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The school year has begun in Anson County! Pictured above are sixth grade students at Lilesville Elementary School.

## Anson Alcoholics Anonymous Welcomes All to Their Meetings

The Anson County Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) has regular meetings that are open to all who are looking for help, as well as anyone who seeks help for another. AA wants to help.

There are two meetings each week - Monday evenings at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays at 12 noon. The meetings generally last an hour, but could be longer depending on the number of attendees.

The Alcoholics Anonymous building is located at 2177 Country Club Road in Wadesboro, across from the Anson EMS building.

For more information call Michael at 704-475-7466.

## Sheriff Howell Offers Tips for a Safe Labor Day Weekend

With the approach of the Labor Day weekend, Anson County Sheriff Scott Howell asks all citizens to make this Labor Day holiday period a happy and enjoyable one for all.

"The Labor Day holiday often brings some of the heaviest traffic of the entire year," Sheriff Howell said. "I want to remind all residents to follow these safety tips while you are traveling for the holiday."

- Always shift your attention every few seconds, constantly scanning the road ahead and behind you. Conditions can change in the blink of an eye.
- When passing another car, always make sure the car you intend to pass is not about to veer over or begin to turn.
- Leave plenty of space between your vehicle and a vehicle you intend to pass. This will give you some time to build up speed and give you time to slow down and to pull back into your original spot if need be. Always use your turn signals.
- Check the weather forecast before you start your trip. The summer months can bring heavy rain and strong winds, so be prepared for these types of conditions on the road.
- Never follow another vehicle too closely. Remember that as your speed increases, you need more time to bring your vehicle to stop. Leave an extra cushion of space between you and the car ahead of you, especially during slippery or low visibility conditions.
- Never drink and drive!! And don't text and drive. Make sure you and all your passengers are buckled up.

"Lastly, I would remind all motorists to practice the Golden Rule while driving over the holiday. Be courteous and kind to other drivers. Road rage incidents delay you and other drivers and can sometimes turn violent. Being courteous protects you and others on the road," Sheriff Howell said, "Let's make this Labor Day weekend a safe one on the roads in Anson County."

## Family Fall Fest at 2023 Ag Expo & Fair

The 2023 Anson Ag Expo & Fair is set and planning is underway for another great festival for families to enjoy. Family Fall Fest is scheduled for Friday night on September 22 on the square and West Wade Street in Wadesboro. Mark your calendars to come visit, and better yet, participate.

The Anson Ag Expo & Fair Planning Committee has planned an evening of fun, food, music and games for the whole family to enjoy. Festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude around 8:00 p.m. Plan to enjoy a fun night for everybody. Carnival type games will be available for all youth and will be located on West Wade Street. There will also be a cupcake walk going on in the street. Games will wrap up around 7:30 p.m.

Burger Bros, Its Allgood and Wilson's funnel cakes will be set up for the evening offering food truck fare and drinks. In addition, complimentary popcorn and snow cones will be offered for children and adults.

**Ag Fair** For those interested in the Ag Fair, it will also be on display on Saturday at the Cooperative Extension Center in Wadesboro from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Complete event information is available on the web at [anson.ces.ncsu.edu](http://anson.ces.ncsu.edu) and Facebook, under 2023 Anson Ag Expo & Fair. Like that page to receive event updates and be on the lookout for more postings.

Plan to come out and enjoy the fun.  
Celebrate agriculture in Anson!

## Anson High School Holding "Gold Star" Football Game Friday

**Event will honor all military and first responders and their families**

A Gold Star football game will be held at Anson High School Stadium this Friday, September 1, when the Bearcats take on North Rowan. WoodmenLife (Chapters #070 & #004 in Wadesboro and Marshville) invites veterans and those who currently serve in the Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard, and first responders to attend the game.

WoodmenLife will host a tailgate party on the highway side of the Anson High Football Stadium for the military and first responders and their families starting at 5:30 p.m.

Prior to kick off at 7 p.m., all first responders and military are invited gather on the field as WoodmenLife presents the 100 foot American Flag.

Attendees are encouraged to stay for the game, as during half time Anson County and WoodmenLife will be honoring four local Gold Star families.

