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## Wadesboro Police Arrest Three Men on Drug Charges

Officers with the Wadesboro Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT) served two narcotic search warrants during the month of April. The warrants were obtained after several months of investigation involving two different residences. Both residences were searched, and three different suspects were arrested on narcotic related charges. Officers seized a quantity of cocaine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and US currency from the residences.

- Arrested were:
- Godfrey Montez Little, 36, of 265 Harlem Heights Road in Wadesboro. He was charged with Possession with intent to sell, deliver cocaine (Felony); Possession of cocaine (Felony); and Possession of marijuana (Misdemeanor).
  - Derrick Leonard Boggan, 40, of 1018 N. Main Street in Wadesboro. He was charged with Possession with intent to sell, deliver cocaine (Felony) and Possession of cocaine (Felony).
  - Levon Junior Tillman, 27, of 930 W. Carolina Avenue in Wadesboro. He was charged with Possession with intent to sell, deliver marijuana (Felony) and Possession of controlled substance on jail premises (Felony).

Anyone with tips or information on drug activity is requested to call the Wadesboro Police Department at (704) 694-2167. Any information given can remain anonymous.

## 4-H'ers Participate in Annual 4-H Fashion Revue, Talent Show, Creative Talent and County Presentation Programs

This is a release from Anson County 4-H: On April 28, 25 proud parents, friends, and relatives attended Anson County 4-H's annual Fashion Revue and Creative Talent show that was held at the Cooperative Extension Center.

In competition at the event for scholarship prizes and ribbons were 10 4-H'ers. The Fashion Revue consisted of 4-H'ers modeling garments they had made for the spring. A new category was added this year for non-garment participants that could enter items in the accessory or jewelry divisions. The Fashion Revue was judged earlier in the week, although winners were not announced until Thursday night festivities. Judging the fashion competition were Mrs. Hannah Dunlap of Wadesboro.

Winners for the evening were: Cloverbud Fashion- Laia Smith-Maxwell and Andrew Martin. Jr.-Teen Fashion- 1st LaMia Smith-Maxwell. Sr. Teen Fashion- 1st - Alexis Smith. In the non-garment categories winners were: Accessories Junior- 1st Quenton Cromartie (leather belt), Senior- 1st Katherine Brown. In the Jewelry category 1st place went to Na'La Brown in the Senior division for making bracelets and a necklace. A big thank you to Ms. Betty Garris for helping the youth with their garments.

Cloverbud Creative Exhibits: Andrew Martin. Junior Creative Talent Crafts/Hobby & Photography: 1st Quenton Cromartie. Junior Art: 1st Cameron Tillman and 2nd place was Quenton Cromartie. Senior Photography: 1st Katherine Brown. Senior Creative Writing: 1st Na'La Brown.

All 1st and 2nd place winners in the Fashion Revue received \$20.00 and \$15.00 scholarships to be used towards a 4-H event or trip, while Cloverbud participants received \$10 scholarships. Non-garment participants received \$15.00 and \$10.00 in scholarships with cloverbuds receiving \$5.00 for participation.

In Creative Talent Exhibits, winners received \$12, \$8, and \$5 for 1st and 2nd, place. All Cloverbuds received \$5 participant scholarships. Scholarship money is provided through program fundraising efforts.

The 4-H Talent Show and County Presentation competition was also held the same night. A big thank you to Ms. Steffany LaBree for judging our county presenters and Mrs. Melody Stinson for judging our talent show. Winners of county presentations were Keyshawn Tillman, 1st, 11-13 Fruit & Vegetable Use; Katie Edwards, 1st, 14-18 Health & Fitness and Na'La Brown, 2nd, 14-18 Health and Fitness. Katie Edwards also won first place in our talent show. All talent and county presenters will advance to district competition in June in Hoke County.

These county 4-H programs are all annual events. 4-H participation is open to all youth regardless of sex, race, religion or national origin. For more information about 4-H in Anson County, contact Roshunda Terry, 4-H Agent at 704-694-2915.

## Youth Camps at the Ansonia Theatre this Summer

The Ansonia Theatre will hold two Summer Youth Camps to expose Anson youth to the arts. They promise to be very educational and lots of fun - with acting, singing and dancing offered.

Session One is a two week camp that focuses on putting a show together covering all aspects of the stage. It runs from June 13 to 24, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Participants will workshop their own adaptation of the classic *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, with a community performance on June 24! Last summer there was a cast of 60 in the production of *Charlotte's Web*. Come join the fun! The tuition is \$100.

Session Two is entitled Musical Theatre Camp. It runs from July 18 to 22, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This one week camp focuses on singing and dancing as students create a big musical revue that will knock your socks off! Last summer this camp featured Broadway songs that had been sung by kids. This summer things will get kicked up a notch as the students tackle Broadway songs sung by adults. Directed by Tommy Wooten, Gina Clarke and Gail Litaker, this camp will be one to remember! The tuition is \$50.

More information and applications for both camps are available at the Anson County Arts Council, located right next door to the Ansonia. The telephone number is 704-694-4950.



## Peachland-Polkton Elementary School's Terrific Kids

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School held its Terrific Kids Celebration for the second 9 weeks on Tuesday, March 22. Pictured are the students who were recognized for this honor. We are proud of these students for showing good character!

