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Polkton Man Robert Frank Carrick Arrested After High Speed Chase

Locust police say speeds up to 90 miles per hour reached, police car crashed

A Locust Police morning vehicle pursuit through multiple communities resulted in the capture of the suspect and a wrecked patrol car, but no major injuries. Locust patrol officer Brandon Stancil clocked a motorcycle at 67 in a 45 mph zone on West Main Street near Stanly Community College. When Officer Stancil attempted to stop the motorcycle for the offense, the driver would not stop and a pursuit ensued.

The motorcycle rider, Robert Frank Carrick III, 32, of Polkton attempted to elude Locust officers through multiple areas of Locust, Stanfield and Oakboro. He traveled left of center multiple times, and in the opposite lane of travel as well as reaching speeds up to 90 mph. In the area of Rock Hole Road near Highway 200, Officer Stancil lost traction on the roadway resulting in his patrol car hitting an embankment and flipping onto its top. Stancil suffered minor injuries and was helped from his wrecked vehicle by other officers while Locust officers continued the pursuit.

On Philadelphia Church Road Carrick lost control of his motorcycle, a 1993 Suzuki Enduro, and ran into a ditch. Locust officers were able to apprehend Carrick as he attempted to get the motorcycle back onto the roadway. Carrick was transported to Stanly County Jail and charged with multiple offenses including felony flee to elude, speeding 90 in a 55 mph zone, driving while license revoked, and possession of marijuana. He was issued a \$5,000 secured bond.

The Stanfield Police Department, Oakboro Police Department, and NC Highway Patrol assisted Locust in the pursuit. No damage to civilian property or injuries to civilians was reported. Officer Stancil's patrol car was a total loss and another Locust patrol car suffered minor damage.

Sewer Overflow of Almost 1 Million Gallons on January 29

The Town of Wadesboro experienced a sewer overflow into Brush Fork Creek on Thursday, January 29. Approximately 980,000 gallons spilled into the creek. The cause of the spill was heavy rains that eroded the soil from under a manhole located on the bank of the creek, resulting in the complete failure of the manhole. This left a 12 inch sewer line discharging directly into the creek. The line was repaired the same day the problem was located.

The Division of Water Quality has been notified of this spill. For further information please contact Nick Griffin at 704-694-5171.

Anson County 4-H Clover Crawl Social is Back! Coming March 13

Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise is pleased to announce that the Clover Crawl is back. The event will be held Friday, March 13 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro, from 6 until 11 p.m. The Clover Crawl is an adult event, 21 and over. The event will be sure to bring an evening of fun, food, dancing and great socializing. Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and drinks will be served. The DJ again this year is 4-H alumnus Ryan Short of Ryan Short Entertainment (www.ryanshort.net).

Funds raised will be used to support ongoing 4-H youth programs in Anson County. Advance tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the Extension Office located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, Lacy's, or from committee members and staff. Ticket price at the door will be \$40.

Back by popular demand is the Dance Competition. Individuals and groups can take their talent to the dance floor to vie for the title of "2015 Clover Crawl Dance Competition Winner." Registration will be available at the ticket table the night of the event.

This fundraiser helps make up dollars lost due to shortfalls and cutbacks in funds that have traditionally provided 4-H programming and operating budgets. The money raised from the Clover Crawl will support programs that address the well being of youth, families, and communities in Anson County.

4-H programs annually reach over 1,300 young people in the community. Youth participate in activities and programs such as school enrichment, summer camps, after school programming, community service and other year round educational programs.

Anson 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise also works with adults, volunteer leaders and youth to provide community projects, parenting skills and enhanced leadership abilities. All 4-H programming is available to any youth between ages 5-19.

Roshunda Terry said, "The Clover Crawl fundraiser has been a success in previous years. We are optimistic that we will have an even better response this year. 4-H programs have had much impact on the youth in this county through the years. With the public's help and support, programs can continue to make significant contributions to their future, and the future of our county."

If you would like to learn more information about this event please contact Roshunda Terry, 4-H Agent at 704-694-2915.

"Get Back Into Motion" Arthritis Exercise Program

Are you an adult age 55 or older with any type of diagnosed Arthritis? The Arthritis Foundation exercise program Get Back Into Motion will help those who have joint and/or muscle problems. Achieve improved joint mobility, muscle strength and endurance in order to improve the performance of your daily activities.

You are invited to join Grace Senior Center's free 1-hour Arthritis Foundation exercise program, held twice a week for eight weeks. Learn basic arthritis self-management from a certified instructor. Learn basic principles of exercise and of joint protection. Learn tips for managing stress and pain, and how to make exercise a daily routine. Exercise and strengthen your body, educate yourself and become more active and stress free.

Classes will begin March 3 and run through April 23. They are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. at Grace Senior Center. Please call Wanda Tablert for more information and to register at 704-694-6616.



Cindy Locklear Teaches Tooth Care at PPES

The Kindergarten class at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School had a great time on Friday, January 23. They learned about how to properly clean their teeth by dental hygienist Cindy Locklear. Each year she visits the Kindergarten classes to inspect teeth and refer students to a dentist if a need is seen.

February is Dental Health Month so Ms. Locklear was asked back to teach the class how to brush their teeth and keep them healthy. Dental Caries (tooth decay) is the most common chronic childhood disease in United States. Research has shown that children with cavities suffer with missed hours from school that leads to decreased academic performance. Educating our children on how to brush their teeth and keep them clean can prevent further cavities down the road...and help them in school too!



