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Four Arrested for Drug Dealing

Anson County Sheriff's Deputies arrested four suspects for drug violations following the search of a residence in the southern part of Anson County on Friday, November 4th. Deputies executed a search warrant at a residence on Mayflower Road around 7:30 a.m. Crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia and a small amount of marijuana were seized.

Arrested at the scene were: Carnell Alexander Hall, age 25; Gary Wayne Addison, age 45; Tammy Delores Hall, age 44; and Kevin Hall, age 24. All four subjects were charged with Felony Possession and Possession to Sale and Deliver Cocaine, Maintaining a Dwelling to Sale and Deliver Cocaine, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Also Kevin Hall was charged with Simple Possession of Marijuana, and Carnell Hall was charged with Resisting a Public Officer. Bond was set at \$50,500 on each suspect. First court appearance was set for November 15th.

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.

Anson County's Veteran's Day Celebration is this Friday

Anson County Veteran Services Officer Ted Ward has released information about a great day planned in celebration of Veteran's Day on November 11th. "We will be celebrating hometown heroes with a full day of activities," Ward said. "I hope many Ansonians can come out and honor our veterans while enjoying the fun and fellowship this special day will offer."

The schedule for the day includes:

- 10 a.m. Veteran's Day Parade in uptown Wadesboro. The parade will line up at the Department of Social Services, proceed west on Martin Street to Rutherford Street, then travel down Rutherford Street to the Ray Shelton Field. A reviewing stand will be set up across from the Ansonia Theatre.
- 11 a.m. Veteran's Day Ceremony across from the Ansonia at the reviewing stand.

- Noon to 3 p.m. The community fun portion, with music, games and refreshments along with exhibits will be at Ray Shelton Field. You are encouraged to bring your own lawn chairs. A tent will be erected for protection from the elements. There will be many interesting and informative displays on hand. You don't want to miss it. All veterans are encouraged to bring a copy of your discharge papers or DD214 if you want to enroll in the VA Health Care System. 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.
- 7 p.m. Free live performance by the Jazz Guardians of the US Army Forces Command at the Ansonia Theatre. They are an eleven soldier group whose mission is to promote jazz, a uniquely American art form. They pay tribute to the big bands of yesteryear, performing music by greats like Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Glenn Miller and Woody Herman. They also showcase today's popular jazz composers. These renown and popular musicians are sure to entertain all audiences. Veterans will receive first preference for seating.

Everyone is invited to come and participate in any or all of the day's festivities. Ted Ward concluded by saying, "Come and join us for this great celebration!" If you would like to participate in the parade or have any questions contact Ward at 704-694-4418 or tward@co.anson.nc.us.

Anson High School Cafeteria Staff Hosts Pumpkin Contest

The cafeteria staff at Anson High School held a pumpkin decorating contest last week, donating the pumpkins for the participants. Interested students enjoyed carving or decorating various pumpkins, either individually or as a group. A panel of student judges chose three winners.



The winners are pictured from left: In first place, "Spider Pumpkin," decorated by Cali Powell, Allison Simpson, Emily McCormick and Miranda Curran; in second place, "Bad Night," decorated by Jawaine Dews; and in third place, "Grave Yard," decorated by Tia Turner (not pictured).

Photo and story by Melanie Lyon

Low Income Energy Assistance

In a release from the DSS: Anson County Department of Social Services will begin taking applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) starting on December 1, 2011, for the target population of households where all individuals are age 60 and older or households who are determined disabled by Social Security and are receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services. If there are any LIEAP funds remaining after January 31st, 2012, all other households may apply. The program will end on February 28, 2012. Applications will be taken Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Changes for 2011-2012 LIEAP are:

- Households will no longer receive a Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) check in February.
- Energy assistance payments will be paid directly to the heating provider such as power, gas or Fuel Oil Company.
- Everyone must apply for the program, no households are automatically eligible.
- LIEAP provides a one time, annual payment to vendors for eligible households.

For more information please call 704-694-9351.

Anson Senior High School Class of 1996 Celebrates 15th Reunion



On Saturday, October 1st many members of the Anson Senior High School Class of 1996 came together at the Twin Valley Country Club in Wadesboro. The group gathered for fun, laughs, dinner and dancing at their fifteenth year class reunion. Though this was the group's first official reunion, the memories made it seem to many as if graduation had just been the day before.

Reminiscing was the theme and the country club was adorned with orange and blue Bearcat decorations to help the event be more rousing. The organizers said, "Thank you to all of the members who were able to attend, as well as to the ones who truly desired to be there. Stay tuned for plans and details regarding the 20th reunion."

