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Four Charged with Attempted Murder

Four men, Devon Smith, 16, Shiheem Robinson, 17, Brandon Hough, 26, and Joseph Liles, 21, have been arrested and charged with Attempted First Degree Murder by the Wadesboro Police Department. The victim, John Edward Kirby of 405 Threadgill Street in Wadesboro, sustained injuries about the head and is receiving medical treatment at CMC-Charlotte.

According to a release from the Wadesboro Police Department, officers were dispatched to Kirby's house on Tuesday, September 18 at 2 p.m. in response to a robbery call. Upon their arrival at the scene, officers found that Kirby had been robbed and assaulted with an unknown object. Because of his extensive injuries Kirby was flown by helicopter to CMC-Charlotte. As a result of their investigation WPD Officers arrested Smith, Robinson, Hough and Liles.

The four men were charged with Attempted First Degree Murder, Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon, and Conspiracy to Commit Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon. All four are in the Anson County Jail. Smith and Robinson were placed under \$400,000 bonds, Liles is under a \$225,000 bond, and Hough is under a \$200,000 bond. Their court date is set for October 9.

Operation Medicine Drop is Saturday

An opportunity to safely dispose of old medicines

The Anson County Sheriff's Office in partnership with Anson County Safe Kids and the Wadesboro Police Department will hold its fifth "Operation Medicine Drop" this Saturday, September 29th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Anson Station Shopping Center, next to Food Lion. The purpose of this program is to encourage individuals to turn in their old medicines that are no longer needed or out of date and provide a safe and secure method for disposing of them.

The Sheriff's Office conducted its first Operation Medicine Drop in 2010. Since then, over 30,000 doses of pills, capsules, morphine patches, opiate based medicines, syringes and needles, as well as liquid medicines and inhalers have been turned in. Anson County Sheriff Tommy Allen said that this is an easy and safe way for citizens to properly dispose of old, out-of-date or no longer needed medicines. "What we are doing is to give our citizens a chance to clean out their medicine cabinets, bring the old medicines in, no questions asked and we will see that it is properly disposed," Allen said. "Health officials say flushing or putting them in our trash ends up in landfills or ground water. Neither are acceptable ways to dispose of unused medications."

According to the NC Attorney General's Office, more young people are abusing prescription medications than any other drug except marijuana. In 2011, deaths from prescription medicines surpassed those from all other of the illegal drugs combined. In the past ten years, 75% of all unintentional poisonings (both adult and children) were caused by prescription or over-the-counter medications.

This operation is being held in conjunction with the US Department of Justice and DEA's "National Take Back Initiative." All forms of medicines, including animal or pet medications, will be accepted and properly disposed.

Tickets on Sale October 1 for You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

Tickets for *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* (revised musical) at the Ansonia Theatre will go on sale Monday, October 1. This stage adaptation will feature David Michael of Wingate as Charlie Brown, Gina Gilmore Clark as Sally Brown, Emily Litaker Privette as Snoopy, Samuel Kraus as Linus, Darius Cox as Schroeder and Melody Gilmore Goodwin as Lucy. The Chorus is made up of Erin Thomas, Gage Tarlton and Hannah Chaney. The director is Steve Fowler, music is by Gail Litaker, choreography is by Melody Goodwin, the stage manager is Edd Charlton, and the sound & light manager is Jesse Carpenter.

The play will be performed three times, Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 21 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, October 21 at 3 p.m. Doors will open 30 minutes before each performance. The Anson County Arts Council expects sell outs for all three performances, so get your tickets early. The seats are reserved, with assigned locations.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. To purchase tickets you can call or come by the Arts Council office, which is located next door to the theatre at 110 South Rutherford Street in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-4950. Box office hours are Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can purchase tickets online at www.ansoniateatre.com. Also tickets will be available at Lacy's.

Anson Schools Release Early on Oct. 4 for Parent/Teacher Conferences

Anson County Schools will release students early on Thursday, October 4 for Parent / Teacher Conferences. Here are the schedules for each school:

- All elementary schools release at 12:30 p.m.
- Anson Early College & Anson New Technology High School release at 1 p.m.
- Anson High School & Anson Middle School release at 1:30 p.m.

