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## Sheriff Asks for Public Help with Information about Shooting Death

On Wednesday, March 6 at about 6 p.m. Anson County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a call from a motorist who had reported that a man was lying on the ground beside a pickup truck. Upon their arrival at the truck, in the area of Sandy Ridge Church Road and Highway 145 near Morven, the deputies found Edward Garris, Jr. deceased from gunshot wounds.

Captain Tim Watkins with the Anson County Sheriff's Office said, "The investigation into what happened is ongoing. There is no evidence that this is a drug related or road rage crime."

Garris' family members said that he may have known the shooter. If you have information or saw anything out of the ordinary in that area last Wednesday, please contact Captain Watkins at 704-695-6314. Or, you can call the anonymous tip line at 704-695-3111.

## Narcotics Anonymous Group Discontinued

This is a release from the Anson County 12 Step Recovery group: The Surrendering For Survival Narcotics Anonymous Group has unfortunately decided to stop meeting effective immediately due to non participation.

The Anson AA, Al-Anon and The We Ain't Saint's CDA Groups are still meeting on their regular schedule. They apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Winter Clothing and Hygiene Items Offered to Those in Need

Faith Based Center of Hope and Harvest Ministries Outreach Center will pass out coats, blankets, gloves, socks and bags filled with hygiene products this Thursday, March 14 on Orchard Street in Wadesboro. It will begin at 11 a.m.

Organizers extended a special "Thank You" to William Lafayette "Bugga" Sturdivant, Jr., Minister Debra Garris Kirby and Linda Richardson for their generous donations and time. For more information call Pastor Steve Adams at 704-695-2879 or Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

## Grace Senior Center to Offer 'A Matter of Balance' Class

Do you have concerns about falling? A Matter of Balance can reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falling. The Matter of Balance classes help participants learn to:

- view falls and fear of falling as controllable
  - set realistic goals for increasing activity
  - change their environment to reduce fall risk factors
  - promote exercise to increase strength and balance
- The Matter of Balance class is designed to benefit community-dwelling older adults who:
- are concerned about falls
  - have sustained a fall in the past
  - restrict activities because of concerns about falling
  - are interested in improving flexibility, balance and strength
  - are age 60 or older, ambulatory and able to problem-solve

Grace Senior Center is offering A Matter of Balance managing concerns about falls. The class starts March 19 and runs through April 11. Classes will meet twice a week for four weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 to 2 p.m. at Grace Senior Center. Call Wanda Talbert at (704) 694-6616 to register or for additional information about the class. Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.

## SCAP to Launch Entrepreneur/Small Business Outreach Program

### ESBOT begins with \$10,000 Pitch Competition

Sandhills Community Action Program (SCAP), The NC Community Action Association and The Entrepreneur/Small Business Outreach Program (ESBOP) have partnered to recruit aspiring entrepreneurs who are looking to launch a new product or service. The aspiring entrepreneur with the best pitch will receive \$10,000 to help launch their business. The Program is open to low-income residents of Anson, Richmond, Montgomery or Moore Counties. Applicants will be screened and reduced to 20 participants. The deadline to apply is March 23, and the group meetings begin March 30. Participants must commit to meeting one Saturday a month for 10 weeks, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Douglas Community Center in Southern Pines. The 11th week (June 8, 2019) is the Pitch Competition.

Nina Walker, Executive Director of SCAP said "we want to encourage and reward the entrepreneurial spirit of low-income people. This is an excellent opportunity for aspiring entrepreneurs, who happen to be low-income, to launch their own business. Entrepreneurs impact jobs & economic growth. The \$10,000 award will go a long way toward getting a small business off the ground and helping someone move past their current circumstances to change their future." LeRoy Thompson, of ESBOP and the Program Facilitator, said "During the 10 weeks, participants will develop and fine-tune their business ideas, map out their next steps using real-time customer feedback, learn valuable management and marketing skills and receive constructive feedback from advisers, peers and local businesses." By the end of the program, participants will have their own business plan and the 11th week will culminate in a Pitch Competition where the best business idea wins \$10,000 to help launch the business. On Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, ESBOP and SCAP will host a Launch Event for the program at the Douglas Community Center, 1185 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Southern Pines. The public and press are invited. To enroll or to learn more about the program visit the website at [www.icare2dream.com](http://www.icare2dream.com); call LeRoy Thompson Consultants at (865)363-2004 or contact the SCAP Central Office in Southern Pines at (910) 947-5675. Sandhills Community Action Program is a non-profit, anti-poverty organization serving the low-income population of Anson, Richmond, Montgomery and Moore Counties. There are 34 Community Action Agencies serving all 100 counties of NC.



