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Anson Community Celebrates Success of the Bearcat Pride 5k Run/Walk

The small community of Anson recently came together on Saturday, April 27 for the 2024 Bearcat Pride 5k Run/Walk. This event, organized by the Anson Middle School PTO, saw unprecedented support from volunteers, participants, sponsors, and various community stakeholders.

The organizers expressed their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the event's success, including volunteers, participants, sponsors, The Express Newspaper, OnClock Timing Team, emergency services, fire department personnel, the Town of Wadesboro, and the First Presbyterian Church for providing the race venue.

With 97 registered participants, the event surpassed all expectations, especially considering the modest size of the Anson community. The enthusiasm and camaraderie displayed by everyone involved exemplified the unity and pride that defines the Anson community.

Anne Hyatt (AMS PTO Member and Race Organizer) emphasized the significance of events like the Bearcat Pride 5k in fostering positive changes within the school district. Hyatt remarked, "Teamwork between the school system and parents is the cornerstone of a child's success. When educators and families join forces, they create a powerful support system that nurtures and empowers every student to thrive. Focusing on teamwork and strong collaborative partnerships, including our schools, family, students, and community, can only happen when we all work together to make a positive difference."

The organizers sincerely thanked everyone who volunteered, participated, and sponsored the Bearcat Pride 5k Run/Walk. Their support made the event possible and contributed to the overall strength and cohesion of the Anson community.

In addition to celebrating the event's collective success, special recognition was given to Mitch Wyatt and Miranda Chewing for their outstanding achievements as the overall male and female winners of the race.

The Bearcat Pride 5k Run/Walk is a shining example of what can be achieved when a community comes together with a shared purpose and determination. As Anson continues to strive for excellence, events like these serve as a reminder of the power of unity and collaboration in building a brighter future for all.

Press Release by Anne Hyatt. Photo courtesy of Kim Wilson.

Special Traffic Enforcement Operation in Anson County this Friday

Focus is on ensuring the safety of Anson students attending prom

On Friday, May 3 the Anson County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a special traffic enforcement operation, by deploying more deputies throughout the county. The primary objectives of the operation will be on traffic safety, DWI enforcement, and speeding enforcement - all focused in the attempt to ensure the safety of the youth attending this year's senior prom.

Sheriff Howell encourages everyone participating in the prom to act responsibly and use good judgement. He hopes for a happy and fun experience for all.

Chesterfield Attempted Murder Suspect Arrested in Anson County

On Wednesday, April 24 deputies with the Anson County Sheriff's Office received a call from Chesterfield Police Department regarding a wanted man. The wanted subject was identified as Christopher Lemar Goodwin, 31, who had 4 outstanding warrants for Attempted Murder regarding an incident that occurred earlier that Wednesday within the city limits of Chesterfield. Deputies were able to locate and arrest Goodwin without incident.



Christopher Goodwin

Goodwin was also charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon by Anson County officers. He was booked into the Anson County Jail with no bond due to the fugitive warrant obtained regarding the warrants from South Carolina. Goodwin has a court date of May 7.

Marvin Lee Medley Arrested for Assault and Armed Robbery

On Thursday, April 11 at approximately 4:49 a.m. deputies from the Anson County Sheriff's Office responded to 13234 Highway 742 North, Polkton in reference to an armed robbery at the Fast Stop Convenience Store in the Burnsville Community. Once officers arrived on the scene they found a female employee of the store who had been assaulted and robbed. She was transported to Atrium Health Anson for her injuries.



Marvin Medley

Deputies were able to obtain video footage from the store's surveillance system and interview witnesses who provided a description of the assailant. Deputies utilized K-9 Landi to pursue the suspect to a location near the store.

At approximately 2:00 p.m. deputies arrested Marvin Lee Medley, DOB: 3/20/1988, at his residence. Medley has been charged with Robbery with a Dangerous weapon, Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury, and Larceny of a Firearm. Medley was placed in the Anson County Jail, under no bond with a court date of Tuesday, April 23 in Anson County District Court.

Sheriff Scott Howell said that he would like to thank the Burnsville Community for their assistance in this case, and he hopes that the victim in the case has a speedy recovery.

SPCC Event on Youth Apprenticeships

South Piedmont Community College will host a free event for members of the public interested in learning about youth apprenticeship opportunities.