The elementary school conferences run from 1 to 6 p.m. The secondary school conferences run from 2 to 7 p.m.

Homecoming Parade Entries Accepted

In a release from the Anson High School Cheerleaders: Football season is in full swing which means Homecoming is just around corner. The Anson High Cheerleaders would like to invite you to participate in the homecoming festivities. On Friday afternoon October 12 we will hold our annual Homecoming Parade. We would like to invite you to be a part of our parade. You may walk, ride in a vehicle or design a float.

If you choose to design a float your entry fee for the parade will be waived. If you choose not to design a float there will be a \$30 entry fee. All floats will be entered in a contest for the best float. First Place will receive \$500, Second Place \$250, and Third Place \$100. We will also be giving three Spirit Awards. The Spirit Awards will go to the most spirited elementary school, middle school, and high school. Applications and entry fees are to be sent to Jennifer Buckingham at Anson Early College, PO Box 126, Polkton, NC 28135. The deadline for all applications is October 5. Any questions please contact Misty Harris at 704-475-0742.

Also do not forget to come out and support your Anson High Bearcats that Friday night! The Anson Middle School Anson Junior Varsity and Varsity Cheerleaders will all be performing and cheering on our Anson Varsity Football team in a match up against Marvin Ridge High School. You also will not want to miss the Anson High School Marching Band, Flag Squad or Majorettes! So come out and join us!

Farm-City Week Dinner Attended by 185, Outstanding Farmers Recognized



Farmers, livestock producers, business and community leaders from across the county attended the annual Farm-City Week dinner, held Tuesday, September 18 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center of South Piedmont Community College in Wadesboro. The event was held to emphasize the collaborations between the farming industry and the business community, with 185 in attendance. Outstanding individuals were also recognized and awarded plaques for their dedication to agriculture and business.

Agriculture in Anson County is big business. According to the NC Department of Agriculture, Anson County ranks 22nd in the state in total agriculture production. In 2011, Anson had an income of \$161M in agriculture and natural resources.

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce and Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District joined the Anson County Cooperative Extension staff to host the evening. The event combined the annual Farm-City Week observances with Brown Creek's annual awards dinner. Sponsored by Pee Dee Electric and catered by the Anson County Cattlemen's Association, guests were treated to a slow roast beef dinner and evening program highlighting agriculture, award recipients, and celebrating the rural way of life.

Plaques given during the evening were Outstanding Farmer of the Year, awarded to Roddy Purser of White Rock Farms, and presented by Jessica Anderson, Agricultural Agent. Outstanding Agribusiness was awarded to Steve Waddell of Waddell Farms and presented by Lynn Edwards, Executive Director with the Anson County Chamber of Commerce.

Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Member Nicole Carpenter recognized Travis Goodwin of Big Rock Farm, Inc. as the 2012 Anson County Conservation Farm Family.

She also recognized Resource Conservation Workshop Participant Kayla Jones for her participation in the named program sponsored at NC State this summer.

Motivational comedian David Ferrell of Cary, NC entertained the group after dinner with a stand-up routine of comedy, impersonations and interactions with the audience. He ended the evening on a positive note of doing well with the blessings you have been afforded.

Eloise Harrington, chair of the Anson Cooperative Extension Board, welcomed guests following dinner, while Tina Rowell, District Administrator of the Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District, gave greetings. Other remarks came from Janine Rywak, County Extension Director, who shared the week's events and activities for the Anson Ag Expo & Fair.

Roshunda Blount, 4-H Agent, recognized special guests, while Erin Dempsey, 4-H Youth Promise Pro-



Steve Waddell of Waddell Farms is presented the 2012 Outstanding Agribusiness of the Year Award by Lynn Edwards, Anson County Chamber of Commerce Director.



