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Wadesboro Man Found Murdered Inside His Work Truck

Destry Horne found shot in Columbus, NC. Three persons of interest arrested in Florida.

Polk County law enforcement officers are investigating the homicide of Destry Horne, 51, of Wadesboro that took place on the morning of Thursday, March 31 on a ramp at the intersection of Highways 74 and 108 in Columbus, NC. Horne was found deceased from a gunshot wound inside the box truck he had been driving. Officers had responded to a 6 a.m. call by the driver of a tractor trailer truck who had stopped on the same highway ramp to rest. That driver reported that a box truck had rolled back into this truck. The driver was unaware that Horne was deceased inside the box truck, and he is not considered to be involved with the homicide.

Upon investigation, the Polk County Sheriff's Office issued arrest warrants for two people, Quintae Dayrelle Edwards, 23, and Kayla Lynn Black, 18, both from the Spartanburg, SC area who were seen at the BP service station across the street from the homicide scene. The couple were wanted in Spartanburg County, SC for stealing a motor vehicle.

On Saturday, April 2 Spartanburg law enforcement officers were involved in a chase of a red Ford Mustang that was identified as the stolen car. Officers reported that the driver, identified as Edwards, reached speeds of over 130 miles per hour before abandoning the car and escaping on foot. Edwards was identified by fingerprints left in the car.

On Monday, April 4 Edwards, Black and another man, Kwame Fernanders, 22, were arrested in Tallahassee, Florida for breaking into an apartment, kidnapping and stealing a car in Gainesville, Florida the day before. They had tied the apartment occupants up with duct tape before ransacking the residence. The trio then stole a Hyundai car and took one of the apartment occupants to an ATM to get money. Upon returning to the apartment, they kidnapped a minor female victim, telling the other victims not to call police. They later released the female. Police were able to track a stolen iPhone in the trio's possession, leading officers to a hotel in Tallahassee where they made the arrests at 3:30 a.m.

The trio are being held in the Leon County Jail on several charges including kidnapping a minor for ransom, false imprisonment, home invasion with a firearm, grand theft auto and fugitive from justice.

Investigators from the Polk County Sheriff's Office were traveling to Gainesville to interview the trio about Horne's homicide.



Modeling Their Homemade Aprons at the Anson County Courthouse

In this photo taken at the Anson County Courthouse many years ago, participants are modeling their homemade aprons. We don't know who everyone is in the photo, but among this group is Mrs. Walter Redfern, Mrs. Connie Burns, Mrs. Norwood Teal, and Mrs. R. E. Capel.

Storytellers Bring Live Entertainment to the Ansonia April 15

The fifth annual Back Porch Stories, featuring nationally-known storyteller Mitch Capel, aka Gran'daddy Junebug, will be held at the Ansonia Theater at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 15. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5.

Born and raised in Southern Pines, Capel has been delighting audiences throughout the United States since 1985. He calls his style of storytelling "sto'etry" (stories recited poetically). He has been featured at numerous festivals, including twice at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN and the Timpanogas Storytelling Festival in Orem, Utah, the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC, the 2009 Smithsonian's Folklife Festival on the National Mall in Washington, DC and annually at both the National Black Storytelling Festival (since 1988) and the Signifyin' & Testifyin' Storytelling Festival in Minnesota (since 1994).

Also appearing at the family-friendly event are Linda Goodman and Jadie Fuson. Goodman draws on her Appalachian roots to create a magic world where fantasy and ordinary heroes come together to entertain and inspire. She has performed nationwide and been published in the Chicken Soup and Stories for the Heart series. Her one-woman show and book *Daughters of the Appalachians* has also been performed as a play by theater companies in California, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Georgia and Virginia. Her CDs include *Jessie and Other Stories* and *Bobby Pins*, both winners of multiple Storytelling World Awards. Goodman has been a professional storyteller since January, 1989, and currently resides in Waxhaw, NC.

Fuson works with boys at Cameron Boys Camp where he has learned how to capture the attention of his audience. He is a lover of great stories, his first mentor being "the greatest storyteller of all time: Jesus." Listener beware, this teller may cause extreme bouts of laughter and visions of strange situations, and in severe cases, even a euphoric sense of community.

