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Serving Anson County and the Municipalities of Ansonville, Lilesville, McFarlan, Morven, Peachland, Polkton and Wadesboro.

## Three Bungling Crooks Caught Red Handed After Burglary, Items Recovered

Anson County Sheriff's Deputies have charged three men with breaking and entering a home in the Lilesville area after the homeowner returned home and saw the suspects run from the house. The homeowner followed the suspects' vehicle, getting a description and tag number and direction of travel.

"The suspect vehicle turned and went toward Richmond County. We gave out a description to Richmond and shortly they spotted the car and stopped it," Sheriff Tommy Allen said.

Anson Deputies returned the suspects to Richmond County. Deputies later returned to Richmond County and found items taken from the house that had been dumped in a wooded area prior to the suspects being stopped by Richmond Deputies. Items recovered included a 50 inch Flat Screen TV, an X-Box and iPod.

All three men were charged with Breaking and Entering and Felony Larceny. There are identified as: Nelson Alexander Young, age 23, of Wadesboro; Devon Marques Clyburn, age 17 of Lilesville; and Marquel Jamar Bennett, age 23 of Wadesboro. Young and Clyburn were put in the Anson County Jail under a \$50,000 bond. Bennett's bond was set at \$5,000.

Remember, if you see anything suspicious or have information that can help lead to a criminal's arrest, call the Crime and Drug Hotline at 704-695-3111. You can call anonymously.



Bennett



Clyburn



Young

## Poplar Springs Baptist Church Salutes Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Poplar Springs Baptist Church recently honored "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" by some members wearing pink and gathering to pause for a picture before worship service. The Pastor is Reverend Diedre McBride.

## Municipal Election is November 8

The Municipal Election will be held next Tuesday, November 8, 2011. The polls will be open for voting on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The deadline to register to vote on Election Day was October 14th. If you are already registered to vote in Anson County (and your name or address has not changed) you did not need to register again to vote in this election.

The deadline to apply for an Absentee by Mail ballot was November 1st.

One-Stop Voting ends on Saturday, November 5th at 1 p.m. It takes place at the Board of Elections Office at 101 South Greene Street, Suite B-01 in uptown Wadesboro on the square. The hours of operation will be 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Saturday, November 5 the hours are 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Canvass Day will be held at 11 a.m. in the Board of Elections Office on Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

Any questions about registration, absentee ballots, location of voting places, and other election matters may be answered by calling the Board of Elections office at 704-994-3223 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Election Day Polling places:** For the Polling places listed below, a Buffer Zone will be marked by signs placed 50 feet from the entrance to each polling place. No campaigning or election-related activity is allowed inside the 50 foot Buffer Zone or inside the polling place. Campaign signs must be placed outside the Buffer Zone and behind any public street right-of-way.

- Ansonville Fire & Rescue, 9145 US Highway 52 North
- Lilesville Fire Department, 202 West Wall Street
- McFarlan Town Hall, Main Street
- Morven Fire Department, 242 East Main Street
- Peachland Fire Department, 35 East Passaic Street
- Polkton Fire Department, 61 West Polk Street
- Wadesboro 1 - SPCC Lockhart-Taylor Center, Ingram Room, 514 North Washington Street
- Wadesboro 2 - Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, 305 White Store Road
- Wadesboro 3 - Wadesboro Primary School Auditorium, 1542 US Highway 52 South

Here are the candidates you will see on each town's ballot:

- **ANSONVILLE Mayor** Lyndell Ingram
- **Council Member (vote for five)** Denise Watkins Cannon, Cleveland Dunlap, Kenny Martin, Margaret Burns Sheppard, Phyllis Watkins
- **LILESVILLE Mayor** James Richard Harrington
- **Commissioner (vote for five)** Bernice McLendon Bennett, Jason Clarke, Frank McAllister, Steve Whitlock, Juanita Williams
- **MCFARLAN Mayor** Mark Holloway
- **Council Member (vote for five)** Michael Foster, Jim Freeman, Kim Gainey, Mary Etta Keith, Frankie Timmons, Gail Whittington
- **MORVEN Mayor** Beth Eddins, Houston Pratt, Carolyn Solomon
- **Council (vote for two)** James Cohen, Keshia Mercer, Alvin Solomon, Annie Townsend, Susan Woodburn
- **PEACHLAND Mayor** Richard Allen
- **Council (vote for two)** Jeff Davis, Laura Hasty
- **POLKTON Mayor** Henry Furr, Minnie Staton
- **Commissioner (vote for five)** Charles Allen, Johnny Faulk, Jr., Jimmy Hildreth, Sissy Stegall, Linda Hill Tucker, George Wallace, Lindsey Watkins Wallace
- **WADESBORO 1 Mayor** Don McRorie, Bill Thacker
- **Council Member (vote for two)** John Ballard, Jeremy Burr, Ed Emory, Robert Mims, Jerry Ridenhour
- **WADESBORO 2 (Mayor)** Don McRorie, Bill Thacker
- **Council Member (vote for two)** John Ballard, Jeremy Burr, Ed Emory, Robert Mims, Jerry Ridenhour
- **WADESBORO 3 Mayor** Don McRorie, Bill Thacker
- **Council Member (vote for two)** John Ballard, Jeremy Burr, Ed Emory, Robert Mims, Jerry Ridenhour

