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James Thomas "Red" Smith Arrested in Double Homicide Committed Sunday



Smith

Anson County Sheriff's Deputies are investigating a double homicide that occurred in the Morven area on Sunday, September 22. Deputies were called shortly after 11 p.m. Sunday night to 106 Gin Lane in Morven. Deputies found Daisy Coleman Melton, age 49, outside the residence deceased. It appeared she had been stabbed several times. Inside the residence deputies found the second victim, Larry Thomas Lindsey, age 58, in a bedroom. It appeared he had been shot at least once.

Also at the scene deputies arrested the suspect, James Thomas "Red" Smith, age 47, of Wadesboro. Smith has been charged with two counts of First Degree Murder. He is in the Anson County Jail under no bond.

Sheriff Tommy Allen said that it appeared to be domestic in nature. "According to information we have received, the suspect Smith was a former boyfriend, who was actually removed from the residence by Sheriff's Deputies back in August," said Allen. "The male victim appears to have been shot while in bed. The female was found just outside the residence. We have recovered a handgun and knife we believed were used in this crime. Suspect Smith was at the residence when deputies arrived and was taken into custody without incident."

Sheriff's records show deputies had answered several domestic calls at this residence involving Smith and Melton over the past. According to court records, Smith was given a 15 year sentence in 1992 for Second Degree murder in the death his wife in Wadesboro. According to records he was released from the Department of Corrections in 1997.



LES Staff "WEAR RED TO SUPPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION"

Lilesville Elementary School Principal Maresa Dutton Phillips was seeing red recently...but in a good way! She and many members of the LES Staff participated in WEAR RED TO SUPPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION on Wednesday, September 11.

No Homecoming Parade Scheduled, Great Events Planned for Game

The annual Homecoming Parade in uptown Wadesboro will not be held this year.

As of July 3, 2013, the North Carolina Department of Transportation instituted new policies for street closings. Under the new policies an application to close streets on part of the Homecoming Parade route needed to have been made with the DOT at least 90 days prior to the parade, but apparently no application was made. Also, the new DOT policies call for a \$1,000,000 liability policy and/or a signed waiver.

According to Wadesboro Town Manager Alex Sewell the Town does not sponsor nor put on the Homecoming Parade. "We have discussed this new DOT policy in our council meetings and also posted it on our website in hopes of getting the word out," said Sewell. "The Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will happen as traditionally planned."

Sewell concluded, "We will work closely with groups in hopes to help smooth out the new DOT process in the future." Chris Stinson, Principal of Anson New Technology High School, was the organizer of the Homecoming Parade in 2011 and served as advisor to the parade committee in 2012. "I was unaware of a new DOT 90-day policy change, and I didn't know the Homecoming Parade was not going to happen this year," Stinson said. "It was never my intent to organize the parade long term. I served as a fill in when Misty Harris stepped down two years ago, so that the event would not be canceled at that time back in 2011. My students were so enthusiastic about it I wanted them to be able to enjoy it, along with other students as well."

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Homecoming football game at Anson High School on Friday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. when the Bearcats take on Weddington. There will be tailgating and lots of fun before the game. It will be Breast Cancer Awareness Night, and Majorettes by Melanie will perform during the pregame activities. During halftime the Homecoming Court will be presented, and the band will perform a show called "Surf's Up" which features Beach Boys music.

Music on the Square in Peachland Sat.

The Town of Peachland invites everyone to come and enjoy their 7th annual "Music on the Square" which will be held on Saturday, September 28th, from 6 to 9 p.m. This free event will feature the Village Green Band, who perform all over North Carolina, along with lots of food vendors, activities for the kids and more.

Among the many vendors are youth/womens's groups from local churches and the fire department. A wide variety of beverages and food will be available. For more information contact Lynn H. Griffin at 704-272-7781.

Time to Register for the Big Game Hunt

Brochures have been mailed, hats and program books will follow very soon. Registrations are already beginning to come in. The Anson County Chamber of Commerce Big Game Hunt dates are Friday and Saturday, November 29 and 30.

