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Wadesboro Man Shot and Killed in Chesterfield Sunday Morning

Jefferson "Rex" Rivers of Wadesboro was shot and killed in the early hours of Sunday morning, August 18 after four people entered his nightclub in Chesterfield and began shooting. The suspects fled the scene and were pursued by law enforcement into Anson County. Two suspects were arrested after the vehicle stopped in Polkton and the four occupants fled on foot. The other two suspects escaped, but were arrested later on Sunday.

According to reports, Rivers had broken up a fight inside his recently opened nightclub, the Twisted Rooster, located at 3217 Center Point Road in Chesterfield. He threw out the people involved in the fight. The ejected people returned with guns and began shooting, hitting Rivers and four others. The suspects then fled the scene in a vehicle.

According to information provided by an eyewitness the fight in the club was between a group of people from Polkton and another group from Lancaster, SC, all of whom worked together at Tyson Foods in Marshville. The Polkton group was thrown out of the club and the Lancaster group was allowed to stay. The Polkton group returned with guns, entered the nightclub and began shooting. The eyewitness reported that Rivers was hit in the leg and chest by bullets, and taken to a hospital in Columbia, SC.

Sheriff Tommy Allen said, "Shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday morning, August 18th, Anson County law enforcement officers were notified by the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office of a shooting of five people that had occurred in Chesterfield. A description was given of a possible suspect vehicle that may be heading into Anson County. A Wadesboro Police Officer later spotted this described vehicle off Highway 109 South and attempted to stop it. A car chase ensued and proceeded west toward Polkton on Highway 74." After Anson County Sheriff's Deputies joined the chase the vehicle turned off Highway 74 into Polkton and stopped. The four occupants ran from the scene. "Two suspects were quickly apprehended by officers," Allen continued. "One subject was in possession of a .40 caliber handgun. No other suspects were found following a search of the area."

A third suspect was later apprehended around mid-morning Sunday by Anson County Sheriff's Deputies. A fourth suspect was apprehended by Union County law enforcement on Sunday night, and remains in the Union County Jail.

Chesterfield County Sheriff Robert Lee notified Sheriff Allen around 8 a.m. Sunday morning that Rivers had died. The condition of the other four shooting victims was unknown but not believed to be life threatening.

Rivers had operated a nightclub in Wadesboro called Impressions and a pool hall, Rex's Boom Boom Room.

Bank Robber Nabbed in Anson County

After robbing BB&T Bank in Rockingham on Friday afternoon, August 16, Thomas Presley, 56, of Marshville was chased by Richmond County law enforcement officers into Anson County. The high speed chase ended with Presley's arrest when he crashed into another vehicle, injuring that driver and himself.

According to Sheriff Tommy Allen, at around 4 p.m. on Friday, August 16th his office was notified of a vehicle chase of a bank robbery suspect heading into Anson County. The suspect vehicle was reportedly traveling over 100 miles per hour when it entered Anson County on Highway 74 at the Pee Dee River bridge. Anson County Sheriff's Deputies joined the chase while other officers set up "stop-sticks" near West Wall Street on the east side of Wadesboro. When the stop sticks were deployed, both of Presley's front tires were hit. The vehicle continued west on 74 but at greatly reduced speed.

"After entering the Wadesboro city limits the vehicle pulled into the oncoming traffic and struck a van head on near the Wade Mill area," Sheriff Allen said. "The suspect, Presley, attempted to leave the scene but was quickly taken into custody by Sheriff's Deputies. An undisclosed amount of money was recovered from the suspect's vehicle."

Presley was taken from the scene to the Anson Community Hospital and later transferred to CMC-Main in Charlotte, but still in the custody of the Rockingham Police Department. The victim in the other car was identified as Sylverna Wall. She was treated and released from the Anson Community Hospital.

Police said Presley robbed the bank on Rockingham Road by threatening employees with a possible explosive device. Police and the FBI are investigating the robbery. Investigators have said the robbery may be connected with a bomb threat at Wal-Mart in Rockingham on Friday morning.

Shonda Forte Hall Busted for Dealing Drugs

On Wednesday, August 14 officers with the Wadesboro Police Department executed a narcotics search warrant at 103 Dora Street. Shonda Forte Hall was arrested and charged with multiple drug related offenses. The search warrant was a culmination of a several month long investigation of illegal drug sales by individuals at this residence. Officers seized a quantity of cocaine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, US Currency and untaxed liquor from inside the residence.

