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Morris Knotts and David Wall Arrested for Violent Crimes

Anson County Sheriff's Deputies have arrested two individuals involved in a series of violent crimes and break-ins. On June 6th deputies arrested Morris Knotts, Jr., 21, of Wadesboro. On June 16th deputies arrested David Bernard Wall, 21 of Wadesboro. Both men were charged in a home invasion that occurred on May 23rd where the home owner was threatened and assaulted by being struck in the head with a handgun. Money, jewelry, two cell phones and an automobile were taken. Charges against Knotts and Wall include First Degree Kidnapping, Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, First Degree Burglary, Felony Larceny and Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury. Knotts is under a \$320,000 bond and Wall is under a \$450,000 bond.

Two other suspects, Stacy Covington and Jonathon Dunlap, are currently in jail in Chesterfield County under similar charges there.

Sheriff Tommy Allen said that both Knotts and Wall have been tied into other crimes in Anson County including break-ins. "We recovered stolen property from Wall's home when we executed a search warrant last week. These guys were also setting up break-ins and have others actually doing the crimes. I expect there will be more arrests in all this. We are looking at several other suspects," Allen said.

Josh Garland Gerald Charged in Death of Michael Cassidy

On Friday, June 17 Officer Matt Norris with the Wadesboro Police Department arrested Josh Garland Gerald, a white male, 25, of 721 Old Lilesville Road in Wadesboro. Gerald was charged with Second Degree Murder, Felony Death By Vehicle, Driving While Impaired, Careless and Reckless Driving, Exceeding the Posted Speed Limit, Failure to Stop at Stop Sign, and Not Wearing a Seatbelt.

The charges stem from an accident involving a fatality which occurred on April 7, 2011 at approximately 10:11 p.m. at Old Lilesville Road and East View Street. Gerald was driving a car belonging to a Michael Cassidy, also of 721 Old Lilesville Road, when he went through a stop sign and crashed into a house at 304 Old Lilesville Road. No one in the house was injured though damage was estimated at \$20,000. Michael Cassidy was a passenger in the vehicle and he died on impact. Cassidy was not wearing a seatbelt.

The State Highway Patrol Reconstruction Team was called in to assist the Wadesboro Police Department and all parties conferred with the District Attorney's office in deciding what charges to file against Gerald. Gerald is in the Anson County Jail under no bond. First court date is June 28, 2011.

Head Start and Early Head Start Programs Available in Anson County

The Head Start and Early Head Start programs of Union County Community Action, Inc. are not accepting applications at Faison and Central Centers in Wadesboro. Not only will your child be provided with quality care by trained professionals, your child will receive physical, mental, dental, social and educational services as well.

So, please bring your proof of income for 2010 (W-2 or tax form 1040), child's shot record, birth certificate and proof of insurance/Medicaid to apply. The Faison Center can be reached at 704-694-9885 and the Central Center for Children and Families can be reached at 704-694-2120.

Give your child a Head Start in life...apply today.



How Big is Your Cabbage?

Quame McLendon is a third grader at Wadesboro Primary School who participated in the Bonnie's Third Grade Cabbage Program. His cabbage grew to 11 pounds!

Quame's parents are Brandon and Lashonda McLendon.

NC Veterans Park Honors Anson Veterans

Anson County as well as all 100 counties around North Carolina will be honored year round with a 21st century park. This is the first state park dedicated to military veterans - young and old...living or deceased...from all branches of the Armed Services: Army, Navy Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. The primary park theme is "A Veteran's Journey: life before, during, and after service." The secondary park theme is "Rebirth and Healing."

- A place for people to reflect and celebrate.
- Rebirth and healing for an underutilized and environmentally challenged place.

The North Carolina Veterans Park (NCVP) is adjacent to the Airborne & Special Operations Museum and will include a visitor's center, community lawn and plaza, reflective garden and amphitheater. Bordering historic downtown Fayetteville, the park will serve not only as a reflective and contemplative space but also as a gathering place to welcome and honor veterans.

Anson County will be represented on one of twenty-five pylons that will be permanently displayed with hand castings of two local veterans and three supporters of veterans who participated in the hand casting project last December. Also, a certified bag of soil from Anson County was used in the permanent exhibit.

The North Carolina Veteran's Park is located at 300 Bragg Boulevard in Fayetteville. The dedication ceremony will be held on Monday, July 4 at 10 a.m. Representatives from all five branches of the military, and from national, state and local veterans organizations will take part in the ceremony. We encourage you to bring portable seating. For more information go to www.ncveteranspark.org or call (910) 433-1329.

50+ Club Meeting Features Quartet

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club will meet on Monday, July 11, in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Mike Edwards and the Red Hill Men's Quartet will be presenting a program of music. The Red Hill group includes Paul Turner, Dennis Turner, David Arey and Theodore Carr. The public is invited to attend.

Anson County Relay for Life Raises Over \$22,000



Last Friday, June 17, Relay for Life in Anson County was finally underway. The opening walk for survivors included 160 participants. As they lapped the field many others, over 925 walkers from Anson County and surrounding counties, joined them. Over \$22,000 was raised in an effort to increase awareness and maybe one day soon, find a cure for cancer. Photo by Melanie Lyon

Anson Native Rosalind Redfearn Named to Family & Consumer Sciences Hall of Fame

The late Rosalind McLendon Redfearn was inducted into the Jane S. McKimmon Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) Hall of Fame during the FCS centennial celebration on Wednesday, May 25, at North Carolina State University's Jane S. McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Redfearn served as home demonstration agent in Anson County for 35 years, from 1913 to 1948. She started the first girls' tomato clubs in Anson County, and by 1927, she also had led the creation of ten home demonstration clubs there. In 1921, she organized the first Women's Curb Market in Anson County, giving rural families an opportunity to sell produce, livestock and other goods.



