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ESC Office Moves, Gets New Name

The Anson County Workforce Center, formerly known as the Employment Security Commission, will be closed on Thursday and Friday, May 8 and 9 in order to move to their new location at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. The new address is 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. They will reopen on Monday, May 12. For more information call 704-694-6551.

From the Sheriff's Desk

From Sheriff Tommy Allen: In 1962 President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. It was then established as ongoing by a joint resolution of Congress.

National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. This year National Police Week is the week of May 11-17th. In Anson County it will be recognized on Wednesday, May 14 at 12:00 noon in Superior Courtroom Number One. The ceremony is open to the public.

On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 58 hours. 111 officers died in 2013. This was a slight (8%) decrease from the year before. So far in 2014 39 officers have died, an 18% increase from 2013. Since the first known line of duty death in 1791, more than 20,000 U. S. law enforcement officers have made that ultimate sacrifice.

In Anson County eight officers have died in the line of duty - first in 1910 and the last in 2004. The following is a list of those eight officers and the circumstances surrounding their deaths. This is a time to stop and reflect the dangers, sacrifices and challenges law enforcement face each day to protect and service the citizens of Anson County, North Carolina and this great nation of ours.

Anson County Officers who died in the line of duty:

- **James Marion Sings** On July 20, 1910, Officer Sings was a policeman in McFarlan when he went to serve a warrant on an individual in a railroad work camp. He had no problem arresting that individual, but was confronted by a second person demanding he release his prisoner. Officer Sings did not release his prisoner and was shot three times. Mortally wounded, he died a few hours later. Newspaper records of the event are incomplete and it is unclear if the suspect was eventually captured and tried.
- **Mattie George Faulkner** On January 16, 1926, Mr. Faulkner was a Constable in the Peachland area when he went on a raid of a liquor still. During the raid several suspects fled the scene and Constable Faulkner was shot and killed by one of the bootleggers during the foot chase. Two suspects were eventually captured, tried and sentenced to lengthy prison sentences.
- **George I. Thompson** Trooper Thompson graduated from the first NC Highway Patrol School on July 1, 1929. On July 2, 1929, Trooper Thompson was on his way to his assigned post, riding a state issued motorcycle. While Thompson was passing through Anson County a pickup truck driven by a 13 year old boy from Albemarle ran a stop sign, striking the motorcycle and killing Trooper Thompson. Trooper Thompson was the first NC Highway Patrol Trooper killed in the line of duty.
- **Selby Harney, Sr.** On August 31, 1973, Deputy Sheriff Harney, along with other deputies, responded to a call off Highway 109 South, near the SC line, where a mental subject was shooting at passing motorists. Officers staged in and around the scene and were subsequently able to talk the shooter into surrendering. Officers noticed Deputy Harney on the ground and unresponsive. He was immediately rushed to the local hospital, but was pronounced dead of an apparent heart attack.
- **Gilbert Dean** On February 12, 1977, Chief Deputy Gilbert Dean had responded with other deputies to a disturbance call where an individual was drunk and disorderly. A scuffle ensued in attempting to arrest the suspect. Shortly after the suspect was subdued and in custody, Deputy Dean collapsed and was rushed to the local hospital, but was pronounced dead of an apparent heart attack.
- **William Kress Horne** On December 22, 1984, Deputy Horne responded to a call where an individual was shooting in the neighborhood. Horne, along with another officer, talked to the individual through his front door but he refused to come outside. While officers were waiting for other assistance and standing behind their patrol vehicles as shields the suspect fired one shot from inside the residence with a shotgun, striking Deputy Horne in the face and head. He was rushed to the local hospital but died of his injuries the next morning. The suspect was subsequently arrested by deputies, tried and later died in prison.
- **Jesse Lee Pratt** Chief Deputy Jesse Pratt was on his way to work early the morning of September 14, 2001. He was killed in an automobile accident, when his Sheriff's vehicle was struck by another vehicle.
- **Josh W. Oliver** SHP Trooper Oliver died on March 24, 2004, as the results of injuries received in an automobile accident that occurred in Anson County 18 months earlier. Trooper Oliver's vehicle struck a bridge abutment while he was responding to a call during a rain storm.

Postal Food Drive is this Saturday

The National Association of Letter Carriers and the United States Postal Service will have their annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 10. For the past 3 years Post Offices in Anson County have collected nonperishable food donations from delivery customers. This year they will continue to do so.

Your support is needed as the timing for the food drive is crucial. Food banks often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need.

