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Board of Education to Hold Called Meeting on July 13

Board to consider revised school calendar, strategic plan and personnel matters

The Anson County Board of Education will hold a called meeting on Monday, July 13, 2026, in the Board Meeting Room at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. with the board entering closed session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6).

Open session will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be open to the public.

Items on the agenda include consideration of a revised 2026-2027 school calendar, the district's strategic plan and personnel matters.

The meeting will be live-streamed on the Anson County Schools YouTube channel for public viewing.

Kids Expo Scheduled for August 22

Young entrepreneurs invited to showcase their ideas and learn business skills

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce will host its fifth annual Kids Expo on Saturday, August 22, from 9 a.m. until noon in the parking lot of First Baptist Church in Wadesboro. The event is designed for students in grades K-12 and offers young entrepreneurs an opportunity to create, develop and market a product or service they are passionate about.

Strictly a kids-only marketplace, participants are responsible for selling and promoting their own products and services. Through the experience, they gain valuable real-world skills in math, communication, creativity and marketing.

Awards will be presented in each age group for Most Original Business Idea, Highest Business Potential and Best Presentation/Creativity. Participants also have opportunities to make connections, gain exposure for their businesses and build experience in sales and marketing.

The public is invited to come browse, shop and encourage the next generation of business owners.

Applications are open now, with a registration deadline of Friday, August 14.

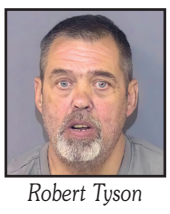
Sponsorships Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Community sponsors receive logo placement on event T-shirts, recognition on social media and the Chamber website, a judging opportunity and an invitation to the welcome celebration on the morning of the event.

For more information about participating or becoming a sponsor, contact the Anson County Chamber of Commerce by email at *info@ansoncountychamber.org* or call 704-694-4181. The Chamber office is located at 107-C West Wade Street in Wadesboro.

Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Arrests

Fentanyl and methamphetamine seized

C.H.W. Moore


Robert Tyson

Two Anson County men were arrested June 3 following a traffic stop conducted by deputies with the Union County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Bureau.

According to the sheriff's office, deputies stopped a black Nissan Altima and, during the investigation, discovered fentanyl and methamphetamine inside the vehicle.

Arrested were Charles Harley Wade Moore, 39, of Ansonville-Polkton Road and Robert Wesley Tyson, 59, of High Rock Crusher Road. Both men were transported to the Union County Detention Center.

Moore was charged with two counts of trafficking fentanyl. Authorities allege he manufactured and transported between four and 14 grams of fentanyl. He was given a $100,000 secured bond and remained in custody at the detention center as of the sheriff's office announcement.

Tyson was charged with possession of methamphetamine and maintaining a vehicle for the storage and sale of controlled substances. He received a $7,500 secured bond and has since been released after meeting the conditions of his bond.

The Union County Sheriff's Office said the arrests were made as part of ongoing efforts to keep dangerous drugs off area streets.

Bluegrass Notes at the Library

Bring your fiddle, banjo, bass, Or just your smile and take a place. The Hampton B. Allen Library's the scene, June 25 from 6:30 to 8 in between.

In the Little Theater, tunes will fly, With singers and pickers giving it a try. Experts and beginners all fit right in, And spectators are welcome to join in the grin.

Youngsters twelve and under, don't forget, Bring an adult - that's the safest bet. So come tap your toes and enjoy the night, Questions? Call 704-694-5177 and we'll set you right!

Summer Enrichment Camp Students Explore Opportunities in Anson County

Church-sponsored program introduces young people to careers and community leadership

Participants in the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church Summer Enrichment Camp recently visited Anson County Schools as part of a three-week program designed to broaden horizons and introduce students to career opportunities available close to home.

Sponsored by Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Wadesboro, the summer program provides meaningful experiences aimed at enriching the lives of young people while exposing them to the many professions and resources available throughout Anson County.

During their visit to Anson County Schools, campers learned about the role of public education, gained insight into the responsibilities of the Board of Education and school board meetings, and met members of the district's cabinet team. Students are also visiting and learning about other organizations and agencies throughout the county.

Anson County Schools recognized Board of Education member Dr. Bobbie Little for helping organize the visit and for sharing with students how school board meetings and the work of the Board of Education help shape the future of local schools and communities.

School officials said experiences like these demonstrate that public schools are much more than classrooms, serving as centers of learning, leadership and community partnerships that prepare students for life and connect them with future opportunities.

Anson County Schools also expressed appreciation to Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church for its continued investment in local youth and its efforts to help open doors to possibilities right here at home.

Pictured above are participants in the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church Summer Enrichment Camp during their visit with Anson County Schools officials and staff.

