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Anson County Welcomes New Business, USB Recycling

Electronic waste recycler purchases former Anson Shirt building in Wadesboro

David Zhen has chosen Anson County for the location of his electronics recycling business called USB Recycling. USB Recycling, a division of a company located in Tianjin, China, will begin with a workforce of about 15, with plans to expand to 45 employees over several years. Zhen has purchased the building that formerly housed Anson Shirt Company, off Highway 52 South in Wadesboro. USB Recycling buys electronic waste such as old computers, cell phones and televisions and salvages the usable parts. They purchase from industry, educational institutions and other sources. Plans call for a target of opening this summer after a significant renovation of the facility.

Wadesboro Man Caught in Gunshot Crossfire, Killed on June 6

Wallace Sturdivant, grandfather and Army veteran, was innocent victim of gun violence



Wallace Sturdivant

Wadesboro Police are investigating a shooting that took the life of an innocent bystander and critically wounded another man on Tuesday, June 6 at about 10 p.m. Wallace Sturdivant, 60, of Wadesboro was killed. The wounded man has not been identified. The shooting took place across the street from Wadesboro Discount Grocery on Salisbury Street in Wadesboro.

According to witnesses, two people attempted to shoot a man in his 20's coming out of the grocery store. The man ran across Salisbury Street where Sturdivant and a friend were located, and a stray bullet killed Sturdivant during the hail of gunfire. Sturdivant's friend was also shot and was in critical condition.

Sturdivant had two daughters and four grandchildren. His family said he walked with a cane and was battling kidney failure.

Anaerobic Digester and Electric Generation Facility Information and Listening Session on June 20

The Anson County Economic Development Partnership will host an Information and Listening Session on the Anaerobic Digester and Electric Generation facility proposed for Anson County. It will be held on Tuesday, June 20, from 6 until 7 p.m. in the Preston A. Burns Conference Room at the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, located at 107-A East Wade Street in Wadesboro. This meeting is open to the public, and anyone with an interest in learning more about or commenting on this project is encouraged to attend. Light snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to ansonchamber@windstream.net or call 704-694-9513.

Special Meeting/Public Hearing for Town of Wadesboro Set for June 20

A special meeting of the Town of Wadesboro Town Council has been set for Tuesday, June 20 at 5 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget
- Potential discussion and adoption of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget
- Potential purchase of fire truck and related budget amendments
- Sewer rehabilitation grant capital project

The meeting will be held in the Town of Wadesboro conference room.

Medicare Seminar for those New to Medicare to be Held On June 20

Also, information on the Extra Help subsidy for prescription drugs for those with limited incomes

A 'Welcome to Medicare' and Extra Help Low Income Subsidy seminar will be held at Grace Senior Center on Tuesday, June 20, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. People who are new to Medicare will be able to receive vital information about coverage and delivery options, including supplemental health insurance.

Medicare beneficiaries who have limited incomes and assets may be eligible for Extra Help to pay for their prescription drugs. The federal Low Income Subsidy (LIS) program, also known as Extra Help, assists qualified Medicare beneficiaries with out of pocket expenses associated with Medicare Part D prescription drugs.

Those individuals on the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Medicare Part D) will receive vital information as to their eligibility for a reduction in the cost of their monthly premium and the cost of their drugs.

If you are interested in attending call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information.

Scam Forum to be Held at Grace Senior Center this Thursday

A Lunch and Learn "Scam Forum" will be held at Grace Senior Center on Thursday, June 15, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30p.m. Anson County Sheriff Landric Reid and Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer will conduct the forum. They will focus on scams that plague the elderly and the measures to take in certain situations.

If you are interested, please call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information. Space is limited.

Anson County Schools Honor Graduates 2017



Anson Schools Held Commencement for Graduating Seniors June 10

Anson County Schools held commencement for graduating seniors from Anson County Early College, Anson New Technology High School, Anson Academy and Anson High School. The event was held at the Anson High School Football Stadium on Saturday, June 10 at 8:30 a.m.

Pictured are all honor graduates from the class of 2017. **From Anson County Early College are** Jordan Lynn Flake, John Tyler Greene, Kellie Sue Knight, Aaliyah Breana Parson, Katelyn Nicole Stovall and Ashley Lynn Teal. **From Anson New Tech are** Tyler David Baucom, Christopher Wayne Kelly and Jessica Ellen Wiersum. **From Anson High School are** Emily Milchaila Bennett, Ragien Antwionette Bright, Shikita Ja'Quay Buchanan, Enrique Nassen Burns, Kaitlyn Daizyah Carelock, Marquez Tyrese Davis, Elizabeth Rose Delp, Sha'Varrick Denitra Ye'Shana Dunlap-David, Darian Shane Gayton, Jared Michael Griffith, Shirleen Nicole Hall, Qadeer Hassan, Madison Simone Leak, Jasmine Alisha Lindsey, Whitney Tatyana Little, Destinee Nicole Miller, Jonathan Demetrius Polk, Jalen Andreas Powe, Myasya Krystyonna Richardson and Alexandria Joanna Tillman.

See more photos in our annual Graduation Special in next weeks Express.

Photo by Robbie James

4th of July Event in Uptown Wadesboro on Friday, June 30

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. will be hosting a 4th of July event on Friday, June 30, starting at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to come. The event will feature music, fireworks and food, as well as games. It will be held in the Plank Road parking lot on the corner of Washington and Wade Streets.

