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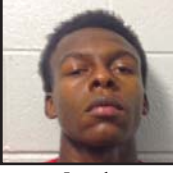
Serving Anson County and the Municipalities of Ansonville, Lilesville, McFarlan, Morven, Peachland, Polkton and Wadesboro.

## Jlynn Samuel Bennett and Bennie Leak, Jr. Busted for Drugs at Anson High School

On Monday, April 13 at 11:35 a.m. Wadesboro Police School Resource Officers (SRO) were contacted by Anson High School Administration that two students had left class without permission. In further investigation officers located the two students and caught them with drugs, drug paraphernalia and currency. They possessed 23.5 grams of marijuana.



Bennett



Leak

The two students busted for pot dealing were:  
• J Lynn Samuel-Enek Bennett, date of birth 5/16/1996, of 912 Briarwood Street in Wadesboro. Bennett was charged with two felonies, Possession with Intent to Sell and Distribute Schedule VI, and Bribery. He was taken to the Anson County Jail under a \$10,000 secured bond.

• Bennie Leon Leak, Jr., date of birth 12/4/1996, of 6558 NC 109 South in Wadesboro. Leak was charged with felony Possession with Intent to Sell and Distribute Schedule VI, Possession of Schedule VI (.5 oz to 1.5 oz), and Possession of Paraphernalia. He was taken to the Anson County Jail under a \$15,000 secured bond.



## South Piedmont Community College to Host Annual Multicultural Festival this Weekend

South Piedmont Community College will host its second annual Multicultural Festival this weekend, Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, at its Old Charlotte Highway Campus (4209 Old Charlotte Highway in Monroe). The event will run from noon until 3 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday. The festival is free and open to the public.

Both days will include international dance demonstrations, cooking demonstrations, henna hand painting, haiku poetry writing, martial arts demonstrations, interactive activities for young children and much more. Food trucks and a craft marketplace will offer food, drinks and hand-crafted items for purchase that represent a variety of cultures.

For a full schedule of festival events, visit [www.spccevents.com](http://www.spccevents.com).

For more information contact Anjella Tabor-Smith at (704) 290-5891 or [asmith@spcc.edu](mailto:asmith@spcc.edu).

## Charles Daniel Winfree, David McLendon and Franklin Everette Lett Busted with Meth Lab

On Wednesday, April 15 at approximately 11:22 p.m. officers of the Wadesboro Police Department were attempting to serve a warrant at 1501 Old Lilesville Road when they observed items used in manufacturing methamphetamine out in plain view. At that point investigators of the Wadesboro Police Department, a certified haz mat for methamphetamine labs Investigator of Anson County Sheriff's Office, and State Bureau Investigators were called to the scene. Three suspects were arrested at the scene and placed in Anson County Jail.



Winfree



McLendon



Lett

The three men arrested were:

• Charles Daniel Winfree, date of birth 4/10/1974, of the residence, charged with Possession Methamphetamine Precursor; Manufacture Methamphetamine; Possession with Intent to Manufacture and Sell Drugs Schedule II CS; and Maintaining a Dwelling Place CS. He was placed under a \$100,000 secured bond.

• David Scott McLendon, date of birth 6/11/1978, of the residence, charged with Possession Methamphetamine Precursor; Manufacture Methamphetamine; Possession with Intent to Manufacture and Sell Drugs Schedule II CS; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; and Failure to Appear. He was placed under a \$200,000 secured bond.

• Franklin Everette Lett, date of birth 9/17/1981, charged with Possession Methamphetamine Precursor; Manufacture Methamphetamine; Possession with Intent to Manufacture and Sell Drugs Schedule II CS; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was placed under a \$200,000 secured bond.

## Anson High School Drama Club Presents Comedies at the Ansonia this Weekend

The Anson High School Drama Club is presenting two hilarious comedies at the Ansonia Theatre this weekend, on Friday and Saturday February 20 and 21. The productions begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

Leading the cast of *Bad Auditions by Bad Actors* is Alynda Pratt as a casting director who has one day to find the leads for a community theater production of *Romeo and Juliet*. But what seems like a simple task proves impossible when the pool of actors includes extreme method actors, performers who just don't know what to do with their hands, and one particular woman who may or may not think she's a cat. This hilarious comedy will bring you to the last place you'd ever want to be...behind the doors of a casting session. Cast members include Jalen Little, Teely Yang, Triston Mullis, Vince Gilmore, Jonathan Treadaway, Victoria Hunter, Erin Thomas, Riki Dows, Malia Gaddy, Gage Tarlton, Brian Delp, Max Martin and Hannah Knotts.

Leading the cast of *Romeo to Go* is Madi Martin as teacher Mrs. Gunnysack who informs her students that due to budget cuts there will only be a single session of Drama One for the entire school year -- and the class will only last 20 minutes. To make matters worse, the students are required to perform an entire Shakespeare play for a schoolwide assembly during a time slot of only 10 minutes. Under the direction of the egomaniacal Mrs. Gunnysack, the beginner students must pull together for the fastest, cleanest, lowest-budget rendition of *Romeo and Juliet* the world has ever seen, complete with a makeshift balcony, interpretive dance fight sequences, and an Elizabethan hip-hop dance party. Cast members include Destiny Dows, Erin Thomas, Riki Dows, Vince Gilmore, Brian Delp, Max Martin, Victoria Hunter, Triston Mullis, Gage Tarlton, Rachael Meachum, Miranda Curran, Jalen Little, Malia Gaddy, Hannah Knotts, Jonathan Treadaway, Alynda Pratt, Teely Yang and Destiny Cole. The students are under the direction of Liz Rockett.