To participate in this day of giving, simply leave nonperishable food in a bag by your mailbox on May 10 and your carrier will do the rest. The Post Office invites you to join in their fight to end hunger.

Farm Fresh Ventures Now Subscribing for Weekly Produce Boxes

People worldwide are rediscovering the benefits of buying local food. It is fresh and that means it is tastier and more nutritious. It is also good for your local economy - buying directly from family farmers helps them stay in business. Farm Fresh Ventures is now accepting subscribers for their weekly produce boxes that provide 5 to 7 different fresh produce items, sufficient for a family of four. The items are all sourced from area farmers, usually picked the same day they are delivered.

Farm Fresh Ventures is a Regional Food Hub serving North and South Carolina. They are a cooperative owned by local growers in Anson, Richmond, Stanly, Union, and Montgomery Counties in North Carolina and Chesterfield in South Carolina. The current growers are: Andrews Farm Produce, Inc. - Mt. Gilead, Bountiful Harvest Farm - Polkton, David's Produce and Triple L Farms - Ellerbe, Muddy Boots Farms - Mt. Pleasant, Nelson All Natural - Wadesboro, Pee Dee Orchards - Lilesville, Phillips Farms - Cheraw, Piedmont Produce - Monroe, and Sellers Farms - Ruby, SC.

When you subscribe to Farm Fresh Ventures, you receive weekly produce boxes that provide 5-7 different fresh produce items from local growers from May through September 2014. Throughout the season boxes there will be a variety of produce, including but not limited to: Apples, Lettuces, Herbs, Beans, Cabbage, Carrots, Greens, Eggplant, Garlic, Onions, Melons, Grapes, Okra, Peaches, Pecans, Peppers, Potatoes (Irish & Sweet), Pumpkins, Squash (Summer & Winter), Strawberries, Tomatoes, Turnips and Zucchini just to name a few! In Anson County boxes can be picked up from 3 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Anson County Farmers Market on Highway 52 South in Wadesboro, near Wadesboro Primary School and Coffing Hoist.

The full subscription cost, May through September, is \$406. One delivery has already been made (on May 6), and the price is prorated depending on when you subscribe. For more information contact Thomas Cureton at the Anson County Extension Office, 704-694-2415 or farmfreshventures@gmail.com.

Free Computer Skills Classes at BRLC

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center in cooperation with South Piedmont Community College is providing Computer Literacy classes for adults. Enroll now for the summer sessions. All students need to enroll in advance. This class is design to break the fears from those who are finding it difficult in becoming comfortable with computer knowledge.

The classes are Computer Skills for the Work Place, Computer Skills for Job Seekers, Computer Skills for Home and Home-Based Businesses. The classes are on a first come, first served basis. The computer training is one on one.

Do not hesitate to enroll. You do not have to be left out or afraid any more. Call 704-826-8182 or 704-826-8737 to enroll.

Wadesboro Limb Truck Down for Repairs

Wadesboro's limb truck is having mechanical problems that required it to be taken out of service on May 2. It is unclear how long it will be out of service at this time. Town workers will make every effort to pick up limbs manually, but request patience because this method is slower. The Town apologizes for any inconvenience.



Anson District Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Race Results

The annual Anson District Cub Scout Pinewood Derby was held Saturday, April 5, at the Fireman's Training Center in Wadesboro. The Derby, sponsored by C&M Auto Supply, allows the boys to build their own wooden car from a kit and race against their peers for a chance to advance to the Council Derby in May. Each participant received a patch, and the first to third place winners in each den received a handmade wooden medallion.

The overall winners received trophies and are pictured in the Winners' Circle. They include, from left, front row: Shafravien Liles - Pack 505 (5th Place), Christopher Hall - Pack 229 (4th Place & Best Looking Car) and Jesse Griffin - Pack 530 (Most Unique & People's Choice). Back row: Trent Taylor - Pack 530 (3rd Place), Mac Brock - Pack 530 (First Place) and Christian Huntley - Pack 530 (2nd Place).

Margaret W. Goins Named 2014 Champion for Children

Anson County Partnership for Children held its annual Champions for Children Celebration on Tuesday, April 29 at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. All 2014 Champion for Children nominees were recognized and the 2014 award winner was announced. This award is presented annually to an individual who has been a champion for children in Anson County and demonstrated the Partnership's mission of "helping make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." The Champion for Children Celebration recognizes individuals who:

- Champion the well-being of children in Anson County.
- Demonstrate commitment to providing a better future for children in Anson County.
- Work with others to raise awareness about children's issues.
- Believe in building strong families.
- Demonstrate leadership on behalf of children in Anson County.