Event to Honor Vietnam War Veterans at Gum Springs Baptist Church On Sunday, November 13

As Veteran's Day approaches, Gum Springs Baptist Church in Lilesville plans another service to honor and to thank our too-often unrecognized Vietnam veterans. Church members feel that is long past time for a public show of recognition and gratitude to the brave men and women who served our country during the Vietnam War, but who were not welcomed home as were service members from previous and more recent wars.

On Sunday, November 13 at their 11 a.m. service, Gum Springs will be having a program to say, "Welcome Home Vietnam Vets, with our heartfelt thanks!" All Vietnam veterans are cordially invited to attend this service dedicated to, and honoring, them. Dinner on the grounds will follow the service. Pictures from the original event held at Gum Springs in 2009 will be on display.

A spokesperson from Gum Springs said, "If you have freedom, thank a vet. If you have a vet, thank God."

Gum Springs Baptist Church is located on Haileys Ferry Road in Lilesville. More information is available at 704-694-7096.

Set Construction Continues for A Christmas Carol

The Arts Council is moving forward as set construction continues for *A Christmas Carol*. "We have a bed for Scrooge, stairs for the ghosts to haunt, swinging doors and more. All of the cast is in place and rehearsal continues," said Catherine Crandell.

It is beginning to look a lot like a Victorian Christmas at the Ansonia. Next weekend all of the sets will be complete and the stage will be set. In the biggest project to date, the Ansonia Theatre is getting ready for a 6-day production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Performances will be held on December 8, 9, 15, 16 and 17, at 8 p.m. A matinee on Sunday, December 11 will be held at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets will go on sale by mid-November, so start making plans for one (or more) of those performances and be sure to tell visiting family and friends to arrange their schedule. The cast of 30 and the additional 30 plus stage and tech crewmembers includes many of your friends and neighbors.



Rufus Getzen and Tom Bowman build stairs and a true Victorian doorway for Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." It's almost time to purchase your tickets. Don't miss out on this wonderful Christmas classic to be held in our very own Ansonia Theatre.

Information on Landowner Protection Act Available Online

With hunting season underway, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has posted information on its website about the new Landowner Protection Act. The law, which went into effect Oct. 1, requires hunters, anglers and trappers to obtain written permission from a landowner or leaseholder before hunting, fishing or trapping on privately owned, posted property — including land, waters, ponds or legally established waterfowl blinds.

The Landowner Protection Act provides two ways for landowners to post their lands to allow only hunters, trappers and anglers with written permission to enter their property legally. Landowners can now post their land by using vertical purple paint marks on posts or trees, or, as in the past, by placing signs or posters.

The Landowner Protection Act specifically relates only to hunting, fishing or trapping on posted lands. It clarifies the existing N.C.G.S. 14-159.6 requirement for written consent to hunt, fish or trap on posted lands by specifying that written permission, dated within the past 12 months and signed by the landowner, leaseholder or agent of that land, be carried and displayed upon request of any law enforcement officer. If a hunting club has leased the land, a person shall have a copy of their hunting club membership and a copy of the landowner permission granted to that hunting club.

The Landowner Protection Act does not change general trespass laws or affect lands that are not posted.

Under existing landowner liability law, landowners providing permission for hunting or fishing on their property, without charge, assume no more liability than currently is afforded a trespasser, in accordance with N.C.G.S. 38A-4.

Start Holiday Shopping November 19 at Christmas in November

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, with Christmas not far behind. What better place to start shopping than right here in Anson County? The Anson County Arts Council's Christmas in November sale on Saturday, November 19 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., offers the opportunity to find unique gifts, support local artists and craftsmen, and keep your money right here in our area.

Pottery, greeting cards, paintings, stained glass, gourd art, jewelry, painted glass and ceramics, candy, wood-crafted items and more - all created by people who live and work in this area - provide a huge array of ideas for gift-giving and for that special something that you yourself can't live without. Pizza, bake sale items, Tupperware, and Avon and Mary Kay products will also be available.

Admission is free. The Arts Council offers this event as a service to our local artists and craftsmen and to our community, and all proceeds go directly to the sellers.

This time of year, Americans spend millions of dollars on cheaply-made goods produced in foreign countries. Why not buy quality American this year? Avoid the crowded malls. Come out on the 19th and find the perfect gift to surprise someone you love.

PTO Organizational Meeting

There will be a PTO Organizational Meeting at Anson Middle School Auditorium on Thursday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m.

School Board Meeting Monday, November 14

The Anson County School Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, November 14th at the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a closed session. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited to participate.

Anson County Government Offices Close Friday

Anson County Government Offices (including the License Plate Agency) will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

Anson County Schools' Community Forum

Anson County Schools will hold a Community Forum on Thursday, November 17th. The event will take place in the Ingram Room at the Lockhart-Taylor Center at 6:30 p.m. The theme will be "Connecting the Dots."

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After a hiatus for improvements, The Express Newspaper website is back in operation.

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