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## Sherod Davon Hill Charged with Murder of Ella Campbell



Sherod Davon Hill

Sherod Davon Hill, 25, of 1434 Bethel Road in Wadesboro was arrested on Tuesday, July 18 for the murder of Ella Campbell and attempted murder of James Taylor. The shooting took place at a residence on Dogwood Street in Wadesboro on Sunday, July 16 at about 9:30 p.m. Both victims were transported to Carolinas HealthCare System Anson, where Campbell died. Taylor was later transported to Carolinas HealthCare System Main in Charlotte.

Hill has been charged with First Degree Murder, Attempted First Degree Murder, and Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill or Inflict Serious Injury. He is being held in the Anson County Jail with no bond. His court date is set for August 1.

The Wadesboro Police Department is still investigating the case. The NC State Bureau of Investigation is assisting the Wadesboro Police Department with the investigation.

## Carolinas HealthCare System Anson Names Dave Anderson as Administrator



Dave Anderson

Carolinas HealthCare System Anson has selected interim administrator, Dave Anderson, to serve as administrator of Carolinas HealthCare System Anson. Anderson, appointed as interim president in January 2017, has spent the past five months advancing the strategic priorities of Carolinas HealthCare System Anson. "Dave has done an excellent job advancing the strategic priorities of the facility and continuing the System's efforts of improving the health of Anson County residents," said Mike Lutes, president of the Southeast Division of Carolinas HealthCare System.

Anderson has extensive executive experience as he has worked for Carolinas HealthCare System for 26 years. Most recently, he spent the last 17 years as vice president of operations at Carolinas HealthCare System Union.

"Dave will continue to enhance Carolinas HealthCare System Anson's innovative model of care that has been nationally recognized for its unique care delivery design and collaborative community partnerships," said Lutes.

Carolinas HealthCare System Anson's innovative design and operation combines an emergency department and primary care facility within the same complex in order to provide the community with a full-service medical home. Carolinas HealthCare System Anson's goal is to build strong relationships with patients and their families and ensure patients are able to access preventive screenings and exams; prevent and control chronic conditions; and receive support for their overall health and well-being.

**About Carolinas HealthCare System** Carolinas HealthCare System ([carolinashealthcare.org](http://carolinashealthcare.org)), one of the nation's leading and most innovative healthcare organizations, provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness programs throughout North and South Carolina. Its diverse network of care locations includes academic medical centers, hospitals, freestanding emergency departments, physician practices, surgical and rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, nursing homes and behavioral health centers, as well as hospice and palliative care services. Carolinas HealthCare System works to enhance the overall health and wellbeing of its communities through high quality patient care, education and research programs, and numerous collaborative partnerships and initiatives.



## Anson NETworX Celebrates First Graduates

Anson NETworX for Hope honored its first graduating class on July 20. Brenna Kablick and Linda Gaddy received certificates and a cash award for completing a twelve-week course aimed at helping people escape generational poverty.

Becky Dill, who facilitated the classes, shared from the NETworX training manual introduction: "This is not a typical class. It is a small group of people who come together to explore life experiences, learn from each other, and make some decisions about the role each of us will take in creating our future."

Dill said that every week, class members, made of volunteers (Allies) and students (Champions), share one thing new and good in their lives. "We are choosing where to focus our attention and re-route negativity," she said.

Class members learned to recognize obstacles and to set goals that are not only attainable, but sustainable.

Kablick said she was grateful "you all made this happen. It has been my touchstone every week. I was renewed by positive words and support."

"We all shared and put in our two cents," Gaddy said. "We have a better understanding about ourselves and how to establish good habits."

Rev. Dr. Sarah Kalish, who awarded the certificates, said, "We will build on this start."

Kalish also awarded certificates to volunteers Brenda Bennett and Lula Ann Davis for providing meals and kitchen duty, and Sandy Bruney for maintaining the website, [www.ansonnetworxforhope.org](http://www.ansonnetworxforhope.org).

Colorful balloons and a covered dish meal including a decorated sheet cake added to the festivities.

NETworX was founded by Rev. Dr. Alan Rice, executive director of the Rural Faith Development Community Development Corporation (RFD CDC) and is an initiative of RFD CDC.

The next Anson NETworX class will begin August 31. Classes meet at First United Methodist Church on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Childcare, transportation, and meals are provided. Please see the website ([www.ansonnetworxforhope.org](http://www.ansonnetworxforhope.org)) for details; call or text NETworX administrator Rev. Norma Villagrana at 816-351-4232; or email [nvansonnetworx@gmail.com](mailto:nvansonnetworx@gmail.com).

## Solar Power Educational Program this Thursday, July 27

A solar education program is being held that will explain the technology, construction, regulations, and economics of the utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) systems that are increasing across North Carolina. Scheduled for Thursday, July 27, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., this event is being offered through Cooperative Extension and presented by the NC Clean Energy Technology Center, a division of the College of Engineering at NC State University.

The program will take place at the Union County Agricultural Services and Conference Center, located at 3230-D Presson Road in Monroe.

