



Happy Birthday Dad!

Love, Frances, Sandra
David & Neal

Wadesboro Man, Darryl Eugene Walker, Arrested for Breaking and Entering in Rockingham

Richmond County Sheriff Mark Gullidge reports that on Monday, August 14 investigators arrested Darryl Eugene Walker, 58, of Wadesboro for breaking and entering, larceny after breaking and entering, and misdemeanor larceny. Walker's arrest was in relation to a breaking and entering that occurred at a residence on Fayetteville Road in Rockingham where a storage building was broken into, and power yard tools were stolen.



Darryl Eugene Walker

N.C. State Fair Tickets Are on Sale Now!

The North Carolina State Fair is approaching quickly and it is a great time to start planning your trip and save some money. Advance sales for tickets, wristbands for rides and ride tickets begins NOW! Advance sales will run through Oct. 12 and admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth ages 6-12. Unlimited ride wristbands are \$30 each and can be purchased online. Wristbands are for one day only and vouchers can be redeemed at the Ride Ticket Plazas once the Fair begins. This year, ride ticket credits will be placed on a chipped card which will be presented at each ride and will automatically debit the ticket count for that ride. Ride ticket credits will carry over year-to-year. The advance sale price is \$10 for 18 ticket credits.

- Other special themed ticket packages offered include:
- Dizzy Pass – One gate admission ticket and one unlimited ride wristband for \$38
 - Kegs & Cork Pass – One gate admission ticket, one NC Public House beer + wine ticket for \$17
 - State Fair Flyer Package – Two gate admission tickets and two round-trip State Fair Flyer tickets for \$34
 - State Fair SkyGazer – One gate admission ticket and one State Fair SkyGazer ticket for \$14
- For more information, visit the State Fair website at www.ncstatefair.org.



Does Your Child's Eyesight Make the Grade?



Vision problems are a leading cause of school performance problems, so be sure your child can see clearly at school. Make an appointment with Dr. Kiker today for a complete eye exam.



Holly Allison Kiker, OD

1134 Holly Street in Wadesboro (On Highway 74 across from CVS)
Mon-Thurs 8:30-5 & Closed Fridays 704-694-3618



Unauthorized Hydrant Use

The use of Anson County Water Department fire hydrants for obtaining water for agricultural or any other purpose without written consent of the Water Department is a violation of state and federal law. Hydrants are for use by written-permitted users, water company or fire department personnel only.

The Anson County Water Department will take legal action against any individual or business that unlawfully obtains water from the Anson County water system. Please report suspicious activity to the Anson County Sheriff's Office or the Water Department.

Hydrant use permit information is available from the Anson County Water Department. Information is available at 704-694-5208.



Back to School Safety Checklist

This month, as nearly 1.5 million students return to classrooms across North Carolina, Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey, who also serves as Chair of Safe Kids N.C., is reminding everyone to keep safety in mind when walking, driving, or riding the bus to school.

"We all have an important role to play in keeping our children safe," said Causey. "Drivers need to be on the lookout for crowded crosswalks and school buses on the road and parents need to talk to their children about the importance of traveling to school safely. It only takes one mistake to cause a tragic injury or death to a child." While students in Anson County as well as students on traditional calendars in other counties will go back to school on August 28, students at year-round schools and some charter schools have already started boarding buses and have headed back to class. Statistics highlight the need for a call to action. On a typical day, more than 14,000 school buses carrying nearly 800,000 students operate on North Carolina roads. According to DOT, there were 1,075 crashes involving school buses in 2022. A total of 786 people were injured and eight people died.

There were also 5,189 charges for speeding in a school zone and 968 charges for failure to stop for a stopped bus.

In addition to the safety concerns these charges carry, they also hold repercussions to motorists' auto insurance premiums. Passing a stopped school bus can result in the motorist adding four insurance points to their policy and potentially doubling their auto insurance premiums.

When driving, if you see a school bus with lights flashing, slow down and prepare to stop.

- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.

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You can visit YouTube to see a video on Back-to-School Safety: [youtube.com/watch?v=yY0aymQWXGI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yY0aymQWXGI).

Here are safety tips as students and teachers head back to school:

For pedestrians:

- Walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk and you must walk in the street or road, walk facing traffic.
- Before crossing the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming. Never dart out in front of a parked car.
- Parents: Practice walking to school with your child, crossing streets or crosswalks when available.
- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone.
- Do not walk while using headphones.

