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## Sheriff's Deputy Involved in Fatal Shooting on February 14

An Anson County Sheriff Deputy, Lieutenant Detective James Williams, was involved in a fatal shooting on Friday, February 14. The shooting was the result of a confrontation with Timothy Leroy Harrington, 58, of Polkton, who brandished a firearm after deputies stopped his vehicle. At approximately 2:40 p.m. on February 14, deputies responded to shots being fired at a residence on Highway 742 South in Anson County. A truck left the scene and was pursued by deputies. Deputies attempted to stop the vehicle approximately one mile from the complainant residence, but the suspect fled from deputies into Polkton. Eventually the suspect, Harrington, stopped his vehicle on Mills Road in Polkton, exited his vehicle with a firearm and confronted the deputies. At that point Lieutenant Williams discharged his firearm at Harrington, fatally injuring him. Williams, a twenty-three year veteran with the Sheriff's Office, is on paid administrative leave which is standard procedure. Sheriff Landric Reid has requested that the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) investigate the case. All future correspondents will be released by the SBI.



## BRLC Emergency Food Pantry Transporters Honored for Their Service

This group of volunteer food transporters were recognized by Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center Director Carol Smith during the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. They were honored for their acts of service. The food transporters make sure that food from all vendors is picked up, weighed and documented each month. This is very important to the success of the Emergency Food Pantry. The volunteers are picture above, from left: Harvey Broadway (7 years food distributor and carries food out on Wednesdays); Transporters - David Perry (5 years); Delman Ingram (16 years); Louis Burns (21 years); Manuel Medley (2 years); Kermit Burns (15 years); Deloris Hammond (12 years); Genova Griffin (18 years); James Hammond (12 years); and Nelson Jackson. Not pictured: Joe & Sara Thomas, Roger & Brenda Nix, Bobby & Carolyn Eller, Willie Watkins, Frank E. Ingram, Lisa Peace and Michelle Sarino. Carol Smith said, "We take a bow to these great people."

## Board of Education Meeting Scheduled for February 24

**Special 9 a.m. meeting to discuss superintendent search process, then regular meeting at 4:30 p.m.**  
The Anson County Board of Education will meet on Monday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Administrative Office Board Room for the purpose of discussing the superintendent search process. The regular Board of Education meeting will then begin at 4:30 p.m. with Closed Session that afternoon. Open Session to the public will begin at about 5:30 p.m.

## Early Release Wednesday, February 26 for All Schools

Anson County Schools will have early release Wednesday on February 26. Early release Wednesdays are designed to offer professional development for teachers and staff to support instruction. Early release time for elementary schools will be 12:30 p.m. Early release time for middle and high schools will be 1:30 p.m.

## Young Professionals 2020 Kick-Off

Young Professionals Anson (YP Anson) will host a 2020 Kick-Off Social on Thursday, February 20 at 5:30 p.m. upstairs at Oliver's Restaurant in uptown Wadesboro. YP Anson was created by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce to provide an environment for individuals between the ages of 21 to 39 to meet and develop both socially and professionally. The vision of this group is to bring young professionals together from different industries and backgrounds to be a voice in the community. You are encouraged to take this opportunity to invite any of your employees between the ages of 21 to 39 to be a part of this group in 2020. For more information contact Shelby Emrich, Chamber Director, at [semrich@ansoncountychamber.org](mailto:semrich@ansoncountychamber.org) or call her at 704-694-4181.

## Wadesboro Lions Club and Captain D's Share Night

This Thursday, February 20 the Wadesboro Lions Club will participate with Captain D's Share Night. Support your Wadesboro Lions Club by dining with Captain D's between 5 and 8 p.m.. (Drive-through or dine-in.) 10% of sales during that time will be used to support the Wadesboro Lions Club. All of the proceeds to the Lions Club benefit the blind and visually impaired in Wadesboro and Anson County. If you use Captain D's drive-through, tell the order taker you want to support the Lions Club. This will not add anything to your meal cost, but will allow the Lions to receive a donation from Captain D's. If you dine-in you will have an opportunity, for a small donation, to win a free meal or fries or fish sandwich and several other items. For information about the different projects of the Wadesboro Lions Club please call Lion Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448. This Share Night is only taking place at the Wadesboro location of Captain D's.

## 2020 State of Education Luncheon

Join the Anson County Chamber of Commerce for their 2020 State of Education Luncheon on Friday, March 6, 12 to 1:30 p.m. Hear updates and collaborations from Anson County Schools Superintendent Michael Freeman, South Piedmont Community College's President Dr. Maria Pharr, and Anson County Partnership for Children's Executive Director Caroline Goins. The event will take place at Anson County Schools, 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. Please RSVP by visiting [conta.cc/2HyrGs8](http://conta.cc/2HyrGs8). For more information contact Shelby Emrich at 704-694-4181 or email: [semrich@ansoncountychamber.org](mailto:semrich@ansoncountychamber.org).