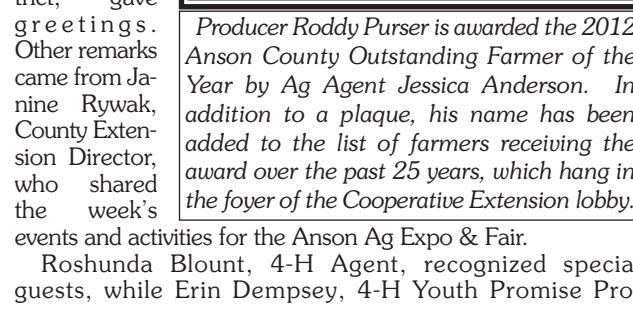
Kayla Jones is recognized as the Resource Conservation Workshop Participant for 2012 by Nicole Carpenter, Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Member.

gram Director, recognized the evening's sponsor. Todd Moore, Marketing Representative with Pee Dee Electric, also addressed the group.

Charles Dunevant, Resource Conservationist, introduced the evening speaker while Aimee Rankin, Agricultural Extension Agent closed the evening by thanking the community for its support of agriculture in Anson County.

Farm-City Week observances take place around the nation each year to strengthen the understanding of farm-city connections that provide our food, fiber and shelter. Anson County is fortunate in its recognition and pride of the county's abundance of agriculture and natural resources.

Producer Roddy Purser is awarded the 2012 Anson County Outstanding Farmer of the Year by Ag Agent Jessica Anderson. In addition to a plaque, his name has been added to the list of farmers receiving the award over the past 25 years, which hang in the foyer of the Cooperative Extension lobby.



Nicole Carpenter, Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Member, presents the 2012 Conservation Farm Family of the Year Award to Travis Goodwin, of Lilesville. Receiving the award with him is wife and son, Kristie and Landis.

CROP Hunger Walk is October 14

The First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro is the organizer for the 2012 Anson County CROP Walk, an effort to raise funds to help ease hunger in Anson County and around the world. This will be one of over 1,600 such events across the country, all with one simple goal: Ending hunger one step at a time.

Although this is a fundraising effort, it also is an opportunity to come together as a community of neighbors who support one another. So, organizers urge people to join in the walk even if they are not able to donate money.

The route is suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels. Those unable to walk the entire route may use the Wadesboro Park Trail, which is a 7/10 mile flat, paved walking trail that is handicap accessible.

For more information, contact the church at 704-694-3818 or by email at fpcwadesboro@windstream.net.

Paper Clover Promotion Supports Anson County 4-H

Tractor Supply in Wadesboro is partnering with the National 4-H Council to offer a Fall Paper Clover Promotion to help support local 4-H programs in counties that have these stores. The cost for a paper clover is \$1. Proceeds will come to the local 4-H program that will have cover cost for trips, summer day camps, conferences and volunteer trainings. The promotion runs until September 30.

Roshunda Blount, 4-H Agent in Anson County said, "Anson County is truly grateful to have a Tractor Supply in the county because there are only 31 in the state of North Carolina. So if you have not already done so, please go down to the store and purchase one or ten clovers! To date over \$1.6 million has been raised through this promotion nationally. Remember, the proceeds are going to a great program that supports great youth and adults in Anson County! Hope to see you there!"

Program for Seniors to Manage Falls, Increase Activity Levels

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

- You will learn to
- view falls as controllable • set goals for increasing activity • make changes to reduce fall risks at home • exercise to increase strength and balance

Who should attend
• anyone concerned about falls • anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength • anyone who has fallen in the past • anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

The two hour classes will be held twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 1 to 3 p.m. They will run from October 1 through November 7.

For more information please call Bernice Bennett or Wanda Talbert at Grace Senior Center, 704-694-6616.

"Music on the Square" in Peachland Saturday

The Town of Peachland invites everyone to come and enjoy their 6th annual "Music on the Square" which will be held this Saturday, September 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. This free event will feature the Village Green Band which performs all over North Carolina, along with lots of food vendors, activities for the kids and more. Among the many vendors are youth/women's groups from local churches and the Fire Department. A wide variety of beverages and food will be available.

For more information contact Lynn H. Griffin 704-272-7781.

Diabetic Support Group to Meet

The Diabetic Support Group will meet on Thursday, September 27, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro. Information available at 704-694-3979.

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