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## June 24 Saturation Patrol in Wadesboro Nets Numerous Charges

On Friday, June 24 the Wadesboro Police Department conducted a Saturation Patrol on Highway 74 Business. Joining Wadesboro Police officers were officers representing five other agencies, including Lilesville, Norwood, Hamlet, Laurinburg and Pinehurst Police Departments. Officers were focusing on speeders in several different locations to help promote traffic safety.

Officers also conducted a license checking station on Highway 52 South later that night to ensure unlicensed drivers were not operating a motor vehicle, and to deter anyone from drinking and driving.

During the Saturation Patrol for speeders a total of 56 charges were issued: 13 drug charges, including felony possession of cocaine; 1 driving while license revoked; 1 revoked license tag; and 42 speeding violations, all of which were greater than 15 mph over the posted limit.

At the license checking station officers wrote a total of 25 charges: 9 seatbelt violations; 3 child restraint violations; 4 driving while license revoked; 4 no operators license; and 5 window tint violations.

In 2015 alone there were 322 speed-related fatalities and 10,658 speed-related injuries. Speeding was a contributing factor in 23 percent of all fatal crashes in North Carolina. In 2015, 88 percent of all speeding-related traffic fatalities in North Carolina occurred on non interstate roadways where the posted speed limits were 55 mph or less. Only 8 percent of the state's speeding related fatalities occurred on interstate highways that year.

The Wadesboro Police Department would like to remind everyone that these traffic laws serve a purpose to promote safety and help prevent traffic accidents, injuries and even death. Please be smart and obey all traffic laws and watch for other drivers.



## Uptown Wadesboro Farmers Market is Open Every Thursday with Fresh Local Produce

Be sure to hit the Square in Wadesboro on Thursdays for the Uptown Wadesboro Farmers Market. From 4 to 6 p.m. you can purchase local produce and other goodies at great prices.



## Anson County's Unemployment Rate Was at 5.3 Percent in May

Anson County's unemployment rate for May was 5.3 percent. In April the rate was 5.8 percent. Statewide the unemployment rate for May was 4.7 percent.

Anson's total labor force in May was 10,865. Of that number 10,294 were employed and 571 were unemployed. In April the total labor force was 10,946, with 10,313 employed and 633 unemployed.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 98 of North Carolina's counties in May and remained unchanged in two. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 8.6 percent, while Buncombe County had the lowest at 3.5 percent.

Fourteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases and one remained unchanged. Among the Metro areas, Rocky Mount at 6.9 percent experienced the highest rate and Asheville had the lowest rate at 3.7 percent. The May not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 4.7 percent.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in all 100 counties. All 15 metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in May by 13,221 to 4,626,542 while those unemployed decreased 12,386 to 229,979. Since May 2015 the number of workers employed statewide increased 88,625, while those unemployed decreased 60,005.

## Wadesboro Police Charge Danny Wade Pearson with Five Felonies

On Tuesday, July 5 officers of the Wadesboro Police Department arrested Danny Wade Pearson, 36, of Polkton for numerous felony charges. The charges were the result of an investigation into Pearson's involvement in illegal activity at his place of business, Pearson's Truck Service, located on Highway 74 West in Wadesboro.



Danny Wade Pearson

The Wadesboro Police Department received a complaint on Friday, June 17 from a victim who reported that her vehicle had several items stolen from it while at Pearson's Truck Service. Detectives investigated the complaint and later determined Pearson was behind the theft.

On July 5 detectives obtained arrest warrants for Pearson and arrested him at his business. He was charged with Larceny of Motor Vehicle Parts (Felony); Permit a Place to Be Used As a Chop Shop (Felony); Chop Shop Activity by Theft/Fraud/Other (Felony); Possession of Stolen Goods/Property (Felony); and Felony Larceny (Felony).

Pearson's bond was set at \$12,500 secured and his court date was set for July 12, 2016.

## Board of Elections Meeting Postponed Until Thursday

The Anson County Board of Elections cancelled their regular monthly meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, July 12 due to sickness. The meeting has been rescheduled for this Thursday, July 14 at 5 p.m.

The Board of Elections is located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-994-3223.

## Parks & Rec Trips to Morrow Mountain and Cheraw State Park

Anson County Parks and Recreation is offering a trip to Morrow Mountain State Park on Thursday, July 21 and Cheraw State Park on Thursday, August 4. This is for boys and girls ages 9 to 12.

Participants will leave Little Park at 9:00 a.m. and return to Little Park by 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

There is a maximum of 12 people for each trip. Register before July 15 for Morrow Mountain State Park and by July 29 for Cheraw State Park. Contact Jeff Waisner at 704-695-2550, Wendell Small at 704-695-2782 or Morris Gatewood at 704-694-5751 for more information.