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

The Faith-Based Center of Hope continues their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program. They distribute coats to those in need as well as to schools in Anson County. Blankets for the elderly are also available. Gumbys on Highway 74 in Lilesville is a drop off site for donations, or a pick up point for those who need a coat. Just call to schedule it. To donate coats and blankets or to request help, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

## SPCC President Dr. Maria Pharr Selected for New Presidents Fellowship

Dr. Maria Pharr, President of South Piedmont Community College, has been selected by the Aspen Institute to join the 2020-21 inaugural class of the Aspen New Presidents Fellowship, a new initiative designed to support community college presidents in the early years of their tenure to accelerate transformational change on behalf of students.



Dr. Maria Pharr

Dr. Pharr is one of 25 Aspen Fellows selected from more than 100 applicants for this opportunity, which is fully funded by JPMorgan Chase & Co. and run by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. The leaders, all of whom are in their first five years as a college president, will engage in a seven-month fellowship beginning in June 2020. "I am honored to be chosen for this fellowship but individual achievement doesn't motivate me. Making an impact motivates me," said Dr. Pharr. "I hope to gain insight from thought leaders across the nation so that we can craft the best vision for the college." The fellows, who have been college presidents for five years or less, were selected for their commitment to student success and equity, willingness to take risks to improve outcomes, understanding of the importance of community partnerships, and ability to lead change. "In reference to taking risks, when you put the students at the center of your thinking, it's going to be the right decision," said Dr. Pharr. "We know more than ever before about how community colleges can improve outcomes for students, both in and after college," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. "And the urgency for them to do so only increases—especially for students of color and low-income students. These fellows have shown they are fully, urgently committed to excellence and equity, and we look forward to working alongside them." Nearly 80 percent of community college presidents nationwide plan to retire in the next decade. Through this fellowship and its other leadership programs, Aspen is committed to helping to replace those exiting the presidency with an exceptionally capable and highly diverse talent pool. According to the American Council on Education, only 36 percent of community college presidents are female, and 20 percent are people of color. The incoming class of Aspen fellows is 48 percent female, and 40 percent are people of color. Their institutions span 15 states and vary widely, from a rural college with fewer than 2,000 students to a statewide system that educates more than 150,000. "By preparing students and workers for in-demand jobs and meeting the training needs of businesses, community colleges are critical institutions for their regions' prosperity and development," said Jennie Sparandara, head of workforce initiatives, JPMorgan Chase. "JPMorgan Chase is proud to partner with the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program to build the next generation of diverse community college leaders." The program for new presidents is an addition to the Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence, which has been serving aspiring presidents since 2016. Of the nearly 160 fellows who have taken part in the Rising Presidents Fellowship, 41 are now community college presidents, serving more than 500,000 students. JPMorgan Chase is funding the Aspen Presidential Fellowship as part of New Skills at Work, a five-year, \$350 million investment to support community colleges and other pathways to great careers and economic mobility. **About South Piedmont Community College** South Piedmont Community College is a two-year college offering certificates, diplomas, and associate's degrees to residents in Anson and Union counties. We offer small class sizes with flexible scheduling options geared toward student success. To learn more about the college and our programs, visit [www.spcc.edu](http://www.spcc.edu).

## Leap Into College Day at South Piedmont Community College

South Piedmont Community College will hold a Leap Into College Day on Saturday, February 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The free day will allow community members of all ages to register for interactive, hands-on courses on the Polkton campus. Learners of all levels will be able to experience different topics and explore their interests before committing to a program. If attendees are interested in nursing or science they will have options in learning about nursing basics as well as exploring the anatomy of a pig in the "Finding Your Inner Pig" session. For those who are fascinated with art, attendees will be able to participate in abstract painting and spontaneous texture drawing with faculty members. Other sessions include topics like binary birthdays, writing for success, arc welding, and computer basics. Attendees will also be able to have one-on-one advising during open sessions which requires no registration. Free childcare will also be available with registration. Anyone enrolling into a class on Leap Day will receive a free t-shirt. To find more information and register for sessions visit [www.spcc.edu/leapday](http://www.spcc.edu/leapday).

## Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District

The Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25 at 10 a.m. at the BCSWCD office, located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro. For more information call 704-694-3516.

## Democratic Party Monthly Meeting is Thursday

The Anson County Democratic Party will hold their regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20 at the Hampton B. Allen Library. All Democrats and Democratic candidates are invited to attend. Candidates will have an opportunity to engage with all present. For more information call 704-694-8326.

## 2nd Annual Ansonia Theatre Awards Ceremony is February 22

You are invited to attend the 2nd Annual Ansonia Theatre Awards Ceremony on Saturday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. This will be a night of celebration as the theatre recognizes excellence from the 2018-2019 season. Tickets are \$10. The Ansonia is located at 112 South Rutherford Street in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-4950 and the website is [ansoniatheatre.com](http://ansoniatheatre.com).

## Free Movie is Same Kind of Different As Me

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the free movie, *Same Kind of Different As Me*, showing on Monday, February 24 at 10 a.m. in the Little Theatre. *Same Kind of Different As Me* is based on the inspiring true story of international art dealer Ron Hall (Greg Kinnear), who befriends a homeless man (Djimon Hounsou) in hopes of saving his struggling marriage to Debbie (Renée Zellweger), a woman whose dreams will lead all three of them on the most remarkable journey of their lives. Jon Voight plays Hall's father, with whom he reconciles thanks to the revelations of his new life. Based on the New York Times bestseller. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the movie. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.