## Unemployment Rate 12.2% in September

Anson County had an unemployment percentage of 12.2% for the month of September, little changed from August's 12.5%. The whole state of North Carolina showed a similar small drop in unemployment in September, to 10% from August's 10.4%.

Anson's total labor force in September was 9,743. Of that number 8,551 were employed and 1,192 were unemployed. In August the total labor force was 9,701, with 8,485 employed and 1,216 unemployed.

Unemployment rates decreased in nearly all of North Carolina's 100 counties in September. Rates decreased in 92 counties, increased in four and remained the same in four.

"The September data demonstrate a decrease in the unemployment rate for most of North Carolina's counties," said ESC chief faceman Lynn R. Holmes. "However, many counties still face high unemployment rates. This agency continues to focus on helping our customers find work and get the assistance they need."

North Carolina had 45 counties that were at or below the state's unadjusted unemployment rate of 10 percent. Rates decreased in all 14 of the state's Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

Statewide the number of workers employed (not-seasonally adjusted) increased in September by 22,710 to 4,061,954. The number of people unemployed decreased by 22,970. The number of unemployed people in September was 451,505 workers, compared with 474,475 in August.

## More Details About Veteran's Day Celebration

Anson County Veteran Services Officer Ted Ward has announced the Grand Marshalls for the Veteran's Day Parade on Friday, November 11th. They are all Anson County World War II Veterans!

Please contact the veteran services office ASAP so that they can get a count of our parade participants. All veterans from all areas are invited to participate in the parade also. Please let them know at 704 694-4418 or [tward@co.anson.nc.us](mailto:tward@co.anson.nc.us).

Don't forget there will be many VA Benefit Agencies on hand such as the VA Rural Health Team and the Women Veterans Health Care Team. The Legacy Foundation will be on hand along with the Greater North Carolina Chapter of Buffalo Soldiers, who will not only participate in the parade but also will set up an authentic campsite with original equipment. There will also be on hand live entertainment, with the Hidden Talents, The Sons of Sharon and more surprises. There will be food and drink available - all at no cost to the public. There will be special door prizes for our veterans sponsored by local merchants and businesses. Holla's moon bounce will be on hand for the children.

The evening will climax at 7 p.m. with special guests, The Jazz Guardians, who have just returned from a tour in Kansas. They will perform at the newly renovated Ansonia Theatre. This event is also free, with first preference going to our local veterans.

Ward said, "You don't want to miss any of our events as we celebrate our hometown heroes here in Anson County."

Remember, get your parade entries into us as soon as possible, especially those local townships that haven't contacted Ward yet. The cutoff date is November 1. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact Ward at the Anson County Veteran Services Office, 704-694-4418 or [tward@co.anson.nc.us](mailto:tward@co.anson.nc.us).

Ward concluded, "There will be many more surprises. You never know who just might show up!"

## Applications for the Leadership Anson Class of 2012

In a release from the Chamber of Commerce: The leadership development program, which was implemented in 1997 by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, has graduated 241 participants in 15 years. The program, with assistance from South Piedmont Community College and Hornwood, is designed to develop a commitment to community through leadership.

Anyone who is an Anson County resident or who works in Anson County is eligible to participate. The selection of class participants is based upon the applicant's community interests and current involvement, leadership potential, past accomplishments and the willingness to assume expanded leadership responsibilities. Participation will be limited.

The six-month, 11-session program will kick off with an overnight retreat at the Beth Haltiwanger Center in Montgomery County Jan. 13-14, 2012. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 31, followed by sessions on Feb. 14 and 28, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 20, and May 01, 15 and 29. Graduation will be held on June 17. An orientation session, to prepare participants for the weekend retreat, will be held at the Chamber of Commerce office from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9, 2012.

The tuition is \$350 - which includes the cost for all materials, lunches, refreshments, contracted presenters and out-of-county field trips.

