-plan.aspx. NCDOT and over 220 stakeholders worked for more than a year to develop the draft plan, which explores strategies to advance clean transportation investments and workforce development. The draft plan encourages an equitable transition to zero-emission vehicles and strategies to deploy clean transportation infrastructure to support the transition. Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order 246 in January 2022 that directed NCDOT to work with stakeholders to develop the plan. The plan set the state on a course to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, advance environmental justice and create good-paying jobs tied to clean transportation. The executive order builds upon 2018's Executive Order 80 and establishes a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent from 2005 levels and increase zero-emission vehicle adoption to 1.25 million vehicles by 2030. NCDOT's open house meetings will be held in six locations on March 1-2 and March 6. The information shared and feedback requested will be identical at each of the meetings. The open house meeting closest to Anson County will be held on Thursday, March 2 at Lumber River Council of Governments, 30 CJ Walker Road in Pembroke, from 5 to 7 p.m. No registration is required.

Black History Celebration Event Sunday

Harvest Ministrie invites everyone to their Black History Celebration this Sunday, February 26 at 10:30 a.m. The theme is "A Heritage of Unshakable Faith." Featured speakers will be Kim Marsh-Murrell, Roger Hailey. HMOCC founders are Pastor Tim and First Lady Brenda Adams. Lead Pastors are Pastor Steve and Lady Lyndsey Adams. Harvest Ministries is located at 1134 East Caswell Street in Wadesboro, behind McDonalds. The telephone number is 704-695-2879 and the website is harvestmin.com.

New Ansonia Play Coming, Smoke on the Mountain

The Ansonia Theatre is presenting the play, *Smoke on the Mountain*, for two weeks, beginning Friday, March 3. *Smoke on the Mountain* is an off-Broadway musical comedy that tells the story of the Sanders Family Singers, a group of church choir members at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in North Carolina. The show is set in 1938, and the audience follows the singers as they prepare for the "Saturday Night Gospel Sing" event at their church. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this production. There are six performances during the March 3 to 12 run. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. You can purchase tickets online at ansoniateatre.com or at the door. For more information call 704-694-4950 or email ansonart@windstream.net.

Free Movie at the Library is Tyson's Run

You are invited to come to the Hampton B. Allen Library on Monday, February 27 at 10 a.m. for the movie *Tyson's Run*. The movie is based on a true story of a boy with autism who decides to compete in a marathon. The movie will be shown in the Pritchett room. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

Wadesboro 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 interesting 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 call Lion Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

School Mobile Food Pantry is Thursday

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