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## Wadesboro Police Department Makes Slew of Drug and Gun Arrests

The Wadesboro Police Department made several drug and gun arrests in February and early March.

— On Saturday, February 4 a traffic stop was made and three men were arrested.

• **James Malcolm Cohen**, 21, of 203 West Main Street in Morven was charged, arrested, and placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$2,000 secured bond. His charges were: 1 count Felony Possession of Cocaine; 1 count Felony PWIMSD SCH II CS; 1 count of misdemeanor Possess marijuana up to 1/2 oz.

• **Tireera Eugene Marsh**, 20, of Depot Street in Morven was charged, arrested, and placed in Anson County Jail under a \$2,000 secured bond. His charges were: 1 count Felony Possession of Cocaine; 1 count Felony PWIMSD SCH II CS; 1 count of Misdemeanor Resisting Public Officer; 1 count of misdemeanor Possess marijuana paraphernalia.

• **Demitri Montraze Little**, 21, of 83 Deberry Way in Morven was charged, arrested, and placed in Anson County Jail under a \$2,000 secured bond. His charges were: 1 count Felony Possession of Cocaine; 1 count Felony PWIMSD SCH II CS; 1 count of misdemeanor Possess marijuana up to 1/2 oz; 1 count of misdemeanor Possess marijuana paraphernalia.

— On Sunday, February 19 a traffic stop was made where three men were arrested.

• **Mario Andre Washington**, 22, of 243 Pineview Circle in Wadesboro was charged, arrested, and placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$2,500 secured bond. His charges were: 1 count Felony Possession Marijuana; 1 count Misdemeanor Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia; 1 count Carrying Concealed Gun.

• **Ladames Jawand Buchanon**, 23, of 100 Settle Street in Wadesboro was charged, arrested, and placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$1,000 secured bond. His charges were: 1 count Felony Possession Marijuana; 1 count Misdemeanor Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia.

• **Nichlaus Davis Thompson**, 18, of 1333 Knotts Road in Lilesville was charged, arrested, and placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$1,500 secured bond. His charges were: 1 count Felony Possession Marijuana; 1 count Misdemeanor Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia; 1 count Misdemeanor Resisting a Public Officer.

— On Sunday, February 26 officers were patrolling in the area Summit Street and located several male subjects out in the street. Officers detected a strong odor of marijuana, and arrested three men.

• **Scotty Jayhaun Hammond**, 22, of 105 West View Drive in Polkton was charged, arrested, and placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$1,000 secured bond. His charge was 1 count Felony Possession of Schedule 1.

• **Divine Lindsay**, 20, of 105 West View Drive in Polkton was charged, arrested, and placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$500 secured bond. His charges were: 1 count Misdemeanor Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia; 1 count Misdemeanor Simple Possess SCH. VI CS.

• **Adriann Wall**, 22, of 303 East Short Plaza in Wadesboro was charged, arrested, and placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$500 secured bond. His charges were: 1 count Misdemeanor Simple Possession of Marijuana; 1 count Misdemeanor Possessing/Concealing Weapons.

— On Tuesday, February 28 the Wadesboro Police Department received information about a vehicle traveling east that had possible drug activity. Officers made contact with the vehicle, and three males were arrested.

• **Travis Jermaine Barringer**, 35, of 4157 NC Highway 109 North in Wadesboro was charged, arrested, and placed in the Anson county Jail under a \$2,000 secured bond. His charges were: 1 count Felony PWISD Marijuana; 1 count Felony Possession of Marijuana; 1 count Misdemeanor Drug Paraphernalia

• **Jerry Ratliff**, 34, of 607 Cedar Street in Wadesboro was charged, arrested, and placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$2,000 secured bond. His charges were: 1 count Felony PWISD Marijuana; 1 count Felony Possession of Marijuana; 1 count Misdemeanor Drug Paraphernalia

• **Duncan Borden**, 35, of 25 East Huntley Heights in Wadesboro was charged, arrested, and place in the Anson County Jail under a \$2,000 secured bond. His charges were: 1 count Felony PWISD Marijuana; 1 count Felony Possession of Marijuana; 1 count Misdemeanor Drug Paraphernalia.

