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

## Shaquille Polk, Dallas Leak and Johnathan Hinson Busted with Weapons, Drugs

On Sunday, May 24 at approximately 10:18 p.m. Wadesboro Police officers conducted a traffic stop on Orchard Street for a speeding violation. As they executed the traffic stop, officers investigated further and located a semi-automatic rifle, two hand guns, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia. These discoveries led to the arrest of three Wadesboro men, Shaquille Polk, Dallas Leak and Johnathan Hinson. The three were placed in Anson County Jail.



Shaquille Polk



Dallas Leak



Johnathan Hinson

Polk, 21, of 1617 Bethel Road in Wadesboro, was charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, and Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver. His bond was set at \$13,500.

Leak, 22, of 708 White Store Road in Wadesboro, was charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, and Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver. His bond was set at \$13,500.

Hinson, 23, of Sunshine Mobile Home Park in Wadesboro, was charged with Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Marijuana, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$4,000.

## Two Monroe Women Busted for Meth

Deputies were called to a drug area in the northern part of Anson County by some concerned and observant citizens to check out a suspicious vehicle sitting on the side of the road. The citizens were able to give a good description of the vehicle, and the responding deputy located it without delay.

Deputies conducted an investigation as to why the vehicle was in the area. They received consent from the driver and passenger to search the vehicle, and subsequently located items used for the manufacturing of Methamphetamine. Both occupants were arrested and charged with possession of Meth precursors.

Crystal Dellinger and Amber Medlin, both of Monroe, were transported to the Anson County Sheriff's Office. Officers located a small bag of Methamphetamine stuffed in the seat of the patrol car Dellinger was transported in, resulting in her being charged with Possession Of Methamphetamine.

Dellinger was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$25,000 secured bond for her charges. Medlin was placed in jail under a \$2,500 secured bond. Both have their first court appearance set for June 16 in Anson County District court.

Sheriff Landric Reid said, "I would like to take the time to thank the citizens involved in this situation and many others for accepting and helping build my Community Policing Initiative. Remember that through your dedicated support, we together working toward a common goal can make Anson County a safer place for everyone."

## National Homeownership Month Celebrates An Important Asset

### N.C. Housing Finance Agency Offers a Program to Make That First Home Affordable

For North Carolinians aspiring to own a home of their own, this June's National Homeownership Month offers a unique window of opportunity. New housing starts, despite an up-and-down-market in recent months, are at their highest levels since the beginning of the Great Recession in 2008 while interest rates remain near all-time lows. Even better, North Carolina has resources to make home ownership attainable for moderate- and lower-income buyers.

But market conditions are already beginning to shift. A shortage of existing homes for sale has sparked a rise in median home prices to levels not seen since 2006, according to the National Association of Realtors. Interest rates are also expected to begin to inch up sometime late this year or next. These important trends – coupled with great mortgage and down payment resources – make the next few months an exceptionally good time to buy a home in North Carolina for people who are ready – financially and mentally – to take the big step.

The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency's N.C. Home Advantage Mortgage paves an affordable route to home ownership for moderate- and lower-income buyers with down payment help, up to 5 percent of the loan, and a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage.

The down payment assistance is a zero-interest deferred loan that is forgivable if the homeowner keeps the home for 15 years. It is available for first-time and move-up buyers with incomes up to \$85,000 and reduces their up-front costs and monthly payments.

First-time buyers (defined as those who have not owned a home for the past three years) and veterans can also qualify for a Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) that reduces their federal income tax liability, providing additional take-home pay for the monthly mortgage bill.

Qualifying buyers will be able to claim up to 50 percent of the interest for a new home (never occupied) – up to \$2,000 for every year lived in the home – as a tax credit on their federal income taxes. Buyers must meet certain income limits (ranging from \$60,000 to \$85,000, depending on county and size of family) and can only use an MCC for homes valued up to \$240,000.

MCCs can be combined with the N.C. Home Advantage Mortgage™ – increasing the savings on a new home – as well as with any other qualifying lender mortgage program, including some adjustable rate mortgages.

For a list of lenders offering the N.C. Home Advantage Mortgage and income limits by county, go to [www.nchfa.com](http://www.nchfa.com). For more information about the N.C. Home Advantage Mortgage, go to [www.nchfa.com](http://www.nchfa.com) or call 866-257-6397.

The N.C. Housing Finance Agency, a self-supporting public agency, has financed more than 231,000 affordable homes and apartments statewide since its creation in 1973. Learn more about the N.C. Housing Finance Agency at [www.nchfa.com](http://www.nchfa.com).



## FFA Banquet Held at Anson High School

On Friday, May 22 The Anson FFA Chapter Banquet was held at Anson High School. After completing a range of requirements members were awarded the Greenhand Degree.

Recipients include: Jessica Fowler-President, Alexis Pafford-Vice President, Rebecca Simpson-Secretary, Thomas Fowler-Sentinel, Treet Robinson-Reporter, Austin Germany-Treasurer, and Malik Howard.

Jessica Fowler also was awarded the Chapter FFA Degree.

Community members, donors, parents and school personnel also attended the meeting to celebrate student success. This was the first banquet held with the Anson FFA Chapter in a few years, and they hope to continue to grow as an organization.

Pictured here are, from left, front row: Alexis Pafford, Thomas Fowler, and Malik Howard. Middle row: Jessica Fowler, Austin Germany, Rebecca Simpson, Treet Robinson and Advisor Jamie Hite. Back row: CTE Director Steve Dutton and Superintendent Michael Freeman.