5 Key Tips to Prepare for Hurricane Season

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey wants to remind all North Carolinians to be prepared for the 2017 hurricane season, which began June 1 and ends November 30. "Hurricane Season has officially started and it is of paramount importance that every North Carolinian is prepared for every possible storm that may hit," said Causey. "If you take the time to prepare now, you could save yourself a lot of heartache and trouble later."

Here are five things that will help you prepare:

- 1) Make sure you have adequate insurance coverage. Know exactly what your insurance policy does and does not cover. Homeowners policies do not cover flooding; you can only purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program. However, there is typically a 30-day waiting period before flood policies take effect, so don't wait until a storm is approaching to purchase coverage. If you live in a rental property, your landlord's insurance only covers the building. None of your personal belongings are insured unless you purchase your own renter's policy.
- 2) Compile important documents. Gather important paperwork, including insurance policies, medical records, prescriptions, etc. Be prepared to bring copies with you if you are forced to evacuate your home.
- 3) Create a home inventory. Go room to room in your home and write down the brand name, description, estimated value and date of purchase of items in your home. It is also helpful to compile receipts, appraisal documents and serial numbers. Take videos or photographs of your belongings. Store your home inventory and related documents in a safe, easily-accessible place online, on your smartphone, on your computer or in a fire-proof box or safe deposit box.
- 4) Identify potential hazards around your home. Hanging tree branches, loose shingles, patio furniture and other outdoor objects can cause damage or injuries in a storm. Make repairs or secure large objects to reduce the threat.
- 5) Review contact information. Make sure you have up-to-date contact information for your insurance agent and insurance company, and make sure they have accurate contact information to reach you.

Learn more about preparing for a hurricane or disaster at www.nchurriclaims.com or by calling the N.C. Department of Insurance at 855-408-1212.

ACT to Prevent Tragedies in Hot Cars

During this heat wave, North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey and Safe Kids North Carolina are reminding people of the dangers of leaving children in cars. According to Safe Kids USA, 11 children have died of heatstroke in vehicles so far in 2017 and three children died in North Carolina in 2016.

"Never leave a child alone in a car, even for a short amount of time. And if you see a child alone in a vehicle, call 911 immediately," said Causey, state chair of Safe Kids North Carolina. "One child's death is one too many, so I'm asking all parents and caregivers to take a few simple steps to prevent an avoidable tragedy."

The danger of vehicular hyperthermia in children in North Carolina spreads from February through November due to the subtropical climate. Hyperthermia can occur even on days with mild 70-degree temperatures. The temperature in a closed vehicle can reach over 180 degrees (www.noheatstroke.org) and rise about 20 degrees in 10 minutes and nearly 30 degrees in 20 minutes. Cracking a window has little effect.

Parents and caregivers can cut down on the number of hyperthermia deaths and near misses by remembering to ACT:

- A:** Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. Make sure to keep your car locked when you're not in it so kids don't get in on their own.
- C:** Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child that you need at your final destination, such as a briefcase, a purse or a cell phone. This is especially important if you're not following your normal routine. Many child heat stroke deaths occur because parents and caregivers become distracted and exit their vehicle without their child.
- T:** Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.

Safe Kids North Carolina reaches out to parents, caregivers and children in 71 counties served by 46 coalitions across the state. For more safety tips and information about Safe Kids North Carolina, visit www.ncsafekids.org.

Uptown Wadesboro Farmers Market Begins Thursday

The Uptown Wadesboro Farmers Market will begin June 15 at 4 p.m. and run every Thursday on the Town Square through the end of September. All vegetable, fruit, baked goods as well as arts and crafts vendors who wish to participate should contact Uptown Wadesboro at (704) 695-1644.

For further information call Uptown Wadesboro or email uptownwadesboro@windstream.net.

Anson County Farmers Market Opens Saturday

It is time again to purchase locally grown vegetables and other items at the Anson County Farmers Market. The Farmers Market will open for the season on Saturday, June 17. The market will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays through October 28.

The hours are 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Farmers Market is located 1736 Highway 52 South in Wadesboro, just past Wadesboro Primary School. For more information contact Francis Campbell at 704-690-0638.

Anson Parks & Rec Offers Free Summer Movies

Anson County Parks & Recreation is offering free movies every Monday starting June 19 and running through July 31. (There is no movie on July 3.) The movies are screened at the Hampton B. Allen Library at 1:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre. These movies are for youth, ages 10 to 14.

Here is the movie lineup:

- June 19 *The Incredible Mr. Limpet*
- June 26 *8 Below*
- July 10 *The Shaggy Dog*
- July 17 *Snow Days*
- July 24 *Nanny McPhee*
- July 31 *Rudy*

For more information call Wendell Small at 704-695-2782.

Discover Your Inner Artist and Paint Your Pet

Discover your inner artist on Thursday, June 22 at the Painting Your Pet art class. The class will be held at the Cheraw Community Center from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Participants will bring an 8 x 10 photo of their pet, printed on regular copy paper. All other supplies will be provided for oil or acrylic 8 x 10 painting. The cost is \$30.

The instructor is Beth Maier. Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843-537-8420 x 12 for information and to register.