In addition to providing an understanding of the development and operation of these solar electricity generating facilities, attendees will learn about the various impacts of these systems on the community and the environment. Specifically, presenters will address common questions about PV panel toxicity, EMF/radiation, economic impacts, system decommissioning, and more. Presenters will also discuss the characteristics that make a site most suitable for solar and provide an overview of solar land leases.

In addition, an opportunity for attendee questions and answers will be provided after a 50-minute presentation. Tommy Cleveland, Solar PV Engineer, P.E., Advanced Energy and Steve Kalland, Executive Director, NC Clean Energy Technology Center N.C. State University, will lead the program.

North Carolina is experiencing rapid growth in utility scale solar. The Solar Energy Industries Association ranked North Carolina number two in the United States for cumulative installed solar capacity in 2016.

The objectives of the upcoming program are to educate landowners and elected officials, and to answer questions about solar opportunities within the County.

These topics may include: solar basics, environmental health and safety issues, landowner considerations, land use and impacts, local regulatory topics, solar policy, local economic implications, and also non-utility scale solar topics (such as residential, commercial and community solar).

Anyone interested is encouraged to attend, and the public is invited. Those audiences that will especially be interested are local government staff, county administrators, planning and permitting.

To help us plan, please call 704-694-2415 and RSVP by Tuesday, July 25. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m.

## NC Producers Have Until August 1 to Submit FSA County Committee Nominations

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director for North Carolina, Lorraine Dillard today reminded farmers and ranchers that they have until Aug. 1, 2017, to nominate eligible candidates to serve on local FSA county committees.

County committees are made up of farmers and ranchers elected by other producers in their communities to guide the delivery of farm programs at the local level. Committee members play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of FSA. Committees consist of three to 11 members and meet once a month or as needed to make important decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide there are over 7,700 farmer and ranchers serving on FSA county committees.

"The August 1 deadline is quickly approaching," said Dillard. "If you know of a great candidate or want to nominate yourself to serve on your local county committee, go to your county FSA office right now and submit the nomination form. I especially encourage the nomination of beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as women and minorities. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in your county."

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, and reside in the local administrative area where the election is being held. A complete list of eligibility requirements, more information and nomination forms are available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections).

All nominees must sign the nomination form FSA-669A. All nomination forms for the 2017 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA county office by August 1, 2017. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by November 6 and are due back to the local USDA Service Centers on December 4. The newly elected county committee members will take office January 1, 2018.

## Farmers Market Open Wednesdays and Saturdays

It is time again to purchase locally grown vegetables and other items at the Anson County Farmers Market. The market is 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.

## Bingo at Grace Senior Center

Bingo games are held every third Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center at 1 p.m. All seniors are invited to attend for fun and fellowship. There is not cost, but you must be 55 or older to play. For more information or to register to play call the center at 704-694-6616.

## Lots of Summer Reading Activities for Kids this Summer

Summer reading activities are buzzing in uptown Wadesboro thanks to Anson County Partnership for Children and Hampton B. Allen Library. See photo below.

On Friday, July 21 Hampton B. Allen Library and Partnership for Children teamed up for the library's Build A Better World Summer Series. Participants in the program enjoyed a morning of fun which included reading books and building their own race car out of recyclable materials.

Both organizations have enriching summer reading programs for children and families. On Wednesdays at 4 p.m. the Partnership hosts engaging storytime events in the Early Childhood Resource Center to foster learning, imagination and play in young children. The Hampton B. Allen Library presents their summer reading program, Build A Better World Summer Series, on Fridays. Children are invited to the library to participate in story explanation events at 10 a.m. Also, the library offers teen and adult programming on Fridays at 2 p.m. The Partnership will host bilingual *Little Red Hen* storytime on Wednesday, August 2 at 4 p.m. Children will help bring to life the story of the *Little Red Hen* and enjoy free popcorn and juice.

On Wednesday, August 9 at 4 p.m. children are invited to join special guest, Ansonville Elementary science teacher Justin Jones, who will bring science to life with an experiment exploding...for fun! The Partnership will resume normal storytime hours (Wednesdays at 10 a.m.) starting on August 16.

This Friday, July 28 at 10 a.m. the library will have their last summer session. On Friday, August 11 the Build A Better World Big Finale will take place at 2 p.m. with special guest The Science Teller. The last two sessions will include fun giveaways and snacks.

Don't miss out on future events from Anson County Partnership for Children and Hampton B. Library. The Partnership will post upcoming events on their website, [ansonchildren.org](http://ansonchildren.org) and their Facebook page. Keep in touch with Hampton B. Library by dropping in and picking up their event calendar.

## Winter's Over, Do You Have a Coat or Blanket You Would Like to Donate?

The Faith-Based Center of Hope continues their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program throughout the year. They distribute coats and blankets to several of the churches and schools in Anson County as well as directly to those people in need. Now that winter is over, do you have a coat or blanket that you can contribute to this cause?

To donate coats and blankets or to request help, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

## Play with Clay classes

Learn basic clay techniques at Play with Clay classes. Participants will hand build an owl and decorative bowl using pinch pot and slab techniques on July 31 and August 14. The 2 day instruction will be from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Cheraw Community Center. Ages 12 through adult can participate. The registration fee is \$30 which includes all supplies including glazing products.

Call the Cheraw Arts Commission to register and for information at 843.537.8420 x 12.