Burnsville Domestic Situation Ends Peacefully Following Standoff

Deputies respond to armed domestic situation, suspect transported for mental health assistance

Anson deputies were dispatched to a tense domestic situation on Monday, June 22 in the Burnsville area. Despite shots being fired from a man at the residence, the responding officers safely resolved the emergency with no injuries.

While deputies were en route, dispatchers remained in contact with a woman at the scene and advised responding officers that the male subject had made threats toward law enforcement.

Deputies gathered nearby and formulated a response plan. Several deputies established positions around the residence while others closed the roadway to protect the public. According to the Sheriff's Office, the man fired multiple rounds from both the front and rear of the home. Deputies deployed a drone to maintain aerial observation of the suspect.

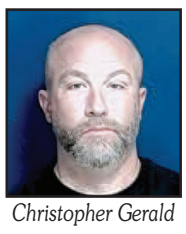
When officers observed that the man had put down his weapon and no longer had access to the residence, they were able to approach safely and take him into custody.

No shots were fired by members of the Sheriff's Office, and no people or property were struck by rounds fired by the suspect.

The man was transported to receive assistance for what authorities described as a mental health episode. Sheriff Scott Howell said mental health issues are taken very seriously by the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Howell commended both deputies and dispatch personnel for their professionalism and for bringing the incident to a safe conclusion. Because of the circumstances surrounding the case, the Sheriff's Office is not releasing the names of those involved at this time.

Sheriff's Office Arrests Suspect in Copper Wire Theft Cases


Christopher Gerald

The Anson County Sheriff's Office has arrested a Wadesboro man in connection with two incidents involving the theft of copper wire from a worksite in Lilesville.

According to a news release, deputies responded on May 20 to a report of larceny at the Power Grid Services worksite near Ingram Mountain Road and Dr. Sorrell Road. Workers reported that four sections of copper wire, each approximately six feet long, had been cut and removed. On June 3, workers returned to the site and discovered that an additional eight to 10 feet of copper wire had been stolen. Surveillance cameras installed at the location captured images of both a suspect vehicle and an individual believed to be involved. Following an investigation into both incidents, deputies obtained warrants for Christopher Gerald of Wadesboro.

Gerald turned himself in at the Sheriff's Office on June 15. He was charged with one count of felony larceny and one count of felony injury to property to obtain nonferrous metals in connection with the June 3 theft. On June 16 Gerald was served with additional charges related to the May 20 incident, including one count of felony larceny and one count of felony injury to property to obtain nonferrous metals.

Gerald was placed in the Anson County Jail under a total secured bond of $20,000.

Anyone with information about this case or other criminal activity is encouraged to contact the Anson County Sheriff's Office at 704-694-4188. Information may be provided anonymously.

Two Men Charged in Theft of Freightliner Truck From Anson County Business

Suspects linked to larger investigation involving stolen trucks and trailers

Two men have been charged in connection with the 2024 theft of a Freightliner tractor truck from an Anson County business. According to the Anson County Sheriff's Office, deputies responded on October 2, 2024, to Quikrete, located at 13471 U.S. Highway 74 West in the Peachland area, after a 2021 Freightliner tractor truck was reported stolen.

Investigators determined that at approximately 2 a.m., individuals entered the property, disconnected a trailer from the tractor truck and drove the vehicle away. The truck was later found abandoned along U.S. Highway 74 east of Rockingham, where its GPS tracking system had been disabled.

On June 3, 2026, detectives were notified by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office that the stolen Freightliner had been recovered during the execution of a search warrant at a local business. Investigators discovered the vehicle in the possession of individuals connected to a larger investigation involving numerous stolen trucks and trailers. As a result of that investigation, 37-year-old Andre Horace Jumpp of Hope Mills and 36-year-old Prince Raymond Betts were arrested by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.

Anson County detectives collected evidence that positively identified both men and assisted Cumberland County investigators in determining that the suspects were involved in multiple commercial vehicle thefts.

Jumpp and Betts have each been charged with felony larceny of a motor vehicle from Anson County. Both men are currently being held at the Cumberland County Detention Center.

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the Anson County Sheriff's Office at 704-694-4188.

Grace Senior Center Offering Free Fans Through Summer Heat Relief Program

Grace Senior Center is helping local residents stay safe and comfortable during the summer months through the 2026 Operation Fan Heat Relief Program. Funded through a grant from Progress Energy, the program provides free fans to eligible Anson County residents who do not have adequate cooling in their homes.

The summer fan program is designed to create a more comfortable living environment and help reduce heat-related illnesses among individuals who do not have central air conditioning, window air conditioning units, ceiling fans or other fans that provide relief from extreme heat.

To qualify for assistance, applicants must reside in Anson County and be either 60 years of age or older or an adult living with a disability. Applicants must also have a home situation in which a threat to health and well-being exists due to excessive heat.

Program funds cannot be used for direct cash assistance or payment of utility bills.

Officials encourage eligible residents who need a fan to apply as soon as possible.

For more information or to request assistance, contact Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616.