— On Friday, March 3 a traffic stop was made where a male subject was arrested.

• **Terrance Briant Horne**, 33, of 886 Morgan Sellers Road in Wadesboro was charged, arrested, and placed in the Anson county Jail under a \$26,000 Secured bond. His charges were: 1 count Felony PWISD Marijuana; 1 count Felony Possession Marijuana; 1 count Misdemeanor Driving While License Revoked.

— On Saturday, March 4 a traffic stop was made where a male subject was arrested

• **Gregory Leo Sturdivant, Jr.**, 35, of 302 Misty Road in Wadesboro was charged, arrested, and placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$1,000 secured bond. His charges were: 1 count Felony Possession of Cocaine; 1 count Misdemeanor Marijuana up to 1/2 oz.

— On Sunday, March 5 a traffic stop was made where two males were arrested.

• **Corderius Markelle Caraway**, 25, of 159 Bennett Road in Wadesboro was charged, arrested, and placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$500 secured bond. His charge was 1 count Misdemeanor Carrying Concealed Gun.

• **Devon Montell Smith**, 21, of 307 Arbor Street in Wadesboro was charged, arrested, and placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$2,000 secured bond. His charges were: 1 count Misdemeanor Carrying Concealed Weapon; 1 count Felony Possession of Firearm by Felon; 1 count Misdemeanor Failure to Appear Criminal Summon/Citation.

## Blood Drive at SPCC on March 21

Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC) will hold a Blood Drive at South Piedmont Community College's Polkton campus on Tuesday, March 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please note CBCC's minimum weight requirement for blood donors is 120 pounds.

Give blood and help save local lives! Donate blood with Community Blood Center of the Carolinas. Call 704-972-4700 or go to [www.cbcc.us](http://www.cbcc.us) to make an appointment at any location.

More public drives can be found at Community Blood Center of the Carolinas' website [www.cbcc.us](http://www.cbcc.us).



## Singers of Anson County Honored During Black History Month

The Black History Committee celebrated Black History Month with a program honoring the black male singers of Anson County. This program, held on Saturday, February 11, highlighted the local talents of several groups that feature men and boys. Groups in attendance sang songs of Zion.

Pictured here on the front row are The Show Stoppers. In back: The Bessie Chapel Male Chorus, Randy "Porkchop" Polk, The Flat Rock Baptist Male Chorus and The Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church Male Chorus.

## Safe Kids Anson Will Hold Operation Medicine Drop this Saturday at Wadesboro IGA

Safe Kids Anson Coalition will host an Operation Medicine Drop on Saturday, March 18 in the parking lot of Wadesboro IGA, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Citizens are encouraged to bring their unused, outdated or unwanted prescriptions or over the counter medications for proper disposal.

Safe Kids Anson asks that you leave medicine in original containers and please do not mix or combine pills. Coalition members are required to separate and count pills individually for safety purposes.

Safe Kids Anson, formed in 2011, is a community coalition comprised of organizations which focus on children's safety. Organizations include Wadesboro Fire Department, Wadesboro Police Department, 911 Communications, Anson County Health Department, Anson County Sheriff's Office, Anson County Partnership for Children, Emergency Management Services, as well as other agencies as needed for various projects.

Operation Medicine Drop provides a safe and secure opportunity for the appropriate disposal of unwanted medications and helps to prevent accidental poisonings and drug abuse.

## Breakfast and Auction Donation Fundraiser Saturday

The community is invited to a delicious breakfast and auction fundraiser for Elizabeth Brooks on Saturday, March 18. Breakfast will be served from 6 to 10 a.m. The auction begins at 9 a.m.

Elizabeth is 14 years old, and is now receiving treatment for a relapse of Ewing Sarcoma, a rare pediatric cancer. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to assist her family with the expenses incurred by her treatment.

The event will take place at Euto Baptist Church, located at 6019 Highway 205 in Marshville. The sponsoring church is Trinity Baptist in Monroe. Any checks made out to Trinity Baptist Church, please put Elizabeth Brooks on the memo line.

