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Peachland Man Fatally Shot by Law Enforcement

Bobby Rex Horne suffered from Alzheimer's, threatened deputy with a rifle. Family statement says they do not blame officers involved.

On Friday, July 15 Peachland resident Bobby Rex Horne, 63, was shot and killed by an Anson County Sheriff's deputy after he pointed a rifle at the deputy. The incident started after a call to EMS for medical assistance for Horne, who reportedly has suffered from Alzheimer's for several years.

According to the NC State Bureau of Investigation, Bobby Horne's encounter with law enforcement began when Anson County 911 was contacted by Horne's daughter regarding Bobby Horne displaying slurred speech. There was concern that he may have suffered a stroke. Anson 911 then telephoned the Horne residence and spoke with Terina Horne, Bobby's wife, who was with him. EMS was dispatched to the residence.

Upon EMS' arrival, Horne refused to be treated and became combative. Sheriffs Deputy Jonathan Hough and Anson County Lieutenant Timothy Watkins responded to the Horne residence at the request of EMS. Upon Watkins and Hough's arrival, Horne retrieved a 308 Rifle and did not respond to Deputy Hough's commands to drop the weapon as Horne raised the rifle toward Deputy Hough. Hough then fired his service weapon at Horne striking him. At that moment Deputy Watkins grabbed Terina Horne from the porch area and guided her away from the gunfire, shielding her, according to Anson County Sheriff Landric Reid. Bobby Horne was transported to an area hospital where efforts to support his life were unsuccessful. One of the deputies suffered an injury to his arm, but was not shot.

A special team with the SBI called the Officer Involved Shooting Team responded to Horne's residence at 59 Lower White Store Road in Peachland at the request of Sheriff Reid.

Any witnesses are asked to contact the SBI at 704-454-5264.

Horne's family released a statement that said, "Unfortunately, for the last few years he has suffered from Alzheimer's, a horrible disease that robbed him of his mind, but never robbed him of his loving heart. The men and women of law enforcement did the only thing they possibly could have. I would like to tell the officers involved that we in no way blame them for my father's death. This was an unfortunate tragedy and we ask that the media please respect our privacy as we deal with our great loss."

Former Wadesboro Fire Chief Critically Injured During Friday Storm

Eddie Pope, former Wadesboro Fire Chief, was reported in critical condition on Saturday due to a tree falling onto his shop during a major storm in Wadesboro on Friday afternoon, July 15. Pope was in his shop when the tree fell. Wadesboro Fire Chief Marc Sessions stated that the shop was destroyed.

Pope was rushed to Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte by first responders.

Four People Injured During Shooting Sunday

Three individuals were shot and a fourth sustained cuts from broken glass during an incident in the parking lot area of the Myrtlewood Housing Complex in Wadesboro. The incident took place during the late hours of Sunday, July 17.

According to the NC State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) two individuals were involved in some sort of altercation that escalated into both of them shooting at each other. Two of the four individuals involved were listed in critical condition in an area hospital.

The incident was investigated by the Wadesboro Police Department, and the SBI was asked to assist. Investigators were still conducting interviews and processing the scene as of Monday. The investigation is ongoing, and any witnesses are asked to contact the SBI at 704-454-5264.

Raffle for Veterans Memorial Project at Wadesboro Park

The Anson County Veterans Council is constructing a new Veterans Memorial to be located inside the Wadesboro City Park. The memorial will be concrete, with a granite marker that displays the emblems of the five branches of service and flags along with the American flag on a 30 foot pole. The memorial will also have the North Carolina flag and the Anson County flag on each side at 25 feet tall. The memorial will have a box for citizens to discard used American flags. Flags placed inside the box will be collected and disposed of properly.

Work is progressing, and recently sod has been added along with some shrubbery. More shrubbery will be added in the fall. The next project will be the addition of the three flag poles. A new fundraiser has begun for this project, the raffling of a Marlin XT-17 Series rifle. Tickets are \$5 and will be available in the next two weeks.

To learn more about the raffle call Ed Parker at 704-694-6770. To make a contribution, please make checks payable to the Anson County Veterans Council, PO Box 791, Wadesboro, NC 28170. Donations are tax deductible.

Season Tickets are on Sale Now at the Ansonia

The Anson County Arts Council has season tickets for events at the Ansonia Theatre on sale now. You can visit their website at www.ansoniateatre.com and click the Season Ticket Button on the left on the Home page, then click the Season Ticket button and the rest is easy! It will ask you to pick your dates and show you a map of the seats available to choose from. You can either print your tickets at home or choose to pick them up at Will Call at the theatre.

If you need assistance you can call 704-694-4950. Seats are already going fast!



Amani Wall and Capriciuna Neal Win College Scholarship Essay Contest

East Rock Ford Baptist Church held its Ellen Meachem College Scholarship Essay Contest on Sunday, July 10. Pictured here, from left are Sergeant Vance Bennett, Jr. (Anson County Sheriff's Office, a judge), Capriciuna Neal (runner-up), Rev. D. S. Taylor, Amani Wall (first place winner) and Malcolm Sturdivant (judge).

Mobile Food Pantry on August 3

The Mobile Food Pantry will be at Wingate Baptist Church, located at 109 West Elm Street in Wingate, on Wednesday, August 3 at 11 a.m. This is an opportunity for qualified households to receive free groceries.

- Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food.
- Arrive between 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
- If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, contact Anson Crisis Ministry at 704-694-2445 for a recorded message to know if it is cancelled.
- If you have not yet done so, bring proof of your income to register.
- You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

This event is sponsored by Anson Crisis Ministry and local United Methodist and Baptist Churches. Interested in volunteering? Call Pantry Coordinator Rev. Cindy Lunsford at (828) 891-2753.

