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Three Men Murdered Friday Night, Robbie Harris Charged

On Friday night, March 9, at approximately 11:25 p.m. officers with the Wadesboro Police Department were dispatched to Mr. D's Bar and Grill, located at 1300 East Caswell Street in Wadesboro, regarding gunshots being fired. The first officers arrived on the scene at approximately 11:28 p.m. and observed two male individuals on the floor who were later pronounced deceased at the scene. Officers also discovered two additional injured victims inside the business. One victim, a male, was transported to the local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. A female victim was treated and released from CMC-Charlotte.

The three deceased victims have been identified as A'Quies Kerreon McBryde, Thomas Maye III and Mareco Lawilder McNair. Kimberlisa Shavon Brown was injured during the shooting.

Robbie Rakim Harris, Jr., 30, of Anson County was arrested and charged with three counts of First Degree Murder and one count of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Inflicting Serious Injury with Intent to Kill. Harris allegedly had an ongoing feud with one of the victims, Maye. Harris has prior convictions for communicating threats, assault on a woman, and assault with a deadly weapon. He appeared before a judge in court on Monday, March 12 and was denied bond. He is being held in the Anson County Jail.



Robbie Harris

The Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) assisted with the investigation of Mr. D's Bar and Grill after the triple homicide. The owner has voluntarily surrendered the bar's alcohol permit, and has closed the business permanently. Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer said, "We are asking that anyone who was present at Mr. D's during the time of this incident to please contact authorities at 704-694-2167 for the Wadesboro Police Department or 1-800-334-3000 for the NCSBI."

Violence has continued - believed to be related to the triple murder, perhaps in retaliation

Investigators said there have been three shootings and an attempted home break-in, in which the homeowner fired shots at the would-be intruder, since Friday night's violence.

Anson County Sheriff's Office deputies were called to a shooting on Sam Johnson Road in Morven on Saturday night. They found a man who was shot in the leg. He was transported to the hospital and is in fair condition. Sheriff Landric Reid said that he believes the shooting was in retaliation for the deadly shootings in Wadesboro on Friday. An ongoing investigation is looking into how the victim is connected to the homicides. Despite obtaining information on the shooter, law enforcement has not made any arrests as of press time.

Also, a home on Morning Drive in Wadesboro was the scene of a gun battle that left the home riddled with bullet holes. The commotion has had a chilling effect on the whole neighborhood.

Sheriff Reid said, "Please stop what you're doing and just let us do our jobs and let us investigate, and we can promise you we will get to the bottom of all this."

Anson Deputy Investigated for Corruption of Drug Evidence

An ongoing criminal investigation by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) is centered on an Anson County Sheriff's Office deputy concerning corruption of drug evidence. The deputy, who was a in the Patrol Division for over three years, was fired last Thursday. As of press time he has not been charged, and his name hasn't been released.

Sheriff Landric Reid requested the SBI to step in after allegations were made that the deputy corrupted a narcotics case. The SBI are interviewing staff in the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Reid said that any cases in which the deputy was involved will likely be dismissed, and he wasn't sure how many cases that may be.

Board of Elections Meeting Rescheduled to Thursday, March 15

The regular Board of Elections meeting that had been scheduled for Tuesday, March 13 has been rescheduled to this Thursday, March 15 at 5 p.m.

Here are the agenda items for the meeting: Approval of Minutes (if applicable); Director's monthly report for February; May 8th Election Early Voting schedule of staff/approval; May 8th Election Day precinct officials list / approval; Unaffiliated Petition approval (Gay Lookabill-At Large School Board); Director CERA Conference report; and other concerns and matters.

To appear on a meeting agenda you must provide a notice in writing by 5 p.m. on the Thursday before the meeting.

The Anson County Board of Elections is located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. Steve Adams is the Director. The telephone number is 704-994-3223.

Camp Haven - 1 Day Camp for Children Who Have Experienced Loss

Has there been a significant loss in your life or your child's life? Camp Haven provides a day for children to share their grief with others and learn of the many ways that grief can come, be it through death, divorce or separation.

Children oftentimes experience feelings that are not always understood which can lead to feelings of stress, anxiety, anger, sadness or fear. Camp Haven is a place for kids to be kids and have fun with children who are going through something similar to their own situations.

For more info, please contact Sandy Black at sdblack@rchospice.com or call 910-997-4464.

Details: Camp Haven Spring 2018, Thursday, March 15, 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Located at Richmond County Hospice Campus, 1119 US Highway 1 North in Rockingham. For ages 5-12 who have experienced a loss of a parent, friend or pet, or who are involved in parents' divorce or a parent's incarceration. Cost is free.



Bowman High School's 1984 Volleyball Team

These young women were the Volleyball team at Bowman High School in 1984. They are pictured from left, front row: Teresa Little, Marsha Williams, Angela Woodburn, Donna Sturdivant, Gwen Wallace and Peggy Ratliff. Back row: Vicky Powe, Lisa Stewart, Theresa Colson, Carolyn Parker, Tammy Bennett and Scorekeeper Kim Smith.