NC State University Chancellor Randy Woodson, left, greets Rosalind Redfearn Boothby, granddaughter of Rosalind Redfearn, a McKimmon Hall of Fame Inductee.

One of Redfearn's biggest accomplishments was establishing poultry breeds and flocks that eventually became the county's largest cash crops. Under her leadership, Anson County began shipping poultry to colleges, merchants, institutions, hotels and private customers throughout North Carolina and as far as Washington, D.C. She started the program with 15 families, and by 1931, that number had grown to 200. By 1940, nearly 900 families marketed hens, broilers, eggs and turkeys cooperatively and shipped 70,000 pounds of turkey. By the time she retired, Redfearn and her business partner, county farm agent J. W. Cameron, had developed a turkey-raising industry in Anson County that brought in nearly \$300,000 annually and established poultry, eggs and turkeys among the county's main cash crops.

Redfearn served as the first president of the Home Demonstration Agents Association and was named "Woman of the Year" by Progressive Farmer magazine in 1948, among many other awards and honors. She passed away in December 1957.

Redfearn is one of 25 inductees into the first class of the FCS Hall of Fame. Family & Consumer Sciences professionals serve citizens in all the state's 100 counties and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation. Today's FCS programs focus on many of the same issues they have over the past 100 years - nutrition, food preservation and food safety, child development and family relations, family resource management, housing and energy management.

The FCS Hall of Fame induction ceremony was a highlight of the May 25 centennial celebration, as well as the unveiling of a new book about the history of the organization: Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Service: To Family, Community, and North Carolina. For more information about the centennial, visit www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/fcs/Centennial/centennial-event.php.

HOLLA! Red Carpet Affair

Recognizing community service accomplishments, honoring Mrs. Vancine Sturdivant

In a release from the HOLLA! Red Carpet Affair Committee: We would like to extend an invitation to you to join us in recognizing Mrs. Vancine Sturdivant for her unrelenting and valuable service to our community. She is president of Faith Based Center of Hope in Lilesville. On Saturday, August 20 we will host a HOLLA! Red Carpet Affair at the HOLLA! Resource and Community Development Center in Morven, from 8 to 11 p.m. to give Mrs. Sturdivant the walk down the red carpet she deserves.

This event will include live music on the inside and a DJ on the deck. You will also enjoy great food, good folks and an elegant evening of fun!

Then, on Sunday, August 21, from 4 to 6 p.m., Vancine will receive friends and family who could not attend Saturday's event during the Red Carpet Gospel Revue. This event will be equally exciting, as guests will experience live gospel entertainment, food and be able to bid on some valuable prizes during a silent auction.

We are asking that you consider becoming a sponsor for this exciting event. Proceeds will benefit one of Vancine's favorite charities; the HOLLA! Resource and Community Development Center. This sponsorship opportunity will help guarantee that the HOLLA! Center will remain opened to provide valuable services to our community! Please contact us to find out more about the various opportunities to participate. We look forward to you joining us in making this a special evening for Mrs. Sturdivant and the cause of sponsorship community service.

The HOLLA! Red Carpet Affair committee is appreciative of your consideration of this request. We also have tickets available for \$25 each which can be used for the Saturday or the Sunday event. Children age 18 and under can attend Sunday's event at no cost.

Please feel free to refer questions to us at 704-694-3552 or via email to HOLLA@Wadesboro.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

It Just Makes Cents



Anson County School teachers and students collected about \$100 in pennies over the past month to show their support of the one cent temporary sales tax. Keeping this tax in place would have saved hundreds of jobs in education.

Shown in this picture is a bucket of pennies which stopped at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church VBS on its way to Raleigh for the North Carolina Association of Educators Penny Lobby Day.

Softball Tournament Fundraiser for Baby James David Cunningham

There will be a coed softball tournament fundraiser on Saturday, July 9 for baby James David Cunningham, the son of Johnny D. (Nicky) Cunningham and Britni Schlinker. All proceeds will go to the family. Baby David was born at 28 weeks and will be in the hospital for a few months. The father is the sole provider for the family, and their car recently broke down. To visit their baby the family must ride the bus which costs \$35 per person. The hospital is two hours away, and because of these circumstances the parents cannot afford to go see their baby every day. All prayers, donations and participation is greatly appreciated.

Baby David's grandparents are David and Marie Flake. He is the great-grandson of Jimmy and Jean Flake.

The tournament will be held at the Field of Dreams. The cost to enter is \$125 per team, and you must enter by July 5. Any tournament questions, please call Brittany Diggs at 704-475-0652 or bdig3648@students.spcc.edu. If you have questions about Baby David contact Deanna Hildreth at 704-294-1353 or deedeeadams74@yahoo.com.

Food donations are needed for the tournament concession stand. Desserts are greatly needed too. Please text or call Deanna Hildreth at 704-294 1353 if you can help.

Parks and Rec Pool Schedule, Swim Lessons

The Anson County Parks and Recreation pool at Little Park will open to the public on Saturday, June 11 for the weekends and Tuesday, June 26 for the weekdays. The cost is \$1 per person. Here is the schedule:

- Open on Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat, Sun, from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Closed on Mondays and Fridays for Maintenance

Swim lessons will be available. There will be three, 2 week sessions that run 30 minutes a day, Monday through Thursday. The cost is \$18 per person.

- Session #1 July 5-15
- Session #2 July 18-28
- Session #3 August 1-11

Contact Wendell Small at 704-694-5751 to register for swim lessons.

Have a safe and happy July 4th!

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