Pictured here are Madi Martin, Erin Thomas and Michael Wright getting ready for the play.

## Hot Sardines to Perform in Cheraw

The Cheraw Arts Commission presents the Hot Sardines band on Friday, April 24 at the Theatre on the Green. Their appearance in Cheraw is followed by an international tour that includes stops in New York, San Francisco, London, Paris and Berlin. This incredible jazz band has been named by Forbes magazine as "one of the best jazz bands in New York today."

Tickets for the 7 p.m. concert, \$15 each or two for \$25, are available at the Cheraw Community Center, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For information call 843-537-8420 ext. 12.

## Free Movie is *The Song*

The Hampton B. Allen Library will be showing the movie *The Song* in the Little Theatre on Monday, April 27 at 10 a.m. *The Song* is inspired by the Song of Solomon, and stars Alan Powell, Ali Faulkner, Jude Ramsey and Caitlyn Nicol-Thomas. This movie is free and everyone is invited to come and bring a friend.

For more information call the library at 704-694-5177.

## Board of Education Meeting is Monday, April 27

The Anson County Board of Education will hold their regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center. Open Session to the Public will begin at 6:30 p.m.

## BCSWCD Board Meeting is April 28

The Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28 at 10 a.m. at the BCSWCD office, located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro. For more information call 704-694-3516.

## Rabies Vaccination Clinic this Saturday

The Spring Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held on Saturday, April 25 at Brown Creek Animal Hospital, on Highway 74 in Polkton, from 2 to 5 p.m. All dogs, cats and ferrets four months of age must have a current rabies vaccination that is administered by a licensed veterinarian. This is the perfect opportunity for you to vaccinate your pet for only \$5.

## Special Olympics are April 30

Wouldn't you like to volunteer or come out to cheer the competitors on?

The Special Olympics Anson County Spring Games will be held on Thursday, April 30 at Anson High School Football Stadium. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by a day of exciting activities for Anson County's Special Olympics athletes. Everyone in the community is urged to come out and cheer the competitors on. This event is very important...and very fun!

The rain date is Tuesday, May 5. Would you like to volunteer? For more information about the games, including community volunteer interest, please contact Coordinator Sylvia Tillman at (704) 694-4417.

## Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser Supports Anson County 4-H

Starting Wednesday, April 22 and running through Sunday, May 3, Tractor Supply in Wadesboro is partnering with the National 4-H Council to offer a Spring Paper Clover Promotion to help support local 4-H programs in counties that have these stores. Individuals have the choice of adding \$1 at checkout. Proceeds will come to the local 4-H program that will have cover cost for trips, summer day camps, conferences and volunteer trainings.

"Anson County is truly grateful to have a Tractor Supply in the county because there are only 31 in the state of North Carolina," said Roshunda Terry of Anson 4-H. "So if you have not already done so, please go down to the store, make a donation or purchase one or ten clovers. Last year in 48 states \$1.5 million was raised through this promotion to support 4-H across the country. Remember, the proceeds are going to a great program that supports great youth and adults right here in Anson County! Hope to see you there!"

## Men for Change 2015

This is a release from Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition (ACDVC): Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center will be asking the men of Anson County to take a pledge this Father's Day to create for women and children, a community free from violence. Starting April 29 and continuing through June 5, a committee of men will be asking other men to take this pledge. An insert will be in *The Express News* paper the week before Father's Day this June listing the names of each contributor.

Individual pledges will be \$5. To pledge in honor of someone or in memory of someone will cost \$10. Any business that would like to pledge will be asked to pay at least \$25.

The proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly to assist victims of domestic violence or sexual assault so they may live in a home free from violence. "We need men from every area of Anson County to be on the selling committee so that every man in our county has the chance to participate," said Patricia Davis, ACDVC Victim Advocate. "This was our largest fundraiser in past years. Our goal is to top that in 2015. The man who raises the most money will receive a prize, sponsored by Forbes Jewelers."

ACDVC is a nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Tax letters will be mailed after June 17.

If you would like to be on the selling committee please contact Patricia Davis by phone at 704-694-4499 or email [patricia.davis39@outlook.com](mailto:patricia.davis39@outlook.com) for details. If you want to make a donation to Men for a Change, our mailing address is PO Box 694, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

## SPCC Blood Drive is April 29

There will be a Blood Drive held on Wednesday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at South Piedmont Community College in Polkton. There are free t-shirts for all donors. Please note CBCC's minimum weight requirement for blood donors is 120 pounds.

For blood donations made in March and April, the Community Blood Center will make a contribution to the Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte to help provide free night stays for out-of-town families with children in the hospital.

More public drives can be found at Community Blood Center of the Carolinas' website [www.cbcc.us](http://www.cbcc.us). CBCC has donation centers in Charlotte, Concord, Gastonia, Hickory, and Greensboro.

Call 704-972-4700 or go to [www.carolinadonor.org](http://www.carolinadonor.org) to make an appointment at any location.