## Know the Warning Signs and Symptoms of Stroke

Make sure you can spot the symptoms in yourself and in others

Strokes are one of the top three causes of death in the United States and the leading cause of long-term disability. What's more, North Carolina is located in what researchers call the stroke belt, meaning the death rates for stroke are highest in this area compared to the rest of the United States.

While most stroke cases are unpredictable, identifying warning signs as soon as possible can make a big difference in how someone is treated for and recovers from a stroke.

"Symptoms can include weakness on one side of the body, numbness, confusion, fatigue, dizziness, blurred vision, a severe headache and potentially paralysis," says Joe Bernard, MD, an interventional radiologist at Carolinas HealthCare System. "However, each stroke case has its own unique combination of signs and symptoms, so not everyone will experience all of them simultaneously nor at the same level of intensity."

F.A.S.T is an easy way to remember the signs of stroke. If you spot these signs in yourself or a loved one, you should call 911 immediately.

- Face Drooping: Does one side of the face droop, or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?
- Arm Weakness: Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- Speech Difficulty: Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?
- Time to call 911: If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get the person to the hospital immediately. Check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared.

Some lifestyle choices and medical conditions can put you at a higher risk of stroke. Some examples include:

- Poor nutrition
- Lack of physical activity
- Smoking
- High stress
- High blood pressure

By making an effort every day to move more, eat more fruits and vegetables, get more sleep, quit smoking and regularly checking your blood pressure, you can cut down on your risk of having a stroke.

To learn more about stroke care in the Carolinas, visit [CarolinasHealthCare.org/Stroke-Neuroscience](http://CarolinasHealthCare.org/Stroke-Neuroscience).

## Market on Market in Cheraw this Saturday

Market on Market continues on Saturday, July 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Cheraw. This family friendly monthly event features art, produce, food and entertainment on the third Saturday of each month from May through October.

The dog days of summer begin early July and extend through mid August. July's market theme will reflect this sultry time of summer. Special guest at Market on Market will be Roadie the Puppet Dog from the Columbia Marionette Theatre. Roadie and his puppet friends visit from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Pup Treat Barkery will have homemade doggy treats for purchase. That Bubble Guy will return for the event. Market on Market will also feature an art component with face painting and hands on art activities.

A variety of food items will be available for purchase from restaurants. River's Edge will have their famous home churned ice cream, jellies, cherry limeade and chicken salad sandwiches at the restaurant. The Wine Factory will be open for brunch from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. featuring southern tomato pie and more. The Green Door will be at the market area beginning at 11 a.m. with their yummy Carolina rolls of crab and shrimp salad.

Local farmers from the Cheraw's Farmer Market will bring their produce to the downtown area for purchase. Brown Creek Creamery will have homemade butter and cheeses. Le Farm from Hartsville will feature organic blueberries. Griggs Circle Bakery is also participating and featuring baked goods.

Market Hall will serve as Information area during Market days. For additional information contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843-537-8420 ext 12.

## Dancercise Class Offered at Grace Senior Center

Dancercise, which is exercising while dancing, is being offered at Grace Senior Center. Dancercise is a blend of aerobics and dance moves, something that many people find to be lots of fun. Participants enjoy great music and learn actual dance moves. The class being offered is a beginners class. There is no registration and no charge for the class.

The class is ongoing. So, if you didn't make it to the first class there is still plenty of opportunity to join in later. Each month the schedules will be given out with class dates and times.

The Dancercise class will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays, and 1 to 2 p.m. on Mondays.

This class is open to anyone who wants to exercise! For more information and to register call Findey Knotts or Eva Diggs at 704-694-6616.

## Author Janice Cole Hopkins to Speak

The Brown Bag Book Club will meet on Monday, July 18 at 12 noon in the Pritchett Room at the Hampton B. Allen Library for a covered dish and author talk. The speaker will be Janice Cole Hopkins who has written a book entitled *Uprooted By War*. Please plan to come, bring a covered dish, also a friend and/or spouse, and enjoy the author talk, food and fellowship.

For more information call the library at 704-694-5177.

## Arts Council Bach's Lunch

Everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious meal accompanied by music and fun at the Arts Council's Bach's Lunch. The event will be held on Wednesday, July 20, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro. Tickets are only \$10, and are available at Lacy's and the Arts Council.

For more information call 704-694-4950.

## Compassionate Friends Meet

The Compassionate Friends, a support group for families who have lost a child of any age, meets at 7 p.m. this Thursday, July 14 in the Training Room at Pee Dee Electric located on Highway 52 South in Wadesboro.

For more information call 704-272-7449.

## BRLC Food Programs

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center offers an Emergency Food Pantry and USDA Commodities program.

- Wednesdays at 9 a.m. doors open. You must be registered by 10 a.m.
- Saturdays 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. providing fresh produce, breads and deli items

A Care Korner for children is available during these programs.

All clients must register and bring proof of income.

BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. The telephone number is 704-826-8737.