Moderator is J. A. Bolton of Rockingham. Bolton writes a column for the Richmond County Daily Journal and recently won the Bold-Faced Liars' Showdown in Laurinburg. Bolton said he finds telling stories a good way to take a break from hard work on the farm.

Back Porch Stories was the inspiration of the Anson County Writers' Club (ACWC) as an addition to the Carolinas Writers Conference, to be held April 16 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. The event is sponsored by the ACWC, the Anson County Arts Council, the Anson County Tourism Development Authority and Uwharrie Bank.

For more information go to www.carolinawritersconference/2016BPS.html.

Chamber of Commerce Open Golf Tournament is April 22

The 16th annual Anson County Chamber Open will be held on Friday, April 22 at the Twin Valley Country Club. The deadline for entering the Captain's Choice Tournament is April 13. Wonderful weather and great food has been requested for the "Premiere Golf Event of Anson County!"

Golfers will have a choice of morning and afternoon tee times - teeing off at either 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. Afternoon players will enjoy a lunch buffet beginning at 11:30 a.m. and the morning golfers will eat at 1:00 p.m. Teams are already calling in to book their tee time, so make your plans now to join in on April 22.

The tournament's presenting co-sponsors are Waste Connections of the Carolinas and the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. Sponsorship levels are Corporate for \$1000, Platinum for \$500, Gold for \$320 and Silver for \$150. Individual entries are available at the cost of \$65 and include lunch, golf and mulligan.

Prizes will be awarded for both morning and afternoon golfers; split the pot will also be available again this year. On-course prizes include "Closest to the Pin," "Longest Putt," "Longest Drive" and a \$10,000 "Hole-in-One" prize. Goody bags will be given out to each player.

There will be a "Ball Drop" game again this year. Numbered golf balls are now available for purchase, 1 ball for \$5 or 5 balls for \$20. At the end of the tournament the "Ball Drop" will take place, from a Pee Dee Electric bucket truck on the course at a designated hole. The ball closest to the hole will win a cash prize of \$200. There will be a raffle again this year with the 1st Place prize being a gas grill and 2nd Place prize a patio heater. Tickets are \$1 each or 25 for \$20, and may be purchased before the tournament at the Chamber of Commerce or H.W. Little & Company. The raffle sponsors are Ambassador Health & Rehab of Wadesboro and H.W. Little & Company. Anyone can enter the raffle and you do not have to be present or a player in the tournament to participate. This "Premier" golf event will host 40 teams, 20 in the a.m. and 20 in the p.m. If you are looking to have a great day golfing, chances to win some prizes and enjoy a great lunch this is the event for you.

The Chamber Open is one of the Chamber's two annual fundraisers. The second is the Big Game Hunt Tournament which is held each November. Please call the Chamber for more information or to book your team today, 704-694-4181.

LifeShare Of The Carolinas Celebrates National Donate Life Month

For more than a decade the month of April has been about saving and healing lives. Each year LifeShare joins the rest of the country in sharing the lifesaving message of donation and transplantation. The goal of National Donate Life Month is to make LIFE possible by educating and motivating the public to register their decision to be organ, eye, and tissue donors.

Each Donate Life Month features unique art work that helps tell the story of donation. The art for 2016 National Donate Life Month (NDLM) is inspired by sunflowers. One sunflower has the potential to create an entirely new field of flowers. As individuals we each have a similar potential - to make LIFE possible. One organ donor can save the lives of up to eight people, restore sight to two individuals through cornea donation and to heal countless others through tissue donation.

Currently, 52 percent of the U.S. adult population has registered as a donor, including nearly five million in North Carolina. Meanwhile, the number of people in need of transplants continues to outpace the number of organs donated. Over 121,000 people are awaiting a transplant. On an average day, 22 people die because the organ they need is not donated in time.

Registering as a donor in North Carolina is easy. You can register at the DMV when getting a driver's license or state issued ID card. You can also register online at www.donatelifenc.org/register. For additional information, visit www.lifesharecarolinas.org.