This was the fifth search warrant executed at this residence since 2001.

"The Wadesboro Police Department is committed to the fight against drugs," said Captain Brandon Chewning. "We will continue disrupting their illegal activities as long as individuals continue selling drugs from this residence."

Hall, 30, of the residence, was charged with Felony Poss. Sch II (Cocaine); PWISMD Sch. II (Cocaine); PWISMD Sch. VI (Marijuana); Felony Maintain Dwelling for Controlled Substance; Possession Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of untaxed paid liquor; and Resist, Delay, and Obstruct. Her bond was set at \$65,000.00 and the court date is set for September 3, 2013.

Harvest Ministries to Host School Supplies Giveaway Saturday

Harvest Ministries Outreach Center in Wadesboro invites Anson students and their families to attend their School Supply Give-A-Way this Saturday, August 24 beginning at 1 p.m. This event will be held in the parking lot of HMOC, located behind Pizza Hut and McDonalds.

They will be giving away notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, paper, glue, bookbags and many more school supplies. Adults will have a chance to win cash prizes, gift cards and more! There will be free groceries and popcorn too.

For more details contact HMOC at 704-695-2879. If you would like to help by donating school supplies or money to purchase supplies, please contact HMOC by calling or visit www.harvestmin.com.



Deep Springs School Students in the Early 20th Century

Pictured here are the students of Deep Springs School around 1898-1910. The one room school was located near Peachland, across the street from Deep Springs Baptist Church, which is located at 1908 Deep Springs Church Road.

Both the school and the church were named for a nearby spring that never went dry. Deep Springs School also had a nickname, Toad Hill. Several students in this photo are buried in the Deep Springs Baptist Church's cemetery.

A bit of history of Peachland: Originally, the community was known as Mulcahy. In 1888 community fathers gathered to discuss renaming the unincorporated town Fruitland. It is not known who suggested the name Peachland - to represent the natural beauty of Pad Gray's peach orchard that was located south of the town - but the name met the approval of town leaders.

Here are the names of the students with information, as labeled on the back of the photograph. They are named left to right.

First row: Buna Newton; Clemon Newton [Clayton Newton]; Lela Davis [b.July 14, 1895]; Etta Davis [b.Oct 1900]; Dora Newton; Mamie Stegall, George Newton [b.Sept. 20, 1901]; Ernest Davis; Turner Wright; ?; Ernest King [b.Oct. 1894, per 1900 census, a son of James Martin King and Heallon (Helen?) Mercia Beachum (1874-1930). Married to Virgie, and living in Monroe with three children, Clyde, Floyd and Dorothy, per 1920 census.]; Gus High; Jesse Luther Caudle [b.Jun 7, 1898-d.Apr 14, 1917, s/o George Brewer Caudle and Serena Margaret Mullis]; and Susie Griffin.

Second row: Jes/Jus? Carpenter; Henry Davis; Jeffrey Alfred Caudle [b.Dec 11, 1894-d.Dec 22, 1967]; Bertha King; Fannie Jackson [b.Jan 1899, d/o James R. Jackson and Mary C. Davis]; Connie Jackson [b.May 1897, d/o James R. Jackson and Mary C. Davis]; Madge Baucom; Effie Wright; Effie Baucom; Bula High [d/o John D. "Jack" High and Louvina A. Caudle]; Ollie Helms [b.1892, d/o of Wade Hampton Helms & Ida Adeline Bowers]; Rev. Zebulon Alexander Caudle [b.Apr 9, 1893-d.May 24, 1967, s/o Wiley A. Caudle and Wincy Pamela Mask]; George Diggs [b.Oct 5, 1893-d.Jul 15, 1937, s/o William Cannie Diggs and Martha Ellen Caudle]; Sandy Caudle [b.Jun 1894, s/o George Brewer Caudle and Serena Margaret Mullis]; Oda Wright [b.Dec. 1896, per 1900 census, a daughter of Sarah Isabelle Beachum (1859-1931) and Martin William Wright]; Faye Helms [Dora Faye Helms, b.2-8-1896, d/o of Wade Hampton Helms & Ida Adeline Bowers]; Ray Carpenter; Joseph William Caudle [b.July 31, 1897-d.Nov 11, 1974, s/o Miles Washington "Babe" Caudle and Louisa Clementine Beacham. Married Georgia Wright]; and John Carpenter.