Partnership Executive Director Elaine Scarborough and Partnership Board Chair Dr. Fred Thompson welcomed guests and nominees. The Reverend Dr. Carl Dumford, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church provided the invocation. Following the hors d'oeuvres, children from Mrs. Margaret Goins' NC Pre-K classroom presented a musical program of songs from their current study of insects. Guest speaker Dr. Michael Blackwell, President/CEO of Baptist Children's Homes of NC, encouraged all nominees and participants to continue taking a bold stand for children in Anson County.

Six very worthy nominees were presented plaques to honor their service to the children of Anson County. The 2014 Champion for Children Nominees were Lisa Davis, Chairperson of the Anson County Board of Education; Karen Gerald, NC Pre-K teacher at UCCA Head Start; Margaret Wall Goins, NC Pre-K teacher at Open Doors Center for Children at First United Methodist Church; Scott Gullede, Wadesboro Police Officer; William Kress (JR) Horne, Jr., Corporal at the Anson County Sheriff's Department; and Annie Parsons, owner of C's and T's Childcare in Wadesboro.

Dr. Blackwell unveiled the glass 2014 Champion for Children award and presented it to Goins along with a "Champion for Children" lapel pin. The children from the classroom surrounded Goins as she accepted the award. She thanked the parents of all the children she has taught in her 38 year career for allowing her to be a part of their lives. Goins is continuing the tradition of the 2013 Champion for Children, Vancine Sturdivant, who has been a tireless advocate for children in Anson County, including leading the Week of the Young Child Parade.

Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization which was formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership's mission is "helping to make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." For more information contact Bonnie Morgan at 704-694-4036. www.ansonchildren.org.

Anson Singers Spring Concert is May 18

The Anson Singers, Anson County's community choir, will present their Spring Concert on Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Wadesboro. The concert, a "Celebration of Music," will feature works by Handel, Copland and various other composers. The concert is free and open to the public. Free-will donations will be accepted to help support the work of the Singers.

Directed by Emily Privette, the Anson Singers have been well received by the community during their three years of existence.

Balloon Release for Deceased Children

The Compassionate Friends, a support group for families who have lost a child of any age, will hold their annual Balloon Release for deceased children this Thursday, May 8 at the Polkton Depot at 6:30 p.m. A covered dish supper will follow the Balloon Release. Family and friends who have lost a child are invited. For more information call 704-694-8774 or 704-475-5005.

Historical Preservation Commission Meets

An open meeting of the Anson Historical Preservation Commission will be held at 2 p.m. this Friday, May 9 in the Anson County Board of Commissioners Room in the Government Center. A delegation from the NC State Historical Preservation Commission will present an orientation program to explain the challenges and functions of a County Historical Preservation Commission. The public is invited.

Yard Sale of the Carolinas is this Saturday

The annual "Yard Sale of the Carolinas" will be held in Chesterfield this Saturday, May 10. The event will be held from 7 a.m. to noon in the 200 and 300 blocks of West Main Street (in front of the Chesterfield County Courthouse). The event is co-sponsored by Team Chesterfield and Hospice of Chesterfield County's Sunshine Shoppe thrift and gift store.

In addition to the downtown location, residents and organizations are having yard sales throughout the community. Maps showing registered yard sale locations will be available at the information table downtown.

For more information call the Hospice office at (843) 623-9155.

50+ Club Meeting to Feature O'Kaysions Player Ed Dement

The Hampton B. Allen Library's 50+ Club will meet on Monday, May 12 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Ed Dement, formerly of the original O'Kaysions, will be the guest. The O'Kaysions were noted for their number 1 hit in the 1960's, *I'm a Girl Watcher*. Ed does 60's beach music and is a true entertainer. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend and enjoy the music.

For more information please call 704-694-5177.

Godspell Tickets Still Available

Tickets for *Godspell*, the musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, are available. This is the final weekend for this play, and the 2014 season at the Ansonia Theatre. Performances will be Friday and Saturday nights, May 9, and 10 at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee on May 11 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the Anson County Arts Council and Lacy's in Wadesboro. Tickets can also be purchased online via Paypal at www.ansoniatheatre.com.

Women's League Meets May 13

The Anson County Women's League will meet on Tuesday, May 13 at Twin Valley Country Club from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch is available for \$8.50. All women are invited to attend. Please RSVP if you want lunch to Sandra Pliescott by Friday, May 9 at 704-694-7853 or woodsand@carolina.rr.com.