Anson County Animal Shelter Fundraiser is this Saturday

The Anson County Animal Shelter is the place to be this Saturday, April 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Located at 7257 US Highway 74 in Polkton at the entrance to the Field of Dreams, the shelter staff and volunteers are hosting a fundraiser for the many four-legged "possible pets" who are temporarily residing there. All proceeds will go toward purchasing supplies and paying medical expenses for the animals.

Come out and see the facility, meet the volunteers and staff, meet the animals and enjoy a few hours of fun-loving friendliness with some of Anson County's furry friends who need and are in search of forever homes.

While there you and your children can enjoy face painting, hot dogs, sweet treats, raffles and split the pot tickets. If you cannot attend, you can still donate bleach, paper towels, laundry soap, hand soap, scrub brushes, sponges, cat litter, large dog biscuits, pet toys, snacks or money.

You can also make a decision to become a volunteer and donate your time to help the animals while they are living in the shelter and awaiting adoption. For additional information call Interim Director Evonne Burr at 704-994-3328 or the shelter at 704-994-2738.

This could be the perfect time to teach your child the importance of showing love, kindness and care for all forms of life, including animals. And what an important lesson that is to learn.

Let's make this event huge for all the animals here in the Anson County Animal Shelter. By the end of the day, perhaps the only sounds we will hear will be kitten purrs and doggy barks of joy as they leave for their new, happy homes.

This may sound like a dream, but we can make it a reality...together.

By Melanie Lyon

Relay for Life Survivors' Social

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Anson County invites all cancer survivors and two guests to attend the 2016 Anson County Survivors' Social. This event will be held on Sunday, April 24, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Wadesboro, located at 208 South Greene Street.

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Amy Turner as soon as possible at 704-826-8407. It is best to call after 6 p.m., and you may leave a message with your contact information.

Gang Awareness Workshop April 14

There will be a Gang Awareness Workshop on Thursday, April 14 at the Hampton B. Allen Library from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Officer Kyle Randall with the Wadesboro Police Department will discuss the profiles of gang members and street gang organizations in Anson County, recognition of gang signs, and how gang members communicate. Prevention, intervention, diversion strategies and recommendations for educators, therapists, parents and law enforcement will be available. Lunch will be provided free.

Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995 or by email at connectionsfp@gmail.com to register. The deadline to register is Tuesday, April 12.



This sweet dog lives in a barrel at the Shelter, but has hopes of being rescued by a loving family.

Bake and Yard Sale is Saturday

The Burnsville Ladies Auxilliary Bake and Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 9, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Burnsville Fire Department.

Bearcat Brawl is this Weekend

Anson Middle School is hosting the second annual Bearcat Brawl Baseball and Softball Tournament on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9. The tournament will feature teams from Anson, Piedmont, Porter Ridge, Union Academy, Long, and Rockingham.

The event kicks off on Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. with the initial three softball games at the Field of Dreams Athletic Complex in Polkton. The softball tournament will conclude on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. at Field of Dreams.

The baseball segment of the tournament will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday at Anson High School.

The Bearcat Brawl host is also sponsoring a canned food drive. Any community member interested in attending the softball tournament will receive a dollar off of the regular admission price by bringing a donation. Regular admission to either tournament day or location is \$5. Children aged 5 get in free.

Ansonville Historical Society Spaghetti Supper

Everyone is invited to come enjoy a delicious spaghetti supper this Saturday, April 9 at the Ansonville Fire Department. This is the Spring Fundraiser for the Ansonville Historical Society. The meal includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, a dessert and a drink. You can eat in or carry out. The cost is only \$10 per plate, and the hours are 5 to 7 p.m.

Red Hill Quartet to Perform at 50+ Club Meeting

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, April 11 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. The Red Hill Men's Quartet will be presenting a program of barber-shop style, a cappella music. The quartet consists of Paul Turner, Dennis Turner, David Arey and Rick Gilmore, and they feature songs of inspiration and country music. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy the music of these talented men.