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Kyle Nelson Martin Busted for Stealing

Sheriff's Deputies arrested one man and are investigating several more for breaking and entering. Deputies arrested Kyle Nelson Martin, age 20, of Ansonville and charged him with one count of Breaking and Entering and Larceny; four counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and Misdemeanor Larceny. Deputies recovered stolen property in Martin's possession. Bond for Martin was set at \$241,000. His first court date is set for January 10, 2012.



Kyle Nelson Martin

Sheriff Tommy Allen said that his detectives were also talking to several other suspects and would expect further charges. "We have recovered some property, but we have not yet been able to identify where it came from. We are working with some of the victims to identify some of this property," the Sheriff said. "We've had numerous breaking and enterings around the county the past few weeks. We don't think one person or even one group is responsible for all of them. We will continue to look at other suspects."

Deputies Arrest Reginald Harris for Assault on a Female, Other Violence Charges

Sheriff's Deputies arrested a man the Sheriff's Office had been looking for for some time. On Tuesday, December 20th Deputies arrested Reginald L. Harris, age 31. Harris was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Assault on a Female. In addition he was also charged with Habitual Misdemeanor; Violation of a Protective Order, and Assault Inflicting Serious Injury.

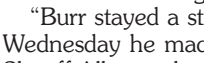


Reginald Harris

Sheriff Tommy Allen said that Harris had eluded his Deputies for several months. "This guy has a history of violence against women. But, the victims sometimes are not helpful in these matters. When we arrested him he was in the company of a female whose jaw he had broken in an earlier domestic violence assault," Sheriff Allen said. "But, he won't hurt another woman for a while." Bond was set at \$500,000, and a court date was set for January 12, 2012.

Sheriff's Deputies Arrest Donald Davis Burr for Drug and Shooting Charges

After an ongoing and intensive search, on Wednesday, December 21st, Deputies arrested Donald Davis Burr, II, age 29. Burr had been wanted by the state Probation Office for violation of conditions of probation; he had several Failure to Appear in court on Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Methamphetamine and other Probation Violations; and the Sheriff's Office wanted him on warrants charging him with Shooting Into an Occupied Vehicle and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Those last charges resulted from an incident that occurred on November 12th where Bethany Horne was grazed from a bullet fired from a gun Burr had.



Donald Davis Burr

"Burr stayed a step ahead of the deputies for a while, but Wednesday he made that one misstep...and they got him," Sheriff Allen said.

Burr is in the Anson County Jail under an \$880,000 bond with various court dates the next two months.

Sheriff's Officers of the Year Recognized

Sheriff Tommy Allen announced the annual officers of the year with the Sheriff's Office, Jail and 911 Operation Center. The Deputy and Jail honors were started eight years ago. The 911 Telecommunicator honor was added three years ago when the Commissions assigned the 911 Center as part of the Sheriff's operation.



Deputy Sheriff of the Year was awarded to Benjamin Shane Drake. Shane has been with the Sheriff's Office almost nine years and is assigned to Child Support where he serves civil papers and arrest warrants on individuals the state is looking for who are behind on child support payments.

Detention Officer of the Year went to Melissa Wall. Melissa has been with the Jail Operation for almost eleven years and she is a shift supervisor.

The award for the 911 Dispatcher of the Year went to Elizabeth Lawhon. Elizabeth has been at the 911 Center for over three years, starting out as part-time then to fulltime.

"I have a great staff in all these areas and it is often hard to give these awards and not feel like you have left others out. But these individuals certainly have distinguished themselves and certainly deserve this recognition. I am very proud of them for their hard work, dedication to their jobs; a willingness to learn and grow and their overall attitude for their profession. When you see these individuals please congratulate them on a job well done," Sheriff Allen said.

Each officer was given a plaque and their names go on plaques inside the Sheriff's Office, Jail and 911 Operations Center.

Pictured above are, from left, Sheriff Allen, Elizabeth Lawhon, Shane Drake and Melissa Wall.

Barn Blast for Children's Literacy

Tickets for the sixth annual Barn Blast fundraiser for children's literacy are available now at the Anson County Partnership for Children. The Barn Blast will be held on Friday, January 27 from 6 p.m. to midnight in the Ingram Room at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. This fundraising event features dinner, dancing, drinks, silent auctions, live auction and lots of fun.

Tickets are \$35 each now and \$45 after January 13. For the first time, reserved tables for eight guests are available for \$300 per table. For tickets, please call or come by the Anson County Partnership for Children, 117 South Greene Street in Wadesboro or call 704-694-4036.