"Our members share a commitment to family, community and country," said Kim Wilson, President of the Wadesboro Chapter. "Honoring veterans and military personnel is one way that we demonstrate that commitment. Without the dedication and service of these brave individuals, we would not have the freedoms that we have today."

For more information contact Clint Davis at 704-695-2251.

## Ten Year Anniversary of Dimetrick Little's Death

*This is a release from the Anson County Sheriff's Office:* Friday, August 4 marked the ten year anniversary of the death of Dimetrick Little. Mr. Little was found in the roadway of US Highway 52 near Anson Middle School at approximately 4 a.m.

The North Carolina Highway Patrol investigated the incident as a hit and run fatality. It appeared at the time that Mr. Little at some point had been struck by a vehicle, possibly a tractor trailer.

A subsequent investigation revealed Mr. Little may have been in an altercation with some other people shortly before he was found. The family believes that someone in the area knows more than what has been told about this incident. Dimetrick's mother, Vanessa Little, said "she and her family are still trying to deal with the loss of her son." It has been painful over the years; she believes it's time for someone to come forward with information that might give the family some closure.

Little was the father of a 5-year-old son and helped his mother take care of his disabled sister.

Sheriff Scott Howell with the Anson County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information about this or any crime to please call the Anson County Sheriff's Office at 704-694-4188.

## Robert Poplin Arrested, Charged with Indecent Liberties with a Child

On Tuesday, August 22 Robert Poplin of Lilesville was arrested at the Anson County Sheriff's Office and charged with one count of Indecent Liberties with a Child and one count of Employing or permitting a Minor to Assist in Offensive or Obscene Material.

Both charges are a felony.

Poplin was placed in the Anson County Jail with a \$20,000 secured bond.



Robert Poplin

## State Enforcement Agencies Increase Presence on the Roads and Waters this Labor Day Weekend

**National Campaign aims to prevent impaired driving on roads and water**

Once again, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) and the N.C. State Highway Patrol (SHP) are coordinating with state and local agencies, and participating non-governmental organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), in the annual "On the Road, On the Water, Don't Drink and Drive" safety campaign. The multi-agency initiative aims to reduce alcohol and drug-related incidents on the state's waterways and roads, with events and safety check points throughout North Carolina.

"We experience a higher number of boats on the water during the summer holiday weekends. Factor in impaired boat operators or passengers and it greatly increases the risk of a serious or tragic incident," said Lt. Nathan Green of the Wildlife Commission. "Additionally, we will see an increase in vehicle traffic especially on those roads around our lakes and waterways. This is why we continue to combine our effort with SHP and others to bring an increased awareness of the negative effects of impaired operation of boats and vehicles. Our goal is for everyone to be able to enjoy a safe holiday weekend."

In North Carolina, a driver or vessel operator with a blood-alcohol concentration that meets or exceeds .08 or is appreciably impaired by alcohol and/or drugs, is subject to arrest.

For more information on boating safety and regulations, visit [ncwildlife.org/boating](http://ncwildlife.org/boating) or call 919-707-0031.



Enjoy your time on the water while drinking responsibly.

## Commissioners Meet Twice, September 5 & 19

The Anson County Board of Commissioners now meets two times per month. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5 at 6 p.m. The second September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19 at 6 p.m.

The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201.

The Commissioners' board meetings are live-streamed on their YouTube channel. Also, the videos are archived so they can be viewed at any time. Visit [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) and search for Anson Commissioners.

## Chair Exercise Classes at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library will have sitters (chair exercise) classes taught by instructor Sheila Raye on Thursday, Sept. 7 and Thursday, Sept. 21. Both class times are 10:30 a.m. and will be in the library's Pritchett Room.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

## Cheraw Arts Commission Presents Oil Painting Workshop in September

Charleston artist Joyce Hall will return to Cheraw on September 15-17 for a three-day oil painting workshop.

Joyce is an international award-winning oil painter and has exhibited in galleries and museums nationally. [www.thestudiosc.com](http://www.thestudiosc.com)

The focus of the September workshop is Brush and Palette Knife Techniques. The classes will be held at the Cheraw Community Center - 200 Powe Street from 9:00 am until 4:00pm. Space is limited.

Cost for the three-day workshop is \$200. A supply list will be provided upon registration. Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission for additional information @ 843.537.8420 x 12.