



### John Harris Celebrated at 92nd Birthday

On Wednesday, June 19 former Commander of the James D. Henderson VFW Post 10403 in Wadesboro John L. Harris celebrated his 92nd birthday. Mr. Harris is the only surviving World War II Buffalo Soldier in Anson County. The celebration took place at Richmond Pines Rehabilitation Center in Rockingham where Mr. Harris has been receiving physical therapy for the past few months as part of his recovery from a fall he sustained. "Dad is getting better and better, and he looks forward to coming back home soon," said his son Anthony Harris.

Mr. Harris was surrounded by his immediate family, wife Janie C. Harris, son Anthony and his wife Evren, and great grandson Cameron Harris. Also in attendance were former VFW Post Commander Anthony Hall, many nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends. Folks traveled from High Point, Wadesboro, Morven, Lilesville, Laurinburg and Lumberton to share this special day with Mr. Harris.

### From the Sheriff's Desk

Identity Theft has been a hot topic for the past few years and continues to be today, maybe more so than ever. The Federal Trade Commission estimates that as many as nine million citizens will have their identities stolen each year. It's likely that you or someone you know will have experienced some form of identity theft.

The crime takes many forms. Identity thieves may rent an apartment, obtain a credit card, or establish a telephone account in your name. You may not find out about the theft until you review your credit report; or a credit card or billing statement; or be contacted by a debt collector. Victims will spend many hours on the phone with creditors or companies; and may have to even hire an attorney to help clean up the mess.

While you may not be able to prevent identity theft entirely, you can minimize your risk by following these steps:

- Install strong passwords on your credit cards, bank and phone accounts. Avoid passwords like your mother's maiden name, birthdate, last four letters of your social security number or phone number.
- Protect your statements. Keep them or destroy them with a shredder. Don't put them in the trash.
- Pay attention to billing cycles. Look closely at what has been billed to your accounts. Look for any changes to your accounts.
- Have Social Security checks and other recurring checks deposited directly into your account.
- Never give out information about your bank account or credit card by phone. Companies and banks will not call asking for personal information.
- Minimize the amount of identification information you carry around. Never carry your Social Security card with you.
- Keep personal information in a safe place. Shred credit offers, expired cards, check, statements, etc.

If you become a victim, report the incident immediately to your local law enforcement agency. A police report is usual necessary for the banks or credit card companies to take any corrective action. It's usual not an easy, quick fix as often the thief resides in other states or even other countries. If you have further questions or would like more information please contact my office at 704-694-4188.

### Wildlife Commission Announces July 4 as Free Fishing Day

Fishing for a fun and inexpensive way to celebrate Independence Day? The NC. Wildlife Resources Commission invites anglers and would-be anglers of all ages to go fishing - for free. On July 4 from 12:01 a.m. until 11:59 p.m., everyone in North Carolina - resident and non-residents alike - can fish in any public body of water, including coastal waters, without purchasing a fishing license or additional trout fishing privilege. Although no fishing license is required, all other fishing regulations, such as size and creel limits and lure restrictions, still apply.

To give anglers a better chance of catching fish, the Commission stocks a variety of fish in waters across the state - including trout and channel catfish. The agency also provides access to fishing sites across the state, including public fishing areas and boating access areas. The interactive fishing and boating maps on the Commission's website list more than 500 fishing and boating areas, many of which are free, that are open to the public.

Authorized by the NC. General Assembly and started in 1994, North Carolina's annual free fishing day always falls on July 4.

On all other days of the year, a fishing license is not required for anglers 15 years and younger, but anyone age 16 and older must have a fishing license to fish in any public water in North Carolina, including coastal waters. To purchase a license:

- Call the Commission at 1-888-248-6834. Hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 7 days a week;
  - Go to [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).
  - Visit a local Wildlife Service Agent.
- For more information on fishing in public, inland waters, visit the Fishing page [www.ncwildlife.org/Fishing](http://www.ncwildlife.org/Fishing).

### "Agriculture Adventures" Summer Camp Offered by Anson County Cooperative Extension

Anson County Cooperative Extension is proud to announce two sessions of summer camp focused on agriculture entitled, "Agriculture Adventures."

- The first session, July 30th & July 31st is open to youth ages 5-8, and will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Youth will learn how to make yourself into a cow and all about sheep, goats, and cattle! Youth will visit a farm and learn how to take care of animals.
- The second session will take place August 1st & 2nd, and will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is for youth ages 9 and up. This 2-day camp is for older participants who want to learn the finer details of animal agriculture. Youth will participate in hands-on demonstrations; learn about the industry and how what cows eat is all down to a science.

Each session is \$10. Registration must be made in person at the Anson County Cooperative Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. A medical release form must be completed and notarized before camp. An adult must register youth. No refunds are allowed. Payment is due at registration. For more information contact Jessica Anderson, Agriculture Agent, at 704-694-2415.



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