Third row: Ethel Helms [b.4-22-1898, d/o of Wade Hampton Helms & Ida Adeline Bowers]; Josephine Stegall; Viola King. [Fannie Viola King, b. Feb. 1900, per 1900 census, a daughter of James Martin King and Heallon (Helen?) Mercia Beachum (1874-1930)]; Floyd Stegall; Stella Baucom; Ila Maness; Ora Caudle; Lessie Wright [b.April 1889, per 1900 census, a daughter of Sarah Isabelle Beachum (1859-1931) and Martin William Wright]; Mamie Caudle [b.Nov 1890, d/o Wiley A. Caudle and Wincy Pamela Mask]; Bessie Caudle [b.May 18, 1889-d.Sep 28, 1982, d/o George Brewer Caudle & Serena Margaret Mullis, md. Jack B. Horne]; Anna Hildreth; Mollie High; Novella Caudle [b.Jul 22, 1888-d.May 16, 1970, d/o Wiley A. Caudle and Wincy Pamela Mask]; Miss Annie Mitchel, teacher; Gracie Wright; Lizzie Davis; Aston? Davis; and Lissie Davis.

Fourth row: Mary Jane King [b.March 1892, per 1900 census, a daughter of James Martin King and Heallon (Helen?) Mercia Beachum (1874-1930).]; Bessie Griffin; Minnie Stegall; Letha Newton; Bertha Baucom; Elfreda Newton; ?; Blanch Newton; Maud Baucom; Kizzie Caudle [Kizzie Myra Caudle b.Feb 6, 1892, d.Oct. 7, 1983, d/o Miles Washington "Babe" Caudle and Louisa Clementine Beacham. Married Robert Ray Carpenter (1894-1974) on Dec. 9, 1915.]; Ellen Davis; Cleon? Stegall; Annie High; Lona/Lora? Carpenter; and Minnie Carpenter [born March 9, 1886-died Aug. 8 1959].

Fifth row: Plyde Wright; Arthur Wright [b.Nov. 1891, per 1900 census, a son of Sarah Isabelle Beachum (1859-1931) and Martin William Wright.]; Tom Carpenter; Clayton Jackson [b.Aug 29, 1890, md. Sarah German, s/o Wiley Thomas Jackson]; Oscar Helms [b.1888, s/o of Wade Hampton Helms & Ida Adeline Bowers]; Rhumillar Caudle [Was his actual name Romulous Free Caudle? b.Apr 10, 1890-d.Jun 9, 1935, d/o Miles Washington "Babe" Caudle and Louisa Clementine Beacham. He married Gracie Ruth Griffin (1894-1973) on Dec. 24, 1911.]; Walter Davis [b.August 4, 1884-d.February 9, 1950, s/o Calvin and Rosa Davis]; Algia Phifer; George High; James Thomas "Tom" Diggs [b.1883-d.1974, s/o William Cannie Diggs and Martha Ellen Caudle]; Pleas Davis; Devotion Davis; William Cleveland "Key" Diggs [b.1885-d.1960, s/o William Cannie Diggs and Martha Ellen Caudle]; Talmadge Jackson [s/o Louisa M. Jackson]; Andrew Apsalom Diggs [b.Jan 16, 1888-d.Aug 2, 1958, s/o William Cannie Diggs and Martha Ellen Caudle]; Wilburn Caudle [Wilburn Clayton Caudle, b.Sept 9, 1888-d.Aug 3, 1940, s/o Miles Washington "Babe" Caudle and Louisa Clementine Beacham. He married 1st. Mary Potter, 2nd Glennie Sinclair.]; Clyde Helms [b.1889, s/o of Wade Hampton Helms & Ida Adeline Bowers]; and Tom Davis.

Wadesboro IGA's Hometown Fest is Saturday

Wadesboro IGA will hold their annual IGA Hometown Fest in-store event this Saturday, August 24. During the event timeframe shoppers can visit the www.WadesboroIGA.com website to enter to win one of 3 national Grand Prizes in the IGA Hometown Fest Sweepstakes.

Each Grand Prize package includes:

- \$1,000 in cash!
- The ability to select a community program to receive a \$2,000 donation made by IGA on behalf of the winner and the winner's local IGA retailer.