The 2013 sponsors are: Title Sponsor-Buckshot Deer Processing; Banquet Sponsor-Anson Bank & Trust, a division of Uwharrie Bank; Gold Sponsors-Cobb-Vantress, NC Electric Membership Coop., Pee Dee Electric, Duke Energy Progress and Waste Connections; Silver Sponsors-Locust Lumber, Tyson Foods, Village Pawn & Gun Shop and Windstream; Bronze Sponsors-704 Outdoors, Anson Towing & Recovery, BB&T, Backwater Taxidermy, Lynn Clodfelter Attorney, Lynn Thomas Grading, McCollum Trucking & Grading and PNC Bank; Youth Sponsors-Dale McRae Farms and Four A Loader Work; Daily Youth Sponsors-Dennis Concrete Finishing and Kiker Forestry Service.

"Thank you so much to all of our Corporate Sponsors," said Chamber Director Lynn Edwards. "The Chamber of Commerce offers money prizes for first, second, third, fourth and fifth places in Adult Buck and Doe categories and first, second, third and fourth places in the Youth Buck and Doe categories. Door prizes will be available during the Annual Banquet on Saturday, November 30 at the Ansonville Volunteer Fire department."

For more tournament information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 704-694-4181 or visit www.ansoncounty.org for tournament rules, and a printable entry form. For the first time you may view the entire 2012 Hunt Program Book online. It will be replaced with the 2013 Program book as soon as it is completed.

Registration Sites are: Allen's General Store (Peachland), Chamber of Commerce (Wadesboro), H.W. Little & Co. (Wadesboro), Scotty's Bait & Tackle (Lilesville), Stag & Doe Processing (Wadesboro), Barnyard BBQ in (Peachland) and Shotmaster 10X Inc. (Albemarle).

Edwards concluded, "Be sure to get registered so you won't miss your chance at winning prize money. Don't forget to bring the family and join us at the banquet on Saturday night for great food, door prizes, raffle drawings and more. All registered hunters eat free all others are only \$5. Have a safe hunting season and we will see you in November at the hunt!"

Celebrate Agriculture this Weekend at Ag Expo and Fair

The annual fair, expo, and youth livestock show are scheduled for this Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28, at the 2013 Anson Ag Expo and Fair. Returning crowd favorites will all be offered again this year. The weekend's festivities kick off at 6 p.m. on Friday at the Lockhart-Taylor Center of SPCC. Starting on Thursday, fair entries will be received in the Ingram Room of the Lockhart-Taylor Center from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Friday's schedule includes:

- Educational Posters and Displays Registration & Set Up, 4 p.m.
- Educational Posters & Displays Judging, 5 p.m.
- Fair and Expo Open to the Public, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Scarecrow Contest Registration, 6 to 7 p.m.
- Youth Creative Squash Challenge Registration, 7 to 8 p.m.
- Pee Wee Goat Show Weigh-In, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
- Pee Wee Goat Show, 5:30 p.m.
- Youth Goat Show Weigh-In, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
- 4-H Youth Goat Show, 6 p.m.

Food will be offered by Eager Beavers 4-H Club, Deep Creek Masonic Lodge 382 and VFW Post 10403. Menus include hot dogs, hamburgers, pork skins, popcorn, chips, brownies and drinks. Other vendors include James Groepler with handcrafted furniture, the State Employees' Credit Union "Fat Cat" mascot, Anson County Farm Bureau and Anson County FFA.

Information will be available from the USDA Farm Service Agency, Farm Fresh Ventures, the NC Forest Service, who will have some of their equipment on display, and the Cooperative Extension booth, which will also serve as the information station. Finally, the Anson County Beekeepers will be selling honey, candy and t-shirts, while providing some beekeeping education.

Saturday will include:

- Fair Viewing, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Educational Presentations Judging, 9: a.m. (open to the public)
- Adult Local Foods Bake-Off Registration, 9 to 10 a.m.
- Scarecrow Contest Judging, 10:30 a.m. (open to the public)
- Youth Creative Squash Challenge Judging, 10:45 a.m. (open to the public)
- Adult Local Foods Bake-Off Judging, 11 a.m. (open to the public)
- Youth Scavenger Hunt Registration, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Youth Scavenger Hunt Bicycle Drawing, 12 p.m.
- Kiddie Tractor Pull Registration, 9:30 to 10:50 a.m.
- Kiddie Tractor Pull, 11 a.m.
- South Atlantic Woodsmen's Association Lumberjack Competition, 12:30 p.m.
- Pee Wee Heifer Show Check-In, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
- Pee Wee Heifer Show, 9:30 a.m.
- Youth Heifer Show Check-In, 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.
- 4-H Youth Heifer Show, 10 a.m.
- 4-H Youth Dairy Heifer Show, immediately following the Heifer Show
- Lamb Weigh-In, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- 4-H Youth Lamb Show, Immediately Following Dairy Show

Celebrate Anson Agriculture t-shirts are on sale now for youth and adult sizes, \$6 and \$8, and will be on sale during the event in the Extension booth, the day of the event. All youth who wear their Ag Expo shirts will be entered twice into the drawing for a new bicycle.