Wadesboro Primary School Terrific Kids in Citizenship and Responsibility

Wadesboro Primary School has announced their Terrific Kids for Citizenship and Responsibility. Congratulations to all the students on your great work!

Pictured below are the Terrific Kids for Citizenship. They are, from left, front: Landon Howard, Stephanie Brown, Kristina Latchman, Daisy Allen, Chenoa Gaddy, Tamara Hudson, Ranee Little, Cameron Parker and Ahman Gatewood. Back row: Kenya Tanner, Michael Chrstian, Megan Smothers, Jaylen Lilly, Janiya Hamilton, Jaquaz Horne, David Little, Joseph Davis, Aishah Campbell, Lazarah Leak, Justyce Ingram-Simons and Breyanna Jones



Pictured below are the Terrific Kids for the character trait of Responsibility. They are, from left, front (seated): Jakiah Redfearn, Isabella McCray and Talia Marshall. Second row (seated): Aliyaa Amin, Tyler Nguyen, Lazarah Leak, Sophie Bennett, Adrian Johnson, Loyalti McCray, Kenyon Wall, Chenoa Gaddy, Anijah Williams and Jayla McClure. Back row (standing): Janita Willoughby, Richard McKenzie, Makaylee Hoover, Sophie Bennett, Adrian Johnson, Loyalti McCray, Nakira McLendon, Kalib Burris, Juleeyah Moore and Wykeria Little.



Harvest Ministries' Christmas Blessing Event

In a release from Harvest Ministries Outreach Center: Sunday December 18th was a historical day at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center in Wadesboro. The annual Community Christmas Blessing event, now in its 8th year, drew a record crowd of 859 people to HMOC.

Beginning with the Harvest Christmas program at 10:30 a.m. guests enjoyed singing, dramas, readings, and more. At 12:30, the Community Christmas Blessing part of the day began with a free meal served by Wadesboro Mayor Bill Thacker along with his wife and Anson County Board of Commissioner Chair Anna Baucom, and volunteers. After the meal, the fun began. Crowds flocked into the auditorium of Harvest for toys, prizes, cash awards, and even a visit from Santa Claus.

Lead Pastor Steve Adams shared "this is truly a banner day in the history of this church", it has always been our desire and goal to serve this community and the outpouring of guest this year is overwhelming" Adams added " today hundreds of children and families are smiling, this Pastor and congregation is smiling, and I believe God is smiling"

With donations from over 32 businesses Christmas Blessing was able to distribute over 400+ toys, including bikes, Cell Phones, Game Systems and more. One adult winner walked away with \$200 in cash! Toys for Tots was on hand to make this years event even greater. Co-ordinator Vancine Sturdivant shared with the crowd " this is a great day, and a special thanks to Pastors Tim and Steve Adams and Harvest Ministries for opening their doors for this" Pastor Steve thanked Sturdivant saying " Having Vancine and Toys for Tots with us this year was the icing on the cake, with their help to this community and this event today - nearly 1,000 people who probably wouldn't have had a Christmas now have gifts under their tree"

Adams wrapped up this years Community Christmas Blessing with this " while we set records today, and were able to bless hundreds of people, the greatest blessing for Harvest Ministries is that 102 people prayed to received Jesus Christ today, to me, there is no better Christmas Gift."

For more information on the community outreach efforts of HMOC or next year's event - feel free to contact Harvest Ministries at 704-695-2879 or visit www.harvestmin.com.



Pictured here are Tim Adams (left) and Steve Adams from HMOC with Vancine Sturdivant and a little friend.



Here are just some of the nearly 1,000 people who enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal and lots of fun at Harvest Ministries last week.

One Week Left to Register for SPCC Spring Classes

The new year will start with one week left to register for college-credit classes at South Piedmont Community College before classes begin January 9. The college re-opens January 3 after its Christmas break. Registration will be conducted on both the Old Charlotte Highway Campus in Monroe and the L.L. Polk Campus in Polkton on January 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; January 4-5, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on January 6.

Current students may continue to register online. New students must apply, take the placement test and complete orientation prior to registering. Click on the "Easy Enrollment" button on the home page of SPCC's website, www.spcc.edu, to get started.

Everyone who registers and attends spring semester classes through February 13 will automatically be entered into a drawing to win an iPad 2, an iPod touch, or a \$100 gift card.

For information, call 704-272-5300 beginning January 3, or go online to www.spcc.edu anytime.

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