"We're pleased to have the opportunity once again to bring IGA Hometown Fest to Anson County," store owner Chris Sanford said. "We have some exciting events planned to celebrate our community and the people in it, and we hope everyone will join us here at Wadesboro IGA to take part in the fun. Once again there will be inflatables, water slides and prize drawings. The outdoor event will fun from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a chair and a towel and join us for a fun-filled day!"

Wadesboro IGA is located at 805 Camden Road in Wadesboro. It is owned and operated by Robin and Chris Sanford. The telephone number is 704-694-5937.

AHS Parent University Meets

Anson High School Parent University will meet Saturday, August 24 in the AHS Media Center, from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Topics covered will be:

- Make Your Day • Creating a Goal Plan to Ensure My Child Goes to College • Healthy Eating is Brain Food • Algebra Rocks!

For additional information and to RSVP contact Dannie Montgomery, Parent-Community Outreach Coordinator in the AHS Parent Resource Center (PRC) at 704-694-7485 or montgomery.d@ansonschools.org.

White Family Named March of Dimes Ambassador Family

The Greater Piedmont Division of March of Dimes proudly announced Luke White, 13 months old, and his parents, Lenelle and Joel White, as their 2013 Anson County March for Babies Ambassadors.

The Whites started trying for a family in November of 2012 and discovered they were pregnant two months later. "I had a really good pregnancy," said Lenelle. "My check ups were always great and the pregnancy was as uneventful as a pregnancy could be." While on a weekend getaway to the beach, though, Lenelle's feet began to swell and she began to feel sick on Sunday. Shortly after returning home from the trip Lenelle's water broke late that night, she was 31 1/2 weeks gestation.

Doctors were able to temporarily stop Lenelle's contractions for two days. Then, early on the third day, July 3, 2012, Julian Luke White was born. Luke weighed 4 pounds and was 17 inches long. He went on to spend two weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) due to apnea and jaundice. He spent an additional three and half weeks in progressive care.

Lenelle recounts being discharged while Luke was still in the NICU. "You don't ever plan to go into the hospital pregnant and not be able to take your baby with you when you leave," she stated. "It's like leaving a part of yourself there, it's unreal."

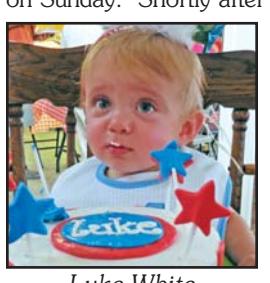
Luke is currently a thriving and healthy little boy. "He is a huge ball of curious energy and gets into everything," said Lenelle. "If I had to find one word to describe him, I'd say, happy."

Lenelle says she and Joel's next goal is getting Luke walking over the next couple of months, "A goal we welcome with open arms," she stated.

As Ambassadors the family will speak at local and regional meetings, explaining how the March of Dimes has benefited them and encouraging others to join the cause. The March of Dimes walk is November 16 at Anson High School. More information is available at marchforbabies.org.

"Just because children come early, doesn't mean they're broken," said Lenelle. "They just have to fight a little harder - preemies are fighters."

In 2013 the March of Dimes celebrates its 75th Anniversary and its ongoing work to help babies get a healthy start in life. Early research led to the Salk and Sabin polio vaccines that all babies still receive. Other breakthroughs include new treatments for premature infants and children with birth defects. About 4 million babies are born each year in the United States, and all have benefitted from March of Dimes lifesaving research and education.



Luke White

Board of Education Meets August 26

The Anson County Board of Education will meet in regular session on Monday, August 26 at the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Open Session for the public will begin at 6:30 p.m.

McFarlan Board of Commissioners to Meet Sep. 9

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the Town of McFarlan Board of Commissioners meeting will be held on Monday, September 9. The meeting will take place in the McFarlan Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Democratic Party Monthly Meeting is Thursday

The Anson County Democratic Party will hold their regular monthly meeting this Thursday, August 22 at 6 p.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library. All elected officials and candidates for the 2013 November Election, as well as candidates who plan to run in 2014 Election are asked to be present. All precinct leaders, poll workers and concerned citizens are invited to attend. They will also finalize the Democratic Blue and White Gala Banquet to be held in September. For more information please contact Vancine Sturdivant 704 848-4412.

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