North Carolina Program has Prevented More than 18,000 Foreclosures Since 2010

Funding available for 3,000 more; veterans on GI Bill and underemployed homeowners eligible for assistance

A statewide foreclosure prevention effort has now enabled more than 18,000 North Carolina homeowners to save their homes since the program began in 2010. The N.C. Foreclosure Prevention Fund makes monthly mortgage payments on behalf of qualified unemployed homeowners, including returning veterans, while they look for jobs or complete job training. Funding is still available to help approximately 3,000 more homeowners. The program is offered statewide by the N.C. Housing Finance Agency and funded by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund program.

In 2014, eligibility was expanded to include returning veterans using the GI Bill to attend school or a qualifying training program, as well as people who are back in the work force but cannot afford their mortgage payments because they are earning less than before. Homeowners seeking new employment after financial hardships resulting from divorce or death of a spouse may also qualify.

"While both the economy and the foreclosure rate have improved in North Carolina, home foreclosures are still occurring in greater numbers than before the Great Recession," said A. Robert Kucab, executive director of the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency. "There were more than 32,000 filings in North Carolina last year. Every foreclosure is a huge loss for the homeowner's family, but also for the state's economy. So far, this effort has preserved more than \$3 billion in property values statewide."

One homeowner who has benefitted is Kathryn D., a Charlotte auditor whose job was eliminated in 2012. "If I hadn't found out about the North Carolina Foreclosure Prevention Fund, I would have lost my house, no doubt," she said. "It kept a roof over my head at a time when we couldn't pay all our bills or even buy enough food. I would have lost my house and been living on the street." The program helped Kathryn and her husband maintain their home until she found employment in January 2014.

There is no cost to homeowners for assistance, and homeowners do not need to be behind on their mortgage payments to qualify. Assistance is offered in two forms:

- 1) A zero-interest, deferred loan of up to \$36,000 paying mortgage and related costs for up to 36 months while the unemployed homeowner seeks or retrains for a job.
- 2) A zero-interest loan to pay off a second mortgage. This can reduce the homeowner's total monthly payment to an affordable level, and can help a homeowner who finds a new job, but at reduced income.

Homeowners who are re-employed, but have fallen behind on their payments, can use the loan to bring their mortgage current; those who are re-employed at a lower wage may qualify for monthly assistance while they continue to seek higher-paying work.

Eligible homeowners can apply through 40 participating HUD-approved counseling agencies or online at www.NCForeclosurePrevention.gov.

For information, call 1-888-623-8631, or visit www.NCForeclosurePrevention.gov.

The N.C. Housing Finance Agency, a self-supporting public agency, has financed more than 231,000 affordable homes and apartments statewide since its creation in 1973.

Parks and Rec Youth Little League Baseball Registration

Dixie Youth Little League Baseball will be offered by Parks and Recreation for ages 9 to 12. Players' age is determined by May 1, 2015, with two possible age divisions, and the cost is \$25 per person. Games are possible in Anson, Stanly and Montgomery Counties.

Dixie Youth Girls Softball will be offered for ages 4 to 18. Players' age is determined by January 1, 2015. There are six possible age divisions, and the cost is \$25 per person. Games are possible in Anson, Stanly and Montgomery Counties.

You can register at the Parks and Rec office at Little Park, and the deadline is March 2. Also, there will be registrations on the dates below, from 3 to 5 p.m. each day:

- February 16 at Ansonville Elementary School
- February 17 at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School
- February 18 at Lilesville Elementary School
- February 19 at Wadesboro Elementary Gym
- February 24 at Morven Elementary School

For more information contact Wendell Small, CPRP at 704-694-5868 or email wsmall@co.anson.nc.us.

Anson Women's League Annual Soup Luncheon is Feb. 10

Mark your calendars! The Anson County Women's League (AWL) annual soup luncheon is coming up on Tuesday, February 10. For \$7 you get delicious homemade vegetable-beef soup, toasted cheese sandwich, drink and your choice of a wonderful homemade dessert (eat-ins only) at First Baptist Church (Lee Avenue) in Wadesboro.

This fun event is one of the AWL's major fundraisers for many charitable donations, including the annual AWL scholarships for graduating Anson County Seniors. Your enjoyment will help support many worthy causes here in Anson County.

Tickets are available from any AWL member. Also, you can contact Ross Huntley at (704) 994-3437 or send an email to ansonwomensleague@gmail.com to purchase tickets in advance or for more information.

They cannot deliver, but can prepare meals in bulk orders for take-out if you let them know how many orders and at what time you will pick them up. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Plan to come and enjoy a delicious meal in great company!

Do You Need a Coat or Blanket? Would You Like to Donate?

The Faith-Based Center of Hope has begun their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program. They have distributed coats to several of the churches and schools in Anson County.

Blankets for the elderly are also available.

To donate coats and blankets or to request help, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412 or Ester Lindsey at 704-848-8452.

50+ Club Meeting Features Music by Ted Lathem

The Hampton B. Allen Library's 50+ Club will meet on Monday, February 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. The featured guest will be Ted Lathem of Rockingham. Ted is a gifted musician and singer. He plays the guitar and violin. He will be accompanied by Allen Billingsly, David Napier and Leon Smith. Everyone is invited to come bring a friend and enjoy the music.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

Healthy Living and Eating Seminar is February 15

Pathway to Peace Ministries presents ANEW-START, healthy living seminar and cooking class on Sunday, February 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. Learn how to cook plant-based foods that will heal you. Learn how to lose weight, have more energy, reduce cholesterol, reverse diabetes, lower blood pressure, and much more.

Interested? Come! Seminar and cooking class is FREE! It will be held at 11775 Highway 109 South in Peachland. For more information call 704-695-1441.