A limited number of Leadership Anson scholarships are available. Scholarship applicants are asked to fill out an application and submit it to the Leadership Anson Oversight Committee. The committee will set up an interview with each scholarship applicant.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18, 2011. The Class of 2012 will be announced in December. Applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 107 E. Wade St., Wadesboro; or [www.ansoncounty.org](http://www.ansoncounty.org) or by calling 704-694-4181.

## Partnership for Childrens Says, "Let's Talk"

In a release from Kim Wilson at the Anson County Partnership for Children: At Wadesboro's People Fest festival 120 families participated in surveys entitled "How Well Do You Know Your Children?" and "How Well Do You Know Your Parents?" between parents/grandparents and youth. Participants were entered in a drawing to win a gift card valued at \$50, and the winners were Ms. Hattie Little and Ms. Georgia Medley.

The surveys were distributed by the Anson County Partnership for Children to celebrate October as "National Let's Talk Month" on Saturday, October 8th. In addition to the survey, parents/grandparents were given timely information about effective communication with their children/grandchildren. This information was disseminated through APPCNC (Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign of North Carolina) and adapted with permission from the Family Health Council, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA.

We know it's easy to say, "Kids are just different today!" However, parents still matter! Good research tells us that parents still have the most important voice when it comes to young people's views about sex - more than friends or the media. Eight out of ten teens say it would be easier to avoid sex if they could have more open communications with their parents about sex.

Education and information help young people take personal responsibility for important life decisions - parent/child communications will always be one of the most important parts of helping young people become solid, healthy adults.

Drawing winners had the following comments about the experience: Ms. Medley said that she knew certain things about her grandson, but was surprised to find out that he liked the sport of boxing. She stated, "We have a good relationship." Ms. Little credited her faith for the relationship she has with her children and grandchildren. She commented, "I go to church and pray. God guides me to have that good relationship with my children and grandchildren."

The communication and conversations can be inter-generational. The trick is just to keep the lines of communication open.

To date the Partnership has collaborations with Anson County Schools to address House Bill 88 to enact the Healthy Youth Act in our schools, and with the local grassroots organization HOLLA! (Helping Our Loved Ones Learn and Achieve). Holla hosts the Teen Outreach Program (TOP) youth development sessions at the Mary E. Little Center in Morven. These organizations recognize that a child's parent is his/her first and most important teacher. Communicating with children daily is one of the many hats parents wear as they parent in today's world. Fortunately parents in Anson County are not alone in these communication efforts with young people. The Anson County Partnership for Children, Anson County Schools, Holla, churches and community organizations all offer support and resources to help parents be ready when his / her child says, "Let's talk."

## Anson County Government Closings

Anson County Government Offices (including the License Plate Agency) will be closed on these dates:

- Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day
- Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving
- Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27 for Christmas.

## Military Exhibit at Ansonville Historical Museum

The Ansonville Historical Society is planning to have a military exhibit on November 5th at the Ansonville Historical Museum.

Also, the Historical Society will be holding a yard sale, and they are most appreciative of any donations that you can make for the sale.

## Discover Anson Bike Ride is Saturday

Looking for a great fall Saturday adventure? Join the Anson County Chamber of Commerce for their 6th Annual Discover Anson Bicycle Ride this Saturday, November 5. Enjoy a scenic tour of historic Anson County whether you choose a 30 mile, 50 mile or a challenging 75 mile bike ride. The waving of the green starter flag will officially begin the fun bike ride at 9 a.m.

Registration will take place at 8 a.m. at Ansonville Elementary School. The entry fee is \$30. You may download the registration form at [www.discoveranson.com](http://www.discoveranson.com) and mail it back to Discover Anson Bike Ride, PO Box 305, Wadesboro NC 28170. More information is available at 704-694-4181.

## Calling all Veterans

In a release from Wadesboro Elementary School: Wadesboro Elementary School will be celebrating Veteran's Day in a big way this year. On Wednesday, November 9 at 1 p.m. the school will present a Veteran's Day Ceremony which will be held in the WES gymnasium. They would like to cordially invite all veterans and their family members to attend.

Therefore, all area veterans are being asked to participate by loaning WES their stories, photos and other memorabilia. These items will be respectfully displayed and then immediately returned following our Veteran's Day event.

If you and your family plan to attend, please call the school at 704-694-9383 no later than Tuesday, November 8. It is the school's hope that all area veterans will attend. Students can better understand and absorb the significance of Veteran's Day when they are able to make the connection with veterans in their community.

The staff and students hope that by thanking America's Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice, they will be rewarding them with the honor they so richly deserve.

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