Stride for Pride Tennis Shoe Drive Begins Another Season

Stride with Pride has begun their 6th annual season of collecting donations of new tennis shoes and/or money used to purchase tennis shoes that will be provided to underprivileged youth of all diversities in Anson County. These shoes are given to youth ranging in age from kindergarten to 12th grade, and all sizes are needed.

Stride with Pride is a joint effort of Sheriff Landric Reid and Patti Poulcott of Judy's Tax Service. Through the generous contributions of our community, last year Stride with Pride was able to give over 350 pairs of tennis shoes out. For 2016 the goal is to put a smile on at least 450 faces. Collections for the upcoming school year will be going on through August 14, but you can contribute at any time during the year.

Sheriff Reid said, "Patti Poulcott and I will be working to collect new shoes and monetary donations from area supporters. We hope that you will consider joining us in this important effort to help a child walk the halls of success this new school year."

Patti Poulcott said, "Through your generosity we can help our youth 'Stride with Pride' this coming school year. Collections are going on now. We hope that you will consider joining us to help our local children."

If you would like to donate you can contact Sheriff Reid at 704-695-7771 or lreid@co.anson.nc.us, or you can contact Patti Poulcott at 704-694-8386 or ppoulcott@carolina.rr.com.

Play Pokemon GO...with Caution!

In just a few days, Pokemon GO has become the most downloaded phone app in the U.S. The app, which uses mapping software to create a virtual reality game, is getting children and adults out and about in their neighborhoods to "catch" the game characters as they pop up on phone screens from various locations.

Although the game can be a blast, the Better Business Bureau is warning players and parents to be aware of some nuances that go with GO.

• **Expenses:** It's possible to play completely cost-free by winning "PokeCoins" (the app's currency) through gameplay, but you can also purchase the coins through an in-app purchase. The longer you play, the more spending money you need to store and "train" your gathered characters. The app also requires constant GPS access, and it uses a lot of data. After playing for hours every day, consumers with limited data plans may find themselves with a hefty bill at the end of the month.

• **Privacy:** In order to play the game, users must allow the app to access other applications, such as maps and camera. Many users sign in with a Google account, and that has caused some concerns about privacy. The Android version of the game only accesses limited data (such as the user's email address), but the iOS version for the iPhone can access all Google data. Niantic, the game's maker, says no personal information has been accessed, and it is issuing a bug fix to correct the problem. Users can create an account through the app itself rather than using an email address to access the game.

• **Malware:** So far, the app is only available in the U.S., Australia and New Zealand, which has given cybercriminals an opportunity to capitalize on the demand. A malware version of the game has been found online; although no known infections have been reported. Users should only download the app through official app stores, not third-party sites.

• **Safety:** Players should use the same safety precautions while playing the game that they would in any other outdoor setting, including caution in strange locations. A Missouri police department reported robbers using a secluded "PokeStop" location to rob unsuspecting game players. Players should be cautious as pedestrians and obey all traffic laws, and drivers should be on the lookout for children who may be distracted by the game. The app also drains phone batteries, so users should be careful not to get stranded far from home.

• **Infringement:** PokeStops are supposed to all be on public property (or cooperative private sites), but at least one homeowner has reported that his historic house is mistakenly a PokeStop. Players should be respectful of others' private property. Future commercial opportunities are anticipated, where stores can offer rare or unique characters to add to the game.

For more information check out bbb.org to look up a business, file a complaint, write a customer review, report a scam, read tips, follow BBB on social media, and more!

Parks and Recreation Fall Sports Registration

Registration for Anson County Parks and Recreation fall sports started on July 1, and the deadline to register is Wednesday, August 31.

They are offering:

- Youth Flag Football for grades K-2; 3-4 and 5-6
- Tee Ball for 4-6 years old
- Coach Pitch Baseball for 7-8 years old
- Micro Soccer for 3-4 years old
- Youth Soccer for grades K-2; 3-4; 5-6; 7-9 and 10-12.

Youth Soccer, Micro Soccer, Tee Ball and Coach Pitch cost \$25. Youth Flag Football is \$30.

You may come to Little Park office to register Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or register on the Parks & Rec website, www.co.anson.nc.us.

For more information contact Jeff Waisner at 704-695-2550, Wendell Small at 704-695-2782 or Morris Gatewood at 704-694-5751.

Wadesboro Lions and Bojangles Share Night

On Monday, July 25 the Wadesboro Lions Club will participate in Bojangles' Share Night. Everyone is asked to support your Wadesboro Lions Club by dining with Bojangles in Wadesboro from 5 to 8 p.m. dining in or at the drive-through. All proceeds will benefit the blind and visually impaired in Wadesboro and Anson County, and 10% of the sales will go to support the Wadesboro Lions Club.

For more information about this event, or to find out more about the Lions Club and becoming a member, please call Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

Free Movie is Miracles from Heaven

The movie *Miracles from Heaven* will be shown in the Pritchett Room of the Hampton B. Allen Library on Monday, July 25 at 10 a.m. This is a free movie. It is based on the incredible true story of the Beam family and the miracle that unfolds with this family that leaves medical specialists mystified, the family restored and their community inspired. The movie is rated PG and everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy this beautiful story.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call the library at 704-694-5177.

BCSWC Board Meets July 26

The Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26 at 10:00 a.m. at the BC-SWCD office located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

For more information call 704-694-3516.

Fall Sports at Anson High School

Anson High School's fall sports begin Monday, August 1. The sports are volleyball, football, boys' soccer and cross country. Students must have a physical.

For more information about particular sports, time, place, etc. call 704-694-9301 ext. 06904.