Civitan Club's Lucky Hot Dog Lunch is March 20

Bring your appetite for the Civitan Annual Lucky Hot Dog Lunch!

The Civitan Club will hold their annual Lucky Hot Dog Lunch on Tuesday, March 20, from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Fireman's Training Center, on Chief Pope lane off of North Washington Street in Wadesboro (opposite the Executive Inn). For only \$6 a plate you get two grilled all-beef hot dogs, fixings (including chili), potato chips and dessert.

For delivery please call in your orders before 4 p.m. on Friday, March 16 to Martin Furniture at 704-694-3185.

Come and have a lucky day for Civitan projects!

Apply for free NC Pre-Kindergarten Today!

Anson County Partnership for Children is accepting applications for NC Pre-K, a kindergarten readiness initiative that is proven to help four-year-olds gain basic skills needed for success in elementary school. Children who are four years of age before August 31, 2018, are eligible to apply for this high-quality program, which no cost to qualifying families.

"Pre-K is a place where children learn to socialize, make decisions, interact with others, and negotiate - all of which are important to child development. Children learn skills such as, eye contact, self-confidence, work efficiency, attention span, and temper control are developed during the earliest stages of childhood are enriched in Pre-K, said Karen Gerald, Child Care Service Coordinator, Anson County Partnership for Children.



NC Pre-K classes operate on a regular school calendar and are designed to address emotional and social development, physical health, language development, and cognitive functioning. Through the incorporation of indoor and outdoor learning environments, students participate in active learning experiences to foster a lifetime love of learning.

A high priority is placed on serving children who meet the following criteria: child's family is at or below 75% of the state median income level; a disability has been identified; limited English proficiency, developmental differences, chronic health conditions, or a parent who is active military service personnel.

There are currently four centers operating NC Pre-K classes in Anson County. These classes are located at Anson Children's Center in Polkton, Central Center for Children and Families in Wadesboro, Morven Elementary School in Morven, and Open Doors Center for Children in Wadesboro.

Parents or guardians interested in learning more about the NC Pre-K program should contact Karen Gerald at 704-694-4036 (Ext. 105) or karen.gerald@ansonchildren.org. Applications are available in the Partnership's Early Childhood Resource Center located at 117 South Greene St. Wadesboro or online at www.ansonchildren.org.

With Daylight Savings, Change Your Smoke Detector Battery

Every time we change our clocks the N.C. Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey reminds all North Carolinians to remember to change the battery in your smoke alarm.

"Smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a fire in half, but they need to work in order to do it," said Commissioner Causey. "Taking just a few minutes to change batteries in smoke alarms can be the difference between life and death."

According to the National Fire Protection Association, families have an average of three minutes to get out of their homes after their smoke alarm sounds due to fire. However, those life-saving minutes only occur when alarms are fully powered and operational.

The NFPA reports three out of every five home fire deaths across the nation resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. In fires in which the smoke alarms were present but did not operate, more than half of them had missing or disconnected batteries after nuisance alarms, such as the alarm going off during cooking. Dead batteries caused one-quarter of the smoke alarm failures. Hardwired power source problems caused 7 percent of the failures. The rest of the failures occurred because of defective or improperly installed alarms.

In addition to changing or checking your smoke alarm battery, residents should take note of the following fire preparedness tips:

- Place a smoke alarm on every level of your home outside sleeping areas. If you keep bedroom doors shut, place a smoke alarm in each bedroom.
- Teach children what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do when they hear it.
- Prepare and practice an escape plan - know at least two ways out of a room, crawl low under smoke and plan where to meet outside.

For more information on how to check smoke alarm batteries or have an alarm installed, contact your local fire department or the Office of State Fire Marshal at 1.800.634.7854.

Democratic Party Meeting is Thursday

The Anson County Democratic Party has a meeting set for Thursday, March 15 at 6 p.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library in uptown Wadesboro. It is open to the public.

Burnsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue BBQ is Saturday

Everyone is invited to come to the Burnsville Fire Department for their barbecue this Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. They will feature their delicious pork and chicken BBQ, served with slaw, beans, a roll and dessert. Takeouts are available, but if you eat there you will also receive tea and hushpuppies. Yum!

Dessert donations are greatly appreciated. And, they can always use volunteers, especially high school students who are looking to get community service hours! If you can help, please contact Ashton Chappell at Ashton@dallsupply.com.

Author Subrina Hough at Brown Bag Book Club Meeting March 19

Hampton B. Allen Library's Brown Bag Book Club will meet on Monday, March 19 at 12:00 noon in the Pritchett room. The guest author will be Subrina Hough who for a number of years lived and worked in Anson County. Subrina has written a book "From Momma's House to College." This a handbook designed to educate and inspire every parent and child of the availability and accessibility of college. Everyone is invited to come, bring a covered dish and have lunch with the author. Subrina will be sharing information about her book and copies will be available for purchase.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

Bingo at Grace Senior Center

Bingo games are held every third Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center at 1 p.m. All seniors are invited to attend for fun and fellowship. 704-694-6616.