For bike riders:

- Always wear a helmet that is fitted and secured properly.
- Children need to know the rules of the road: Ride single file on the right side of the road, come to a complete stop before crossing the street and walk the bike across.
- Watch for opening car doors and other hazards.
- Use hand signals when turning.
- Wear bright-colored clothing.

For bus riders:

- Teach children the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- Line up six feet away from the curb as the bus approaches.
- If seat belts are available, buckle up.
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before standing.
- If you must cross the road, walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus.

For motorists, in addition to obeying the stopped school bus law:

- Don't block crosswalks.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and take extra precaution in school zones.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Stop far enough back from a school bus to allow children room to safely enter and exit the bus. The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children.

For more information on how to keep children safe during Back-to-School Safety Month or throughout the year, visit SafeKidsNC.org.

Ready, Set, Sweep: Fall Litter Sweep Starting Soon

Ready to make a difference and help us keep North Carolina litter free?

The N.C. Department of Transportation is seeking volunteers to pick up roadside litter during the 2023 Fall Litter Sweep, which is from Sept. 16-30. The Litter Sweep is one of NCDOT's roadside litter removal initiatives. Residents throughout the state are encouraged to participate in local efforts to help clean up North Carolina's roads. Traditionally scheduled for the last two weeks of April and September, Litter Sweep is the N.C. Department of Transportation's biannual statewide roadside litter removal initiative.

"North Carolina's beauty spans from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Outer Banks and safeguarding its litter-free charm is a collective effort," said David Harris, the state's Roadside Environmental engineer. "By participating in the Fall Litter Sweep, you are helping to ensure a clean and green North Carolina that we can all take pride in."

During this two-week period, NCDOT's maintenance crews dedicate their time to clearing litter from our roadsides and collecting the orange bags placed on the roadsides that have been filled by volunteers.

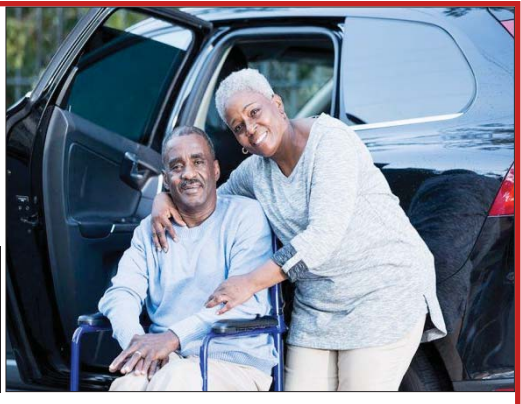
Volunteers are provided cleanup supplies, such as reversible orange/blue trash bags, gloves and orange safety vests, from their local NCDOT County Maintenance Yard office.

For those eager to lend a hand, simply reach out to your local litter management coordinator to get started. If you or your team needs supplies, or if you have any questions, your local NCDOT litter program coordinator can take care of that too. For Anson County the coordinator is Tiffanie Mullis, 704-218-5100. The Maintenance Office (for supplies) can be reached at 980-575-6100.

Check out the Litter Sweep webpage for all the details. You can find it at www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies.

If you find any unusual or interesting items during your litter cleanup, use the hashtag, #StrangeLitter on social media so we can join in on the excitement!

ANSON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING
GRACE TRANSPORTATION VOUCHER PROGRAM
Making Transportation Controllable, Free and Stress-Free for Older Adults



Grace Transportation Voucher Program (GTVP) is an outreach program that provides free, safe, convenient, controllable and stress-free transportation by allowing the older adult to choose their own driver. This prevents transportation cost exploitation. GTVP reimburses the mileage to the chosen driver.

Register for GTVP: Call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616.

Drivers: Drivers chosen by older adults will need to complete the GTVP application.

Transportation Voucher Details

Who: Anson County residents age 60+ who cannot drive for themselves due to mental or physical disabilities, or have no transportation of their own.

Where: Get a ride to medical appointments, grocery stores, banks, shopping, hair salons, outpatient surgery, dental appointments, physical therapy, chemotherapy, social outings, emergencies, pharmacy, paying bills, post office and senior center.

How: Set up a transportation appointment by calling Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616. The older adult and driver must meet at Grace Senior Center in person to apply for the voucher program. All details of the program will be discussed at the appointment.

Cost: During the application process the mileage reimbursement will be discussed.

Fall Litter Sweep
Sept. 16-30, 2023
N.C. Department of Transportation
Biannual Cleanup Drive
Volunteer Locally!
Share your clean-up images at: #LitterSweepNC

Forms, posters, and telephone listings are available on our website
ncdot.gov/littersweep