Elizabeth's grandparents are Cherry Tucker Kirk and Freddie Kirk, formerly from Polkton and Philip and Sheila Brooks of Marshville. Her great-grandparents are Ed Tucker, Lorena Kirk and the late Joe Fred Kirk, all of Polkton, Joan Brooks and the late Hilton Brooks of Wingate, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Byerly of Lexington, NC.

## Health Department Warns a Difficult Allergy Season Has Begun

Spring in Anson County brings flower buds and blooming trees and if you are one of the millions of people who have seasonal allergies, it also brings bothersome symptoms. Seasonal allergies, also called allergic rhinitis or hay fever, recur yearly and can last for weeks to months on end.



Jennifer Dockery

People develop allergies when their body's immune system (your defenders) reacts to substances as though they are a threat to you, and produces antibodies (fighters) to fight it. Your body releases histamines (a chemical) that lead to allergy symptoms. Symptoms include watery itchy eyes, sneezing, clear runny nose, congestion, dry cough, and itchy throat.

Jennifer Dockery, MSN, FNP-C, the Anson County Health Department Physician said, "Pollen is the most common trigger of seasonal allergies, but you could also be affected by grasses and mold. Pollen is the fine powder released from flowering plants in order to reproduce. Pollen is spread by the wind and can be inhaled or land in the eyes or on the skin. If you have seasonal allergies, when your body comes into contact with the allergen symptoms can start."

To help keep your seasonal allergies under control, you can reduce your exposure to things that trigger your symptoms:

- Stay indoors on dry, windy days. The best time to go outside is after a good rain which helps to clear the pollen from the air.
- Delegate lawn mowing, weed pulling and other gardening chores that stir up allergens.
- Wear a pollen mask if you do outside chores.
- Remove shoes and clothes worn outside and shower to rinse the pollen from your skin and hair.
- Don't hang laundry outside to dry-pollen can stick to it.
- Close windows and doors at night or when pollen counts are high.
- Use the air conditioning in your house and car.
- If you have forced heating and air in your house, use high-efficiency filters and follow regular maintenance schedule.

If your symptoms are unrelieved by your normal over the counter medicines, or you have a worsening in symptoms, follow up with your provider. Anson County Health Department schedules same day sick appointments for ages 21+. Please call 704-694-5188 for more information.

## Apply for Wadesboro Rotary Club Scholarships Now

The Wadesboro Rotary Club Scholarship committee is now accepting applications for the Wadesboro Rotary Club Scholarships for upcoming college freshman students' 2017-2018 school year.

Please contact your high school or early college guidance office for a copy of this application or call 704-694-3618 to obtain a copy. The deadline for submission is Friday, March 24, 2017, delivered to your guidance office.

## PPES Blood Drive is Next Wed.

**The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.**

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School will hold a Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 22, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is welcome to donate, please bring your ID.

The PPES homeroom with the greatest participation will win a pizza party!

For more information contact Amanda Drake at 704-272-8061 or [Drake.Amanda@anson.k12.nc.us](mailto:Drake.Amanda@anson.k12.nc.us). Also, you can learn more about the American Red Cross at 800-RED CROSS or [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

## Burnsville VFD BBQ is Saturday

Everybody knows that some of the best pork and chicken barbecue is served up at the Burnsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue events...so get ready to enjoy it this Saturday, March 18. They will be serving from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

You can eat in or take out. The plates include barbecue chicken or pork, slaw, beans, roll and dessert. If you eat in you get hushpuppies and tea too! Eat in plates cost \$11 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens 65+ and active military, and \$5 for kids 2-8. All take out plates cost \$10.

The Burnsville Fire Department is located at 13380 Highway 742 North.

## Dancercise Class at Grace Senior Center

Dancercise, which is exercising while dancing, is being offered at Grace Senior Center. Dancercise is a blend of aerobics and dance moves, something that many people find to be lots of fun. Participants enjoy great music and learn actual dance moves. The class being offered is a beginners class. There is no registration and no charge for the class.

The class is ongoing. So, if you didn't make it to the first class there is still plenty of opportunity to join in.

This class is open to anyone who wants to exercise! For more information and to register call Findey Knotts or Eva Diggs at 704-694-6616.