## Rocky River Baptist Church Youth Donates Supplies to the Sheriff's Office

On Wednesday, March 4 the Youth Group and Mission Group from Rocky River Baptist Church presented Anson County Sheriff Landric Reid with supplies to be used when his officers encounter individuals who are homeless. The Mission's leader Karen Emrich stated that they demonstrate to their youth the importance of mission work, and wanted to provide assistance to their local community. The bags presented to Sheriff Reid contained blankets, a bible, food and toiletries.

Sheriff Reid said, "Our officers will have these items on hand in the event they encounter someone in need. I would like to thank Rocky River Baptist Church and their youth for their generous donation."

## All Shook Up Adds Thursday Show

The music of Elvis comes alive this Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Ansonia Theatre 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 has assembled an incredibly talented cast of 23 actors from four different counties. The cast include Kimberly Smith 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, Mark Traywick, Charley Williamson, Miraqule Stansberry, Nekeisha Lindsey, Paige Mercer, Persia Harrison, Donnie Lewis, Rachel Skipper and Terra Medlock.

The show will be performed at 7 p.m. this Thursday, March 14, then Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at [ansoniatheatre.com](http://ansoniatheatre.com) or by calling 704-694-4950. Hurry...tickets are going fast!



Amiya Griffin and Kianna Ellerbe



Carson Traywick, Jennifer Boswell and Mike Railton

## Wildlife Commission Sets 160 Fish Attractors in Two Piedmont Lakes to Improve Angling Opportunities

Fisheries staff with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission are working to improve angling opportunities on two Piedmont lakes by installing 160 fish attractors over the last two months.

Since January 15, staff have added five PVC trees in 20 locations on High Rock Lake and five PVC trees at 12 sites on Tuckertown Lake. All sites are marked with a fish attractor buoy, and anglers can find coordinates on the Commission's Fish Attractor Map page at [www.ncpaws.org/wrcmaps/WRCFishAttractors.htm](http://www.ncpaws.org/wrcmaps/WRCFishAttractors.htm).

The structures are built from artificial materials that resemble natural structure so they should attract a wide variety of both forage and game fishes while withstanding many years of use without falling apart. Both lakes have good populations of crappie, largemouth bass, catfish and sunfishes, as well as forage species, such as gizzard shad and threadfin bass.

"Our goal with these structures is to give anglers an easily identifiable place to find and catch fish," said Lawrence Dorsey, the district 6 fisheries biologist. "We hope anglers will be pleased with the addition of these structures to High Rock Lake and Tuckertown Lake."

This habitat enhancement project is funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program, which utilizes state fishing license money as match for federal grant funds derived from federal excise taxes on fishing equipment and motorboat fuels.

For more information about fishing in North Carolina, visit the Commission's fishing page at [www.ncwildlife.org/fishing](http://www.ncwildlife.org/fishing).

## Class of 1971 Reunion Meeting

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1971 will have a luncheon meeting this Saturday, March 16 at 1 p.m. at Golden Corral Restaurant in Matthews. Details and letters will be available for the 48th Reunion which will be held at the Sheraton Four Seasons in Greensboro the weekend of August 30 to September 1.

For information contact Patricia Little at 704-695-6724 or Winnie Brown at 704-475-0755. The mailing address is: Bowman Senior High School Class of 1971, PO Box 210, Lilesville NC 28091.

## 50+ Club Meeting to Feature Program on Anson Native John T. Patrick

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the Brown Bag Book Club meeting for Monday, March 18 at 12:00 noon in the Pritchett Room. Ken Goins will be the guest speaker. Ken will be sharing information on Anson native John T. Patrick. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and enjoy this most informative program on a local man who did much for the growth and development, not only of this area, but surrounding areas.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

## Foster Parent and Caregiver Support Group Meets March 18

The Foster Parent and Caregiver Support Group meeting will be held on Monday, March 18 at the Anson County Department of Social Services, located at 118 North Washington Street in Wadesboro from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Resources and refreshments will be provided free.

For information and to register contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995 or by email at [connections-fsp@gmail.com](mailto:connections-fsp@gmail.com).

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