## Scouting Activities for the Summer

This is a release from the NC Scouting Council: Here are scouting events coming up for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. If your son is not a scout, no problem! Visit [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org) or call Chris Ratliff at 919-441-7143 to enroll your son into scouting. Registration into scouting is only \$2 per month to become part of the world's largest youth organization with over 100 years of experience. For more information visit [www.centralnccouncilbsa.com](http://www.centralnccouncilbsa.com).

• **Cub Scout Day Camp** This year we have a fantastic day camp program planned as we Take Flight and offer great summertime activities like archery, bb, crafts and much more. We would love to have your son join us. Registration will include a week of fun, t-shirt, event patch and insurance. You will need to provide a bag lunch for each day. It's not too late to make plans to Take Flight this summer! Dates: June 8 - 12, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Anson New Tech High School. Cost is \$35. Contact Chris Sanford at 704-242-3345 or [sanfordsays2@aol.com](mailto:sanfordsays2@aol.com).

• **Cub Scout "Sneak in Weekend"** This is the perfect way for your family to enjoy a weekend camping experience. Join us Saturday morning, July 11 for an overnight event at Camp John J. Barnhardt. All tents and meals are included for the low price of \$30 per scout and one adult. Each additional person is \$15. This event is open to all Cub Scouts and their families.

• **Webelos Adventure Resident Camp** Enjoy four days of summer camp fun at Camp John J. Barnhardt. There will be campfires, flight school, games and loads of fun! Meals will be provided in the air conditioned dining hall. Sleeping will be in the platform tents with 2 cots per tent. Cost is \$135 per scout and \$75 per leader / adult. Dates are June 25 - 28. Webelos camp is for boys who will be in the 4th or 5th grade next school year.

• **Boy Scouth Summer Camp** Enjoy seven days of summer camp at Camp John J. Barnhardt filled with fun and exciting events celebrating "Barnhardt Heros." All activities and meals are included for only \$210 per week. Camp runs during June and July. Summer camp programs are for boys who will be in the 6th grade next school year or who are 11 years old.

## Anson County Farmers Market Opens June 13

Everyone is invited to come out on Saturday, June 13 for the opening of the Anson County Farmers Market. Gates open at 7:30 a.m. The market will continue to operate on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. until October 31.

The Farmers Market is located on Highway 52 South beside Wadesboro Primary School, across from Coffing Hoist.

## Bach's Lunch Brings Lunchtime Entertainment

Break out of your lunch rut and enjoy the talents of local entertainers. What a deal! The Anson County Arts Council's popular summer Bach's Lunch series will kick off on Wednesday, June 17, from noon to 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, located at 208 South Greene Street in Wadesboro.

The June 17 Bach's Lunch will feature entertainment by Matt Bailey on keyboard, Imari Scarbrough on violin and Barbara Webb on flute. Lunch will be chicken salad on a croissant, potato salad, tomato, pickle, tea and a homemade dessert.

The July 15 Bach's Lunch will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the filming of the movie *The Color Purple* in Anson County with a special menu and music from the movie.

On August 19, the Chris Stinson family and friends will entertain.

Tickets are \$10, or \$25 for all three monthly lunches if purchased in June. They are available at the Anson County Arts Council (704-694-4950), Lacy's in Wadesboro and from any ACAC board member. Takeouts are available. Please purchase your ticket(s) in advance if at all possible.

## Legal Aid Workshop at Grace Senior Center

Come learn more about wills, powers of attorney, health advanced directives and Medicaid planning with Shazia Keller of Legal Aid of North Carolina. Legal Aid is a non-profit law firm providing free legal advice, simple wills, powers of attorney and health advanced directives to Anson County seniors.

This session will cover common concerns like signing powers of attorney that are downloaded from the internet, probate procedures and fees, deeding homes to family members, Medicaid transfer of assets penalties, etc. The session will be on Tuesday, June 23 at 1 p.m. at the Grace Senior Center. Persons interested should call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information.

## Introduction to Pickleball for Ages 50 & Up

Anson County Parks and Recreation will be offering Introduction to Pickleball on Wednesday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Little Park in Wadesboro on the new tennis courts. This is for seniors ages 50 and up.

For more information and to register for the class contact Jeff Waisner at 704-695-2550 or Wendell Small at 704-695-2782.

## Girl Scouts Financial Literacy Day Camp

A Girl Scouts Financial Literacy Day Camp will be hosted at the First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro June 10-12. This is a free camp that is open to all girls, grades K-6th. The goal of the camp is to empower girls in their decision-making skills and to help them learn the value of money. This camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with breakfast, lunch and snacks provided at no cost.

If anyone is interested please contact Melisa Tate at [mtate@hngirlscouts.org](mailto:mtate@hngirlscouts.org) or at 704-731-6548. There are currently 30 more spots available. The deadline for registration has been extended until June 5.

## Zimmer Friends Meet Friday

The Zimmer Friends group meeting will take place this Friday, June 5 at 6 p.m. at Bojangles in Wadesboro. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Huge Yard Sale at BRLC Saturday

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center will hold a giant yard sale with lots of new and used items this Saturday, June 6, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be items inside and outside. They will have free coffee, juice and doughnuts too! All proceeds from the sale and any donations go to support the BRLC's many programs that benefit all Ansonians.

BRLC is located on Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.

## 50+ Club Meeting Gary Gilmore Music

Hampton B. Allen Library's 50+ club will meet on Monday, June 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. Gary Gilmore will be doing a program of country, country rock and oldies. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy the music.