Youth apprenticeships allow high school students to begin gaining work experience while also furthering their education. Students are able to complete their high school diploma and secondary certificate or degree while also earning an industry-recognized credential in their chosen career field. Many times, youth apprentices continue on at their places of employment, advancing to higher level positions.

The event will take place from 5:30-7 p.m. on May 8 at the J. Ray Shute Community Center, 506 East Green Street in Monroe, NC. Free pizza will be served.

This event takes place during the National Youth Apprenticeship Week and is being co-sponsored by Rohobeth Church and the City of Monroe's Good Jobs Great Cities partnership. For more information, email: businessandworkforcesolutions@spcc.edu.

Meeting for Morven Cemetery

The annual membership meeting for Morven Cemetery, Inc. will be held on Monday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Morven Presbyterian Church, located at 204 West Main Street in Morven.

Four People Busted for Illegal Gambling

On Friday, April 12 the Anson County Sheriff's Office, along with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office, executed search warrants at the Lilesville Game Room, which is located at 1522 West Wall Street in Lilesville, and at 100 Fellowship Drive in Hamlet in reference to illegal gambling. During the search officers seized firearms, U.S. currency, and narcotics.

As a result of the search and seizures the following Individuals have been charged:

- Monir Gorgy Scafik Dawoud, DOB: 9/16/1956, of Norman, North Carolina, has been charged with Felony Operating more than 5 Video Gaming Machines and was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$5,000 secure bond. He has a court date of Monday, May 6 in Anson County District Court.
- David Lee Painter, Jr., DOB: 7/9/1969, of Hamlet, has been charged with Felony Operating more than 5 Video Gaming Machines and was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$5,000 secure bond. He has a court date of Monday, May 6 in Anson County District Court.
- Denise Ann Painter, DOB: 8/23/1971, of Rockingham has been charged with Felony Operating more than 5 Video Gaming Machines and was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$5,000 secure bond. She has a court date of Monday, May 6 in Anson County District Court.
- Mary Christal Cummings, DOB: 7/22/1970, of Wadesboro has been charged with Felony Possession of Methamphetamine, Felony Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell and Deliver, Schedule II Controlled Substance and Misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana and was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$10,000 secure bond. She has a court date of Monday, May 6 in Anson County District Court.

Anson County Sheriff Scott Howell would like to thank the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division with their assistance in the case, and remind all residents and businesses that it is illegal to pay out cash prizes on all video gaming machines.



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Anson County Board of Commissioners Meets May 7

The Anson County Board of Commissioners meets two times per month. The first May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. The second meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m.

The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201.

The Commissioners' board meetings are live streamed on their YouTube channel. Also, the videos are archived so they can be viewed at any time. Visit YouTube.com and search for Anson Commissioners.

The Express is on the web at www.TheExpressNewspaper.com

Public Hearing for Adopting County-Wide Zoning is May 7

The Anson County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard in the Boardroom of the Anson County Government Center, located at 101 South Greene Street, Suite 209 in uptown Wadesboro. The purpose of the hearing is to adopt county wide zoning consisting of a new county wide zoning ordinance and the mapping identifying all zoning districts outside of the unincorporated and extraterritorial jurisdictions held by the municipalities in Anson County.

The new zoning ordinance and the zoning maps of Anson County follow the 2040 Comprehensive Land Use Plan adopted by the Anson County Board of Commissioners. The new zoning ordinance and mapping follows Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes, adopted by the North Carolina General Assembly for all counties and municipalities.

All interested citizens are urged to attend and offer comments and ask questions at this time.

Additional information can be found on the Anson County website at www.co.anson.nc.us or by contacting Mr. Larry Newton, Planning & Zoning, at 704-994-3211 or via email at lnewton@ansoncountync.gov.

Dollar Day Yard Sale on Saturday

Contributions & donations gratefully accepted with all proceeds going to help those less fortunate

Faith-Based Center of Hope is holding a Dollar Day Yard Sale at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center behind Pizza Hut on Saturday, May 4 beginning at 7:30 a.m. Come enjoy shopping all the great bargains, with all the proceeds going to help less fortunate citizens in Anson County.

If you have any items to donate to the sale or would like to make a contribution to this worthy cause, please contact Vance Sturdivant at 704-294-0480.




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