From left, front row: Ella Watson, Coleon Coley, Tylek Huntley, Joe Frank Railton, Devon Tucker, James Martin, Levi Greene, Megan Kiser, Taylor Rogers, Addison Wallace, Shaniyah Bennett, Zachariah Runnels, Lyndee McCollum and Josie Manes. Second row: Catie Steagall, Emily Baucom, Jonathon Harris, Nicole Horne, Meredith Fowler, Nate Lear, Caleb Phifer, Samaya Crowder, Michael Smith, Cameron Eddins, David Thao and Shyanna Wallace. Third row: Javis Garris, Fred Little, Carley Powell, Conner Parker, Davis Wright, Kaylee McGowen, Brooklyn Lear, Reagan Thomas, Kaylie High, Will Kelly and Peyton Buckingham. Forth row: Justin Cooke, Emma Steagall, Bethany Sutton, Josh Thomas, Sam Tupper, Carmen Jackson, Daylen Carpenter, Zakeria Sturdivant and Michael Stanback. Not Pictured: Emanuel Moore, Isabela Rangel-Cortez, Jayda Gullede and Ashton Jones.

## Play *Lone Star & Laundry and Bourbon* Opens this Weekend at the Ansonia Theatre

The play features a terrific cast of area actors. Get ready for lots of laughs!

The play *Lone Star & Laundry and Bourbon* opens this Friday for a two weekend run at the Ansonia Theatre. This play is something special as it was adapted by the Ansonia's own Tommy Wooten, and features a talented cast of area actors.

"In 2001 when I first read the story by James McClure the characters leapt off the page and were so funny and well written...and they reminded me of home," Wooten said. "I play Roy, a character who reminds me a lot of my father."

Upon reading the story in 2001, Wooten put together a production company, Pot Luck Productions, and took the play on the road, ultimately winning an international competition in Orlando, Florida. Now he has put together a local cast to reprise the play at the Ansonia.

The show takes place in 1972, two years after Roy Caulder, once the hero of his high school class in Maynard, Texas has returned from the Vietnam War to find everything he knows has changed. About all he has left are memories of his glory days, his adoring younger brother Ray, his wife Elizabeth and his now crumbling 1959 pink Thunderbird.

Wooten and Co-Director Gina Clarke have assembled an incredible cast of local actors including Lisa Tarlton of Marshville, Connie Thomas of Ansonville, Jason Price and Steve Adams of Wadesboro and Lindsay Melton of Rockingham.

This is one of the funniest nights of theatre that you will ever experience!

The play runs this weekend and next, May 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22. The Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday shows are at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15, and \$12 each for groups of 10 or more. They are available at the Arts Council, located beside the Ansonia, weekdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call the Arts Council at 704-694-4950. The show is rated PG-13 for adult language and situations.



## Anson Teacher Justin Jones Selected for Prestigious Fellowship

Pee Dee Electric has named Justin Jones, a science teacher at Ansonville Elementary School, as a 2016-17 Kenan Fellow. His fellowship is made possible through a partnership between Pee Dee Electric, North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives and the Kenan Fellows Program for Curriculum and Leadership Development at N.C. State University. Jones has been teaching in Anson County Schools since 2014. He is among the 41 teachers from across North Carolina who have been selected to participate in the 2016-17 fellowship year through the Kenan Fellows Program.

"The excitement and dedication that Mr. Jones brings to his classroom only scratches the surface of what makes him such a fantastic selection for the Kenan Fellows program," stated Donnie Spivey, CEO of Pee Dee Electric. "Mr. Jones strives to provide opportunities and make real-world connections for his students and we are proud that Pee Dee Electric is going to help further develop such valuable lessons."

Beginning in June Jones will spend three weeks alongside mentors and industry experts at Pee Dee Electric learning how power is generated and delivered, and exploring the history of the electric cooperative model and how Pee Dee is working toward a more comprehensive energy portfolio. "The opportunity to work in an internship and have an ongoing relationship with a mentor will provide me with more perspective, knowledge, and advice to grow professionally," Jones said. "Electricity is an important aspect of any science curriculum, and I am confident that this opportunity will cultivate a wealth of deeper understanding, personal experience, and ideas to create memorable and lasting lessons for my students."

Educators who complete the year-long program remain in the classroom while growing professionally as part of a statewide network of teacher leaders. As part of the fellowship, Kenan Fellows also receive a \$5,000 stipend and participate in 80 hours of professional development focused on project-based learning, digital learning and leadership development. Today, an elite network of more than 350 Kenan Fellows are working to improve STEM education in North Carolina and beyond.

"The program's focus on real-world professional learning shows educators what STEM looks like in practice, provides knowledge of local career opportunities available to students, and strengthens collaboration with industry to build deeper connections to the community," said Dr. Elaine Franklin, director of the Kenan Fellows Program.

## Compassionate Friends Annual Balloon Release is Thursday, May 12

The Compassionate Friends of the North Pee Dee, a support group for anyone who has suffered the loss of a child in their family, cordially invites you and your family to their annual Balloon Release and Covered Dish Meal event on Thursday, May 12. The event will take place at 6 p.m. at the Polkton Depot.

This is a special time as everyone joins together to remember our children.

Please bring a photograph of your child, a well-filled picnic basket, and your family and friends. We hope to see you there.

## Wadesboro Community Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 17

The American Red Cross will hold a Wadesboro Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 17, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church on Lee Avenue. To schedule a life saving appointment please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor code "Wadesboro Community."

## Wealth of Health Cooking and Seminar May 15

Good health is great wealth! Yes, there is hope to reverse diabetes, heart disease, cancer, arthritis, high cholesterol, or high blood pressure or obesity with food and a positive lifestyle! Come learn more at the next healthy living and cooking classes at Pathway to Peace Ministries on Sunday, May 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. The classes are free, and you will also be able to eat dinner too.

Pathway to Peace is located on Highway 109 South, 2 miles past Deep Creek Road, going towards Mt. Croghen. The address is 11775 NC 109 South, Peachland, NC. For more information call 704-695-1441.