

## Signal Phasing Changes at Intersections in Anson County

### Motorists will be able to turn at flashing yellow arrow

The NC Department of Transportation will begin integrating a flashing yellow arrow (FYA) at three intersections along US 74 in Wadesboro beginning Monday, June 17, weather permitting. This new type of signal will be phased gradually over several weeks.

The flashing yellow arrow slightly varies from the typical green arrow and green circular light, which indicate protected and permitted left turns. Instead, there is a flashing yellow arrow between the solid green and solid yellow arrows on the signal. When the flashing yellow arrow is displayed left turns are permitted, meaning drivers must yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians before turning.

Motorists will see changes on U.S. 74 at intersections with U.S. 52 South, the McDonald's entrance, and the Plank Road

following times:

- June 17-30 - The flashing yellow arrow will be implemented from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Sunday
- July 1-14 - The flashing yellow arrow will be implemented at all times except from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday

• July 15 onward -The flashing yellow arrow will be implemented 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

NCDOT first installed this type of signal in February 2005 at the employee/visitor entrance to Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. It was part of a national study sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration to improve driver understanding of left-turn traffic signal displays and to reduce accidents at signalized intersections.

Drivers are encouraged to provide feedback on the new style left-turn traffic signals. Comments may be provided to Sean Epperson at (704) 983-4400.

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## Three Men Arrested for Two Robberies

Anson County Sheriff's Deputies have arrested three men for two separate robberies that occurred in the Morven area over the past two months. The first robbery occurred on Saturday, April 13 at around 1 a.m. when three suspects assaulted and robbed an individual walking near Depot Street. The victim was knocked to the ground and repeatedly kicked by the suspects. A cellphone, wallet, food-stamp card and cash were taken and the suspects fled on foot.

On Sunday, April 28th a second robbery occurred while the victim was working at the Morven Methodist Church on Main Street in Morven. When the victim left the church two men, one with a handgun, robbed the victim of his wallet, car keys and car. The victim was tied up with duct tape and made to get on the ground, but was able to work his hands free after the suspects left and call 911. The stolen vehicle was later found a few miles from the scene.

On Thursday, May 30th deputies arrested three suspects in the two robberies. Arrested and charged with Felony Assault and Common Law Robbery in the April 13th case were Trelis Arnek Teal, age 20; Quentin Carnelius Teal, age 20; and Eric R. Kirkley, age 20. Trelis Arnek Teal and Kirkley are also charged with Assault, Armed Robbery, First Degree Kidnapping, Felony Restraint and Larceny of a Motor Vehicle in the April 28th incident. Bond on Quentin Teal was set at \$85,000. Bonds on Trelis Teal and Eric Kirkley were set at \$585,000 each.

## Premier Fibers Awarded \$250,000 Grant to Create 12 Jobs

### County Economic Development Office and Town of Ansonville work together for grant

Working under an Interlocal Agreement between the county and the Town of Ansonville, the Economic Development office wrote and submitted a grant proposal for \$250,000 in funding for Premiere Fibers which will allow for the purchase of equipment with regards to a proposed plant expansion. This plant expansion will result in the creation of twelve new full-time jobs for Premiere Fibers. In a letter dated May 13, 2013, Mayor Lyndell Ingram of Ansonville was informed of the grant approval.

Applicants for this category of competitive funding are required to be local governments; therefore, the Ansonville Town Council, working in conjunction with the County Economic office and the staff of Premiere Fibers, wholeheartedly agreed to assist Premiere in moving forward with the submission of this grant application.

The grant is a Small Business Entrepreneurial Assistance (SBEA) - Community Development Block Grant, (CDBG), which is allocated by HUD to the NC Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance under the Small Cities Program.

"This is a wonderful community supported effort between the Town of Ansonville, Anson County Government, and a local industry, Premiere Fibers, which has remained such an important part of our county for nearly thirty years," stated Mary Beck, Anson County Economic Development Director. "It is my extreme pleasure to have the opportunity to assist the Town of Ansonville and Premiere Fibers with this project. This plant expansion will provide Premiere with endless future opportunities for Hornwood, an expansion of an advancement, and will allow Premiere to manufacture a new fiber filament, which is also used by Hornwood, Inc. in some of their plant operations. This funding will therefore assist two of our main manufacturing companies located in Anson County. We so appreciate the continued support of the staff of the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance in their review and funding of this project."

## Ken Caulder Appointed President of NC Funeral Directors Association

Ken Caulder of Leavitt Funeral Home was recently named President of the North Carolina Funeral Directors Association (NCFDA). His appointment was announced during the 126th Annual Convention of the NCFDA, held May 13 to 15 at the Sheraton Imperial in Research Triangle Park, NC. The association was established in 1887 and currently has more than 500 members.

During the business meeting Caulder was installed as President for 2013-2014. He is a 1987 graduate of Richmond Senior High School and Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC), with an Associate Degree in Funeral Service Education. His career in funeral service began in 1986 at the age of 16 with Marks Funeral Home in Rockingham. Following graduation from FTCC he became employed with Leavitt Funeral Home, and this career has spanned nearly 22 years.

Ken is active in his community, having served as President of the Wadesboro Rotary Club and First Baptist Church Wadesboro, he sings with the Chancel Choir and serves on various church committees. He is also a member of One Voice Chorus in Charlotte.

Ken has served on the NCFDA Board of Directors for a number of years, having served on various committee appointments and represented the state at meetings with the National Funeral Directors Association. Most recently he sang the National Anthem at the National Funeral Directors Convention in Charlotte in October 2012.

He is the son of Virginia and Leon Baker and Bobby and Linda Caulder, all of Rockingham, and the grandson of the late Duncan and Mary Lampley Caulder of Rockingham and the late Bernie and Janie Leviner Jones of Laurel Hill.

The staff of Leavitt Funeral Home honored him with a reception at the convention on Tuesday, May 14 following the officer installation and exhibit tour.



Ken Caulder (left) is pictured with Randy Earl, President of the North Carolina Funeral Directors Association.

## Scott Martin Passes Rigorous Fire Inspection Course

After completing a 36 hour intensive class conducted by the North Carolina State Fire Marshal, Wadesboro Firefighter Scott Martin will soon be licensed to conduct fire inspections throughout Wadesboro. In addition to assisting in various fire and life safety prevention programs, Martin took the course to prepare for legal issues facing inspectors.

Wadesboro Town Manager Alex Sewell commented, "I am really proud of Scott and our Fire Department. Fire Chief Jimmy Burns and Marc Sessions place a big emphasis on preventative programs. Scott's continuing training will ensure the town is able to continue these preventative efforts to help protect our community."

Scott has been employed with the Wadesboro Fire Department since 2008. He holds the Wadesboro rescue certification. Additionally, he is a volunteer firefighter with the Lilesville Fire Department. Martin is married to Mrs. Katie Poplin from Lilesville.



Scott Martin (left) with Wadesboro Town Manager Alex Sewell.

## Anson County Farmer's Market Opens this Saturday

Fresh vegetables, fruits and lots more are available twice a week at the Anson County Farmer's Market. Everyone is invited to come purchase fresh, local food on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The market will officially open this Saturday, June 15 at 7am for the season.

The Farmer's Market is located on Highway 52 South of Wadesboro's kitchen Cobb Vantress.

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