Come out and enjoy the fun this weekend. This year promises something for everybody. Celebrate agriculture in Anson!

Flu Vaccinations Available at Health Department

The 2013-2014 flu season is upon us, and you may be undecided about whether to get the flu shot. The New England Journal of Medicine reports that receiving your yearly flu shot is a heart smart move. The Journal reports that the odds of having a heart attack are increased five fold in the first three days of diagnosis of influenza. Infection triggers an inflammatory response through out the body that causes a narrowing of arteries and stresses the heart.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends vaccination before December to ensure that protective antibodies are in your system before flu activity is typically at its highest. The CDC continues to encourage vaccination throughout the flu season, which may begin as early as October and last through May.

While the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends everyone over the age of 6 months should get the flu vaccine each season, it is especially important for the following high risk groups:

- Pregnant women
- Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old
- People 50 years of age and older
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including: Health care workers, Household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu & Household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age

The Anson County Health Department has begun offering appointments for Flu shots (influenza vaccine) for the 2013-2014 season. Flu shots will be available by appointment only Monday through Thursday. The health department accepts Medicare-Part B, NC Medicaid, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna Healthcare, MedCost and Aetna. Unless you have one of these plans and a current card, you must pay cash. The cost for adults is \$37; high dose flu vaccine is available for those who qualify for \$70. The pneumonia vaccine will also be available for adults 65+ years old for \$80.

If you have any questions, or to schedule your appointment, please call Anson County Health Department at 704-694-5188 or 704-994-3320.

Anson County EMS Gets a New Ambulance

Anson County EMS has taken delivery of a new ambulance. The ambulance has both the same logo and paint scheme as the other ambulances. On the inside, it looks pretty much the same as any others, but there are some important differences - and it's something patients will certainly appreciate. The new ambulance has a more sturdy suspension system and a temperature regulated patient compartment.

"Patients will notice that the ride is a lot smoother and much more comfortable," said EMS Director Ryan Teal. "Plus, the temperature regulated patient compartment will help keep our medications and equipment at a prescribed temperature."

It, like all of the other ambulances, is outfitted with mobile data technology that links the ambulance to 911 dispatch. It also has heart monitors that can transmit the data from a patient experiencing a cardiac emergency straight to the doctors at the hospital.

"This new vehicle also represents a change back to a gasoline engine," Teal added. "Ambulances used to be gasoline powered until the late 1980's when the industry switched to diesel engines. Recent product developments have allowed us to use the gasoline engine again as an option. We're trying it out and will be monitoring repair costs, fuel efficiency and fuel prices, which can easily be compared with our existing diesel fleet. We believe the switch to the gasoline engine will result in significant cost savings to the county tax payers in lower fuel and maintenance costs."

Anson County has five ambulances in its EMS fleet, and the new ambulance, which goes into service this month, replaces the county's oldest one.

"I would like to thank the Anson County Board of Commissioners and our County Manager Lawrence Gatewood for supporting Anson County EMS. Having quality vehicles and state-of-the-art equipment is essential to our job, and our leaders understand the important job we do" concluded Teal.

Early Release for Parent/Teacher Conferences Oct. 3

Anson Schools will release early on Thursday, October 3 for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Here are the release schedules and conference times:

- Early Release**
- All elementary schools release at 12:30 p.m.
- All middle and high schools release at 1:30 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- Elementary schools conferences 1 to 6 p.m.
- Secondary schools conferences 2 to 7 p.m.

Bowman High School Class of 1973 Reunion

The Bowman High School Class of 1973 will be hosting their 40th reunion on Saturday, September 28 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Concord.

Any classmate who is interested in attending should contact Betty C. Huntley, Diane D. Johnson or Cheryl Coppadge at 704-465-8399.

BRLC After School Program Kids Cafe is Now Available

Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center's Kids Café is now available and taking applications for after school students ages 5 to 14 years.

- Kids Café is extended to all parents who need this service
- Professionally trained staff, nutritious meals, snacks, physical activities and help with homework is provided.
- Affordable prices
- Clean, safe environment, and convenient location - 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from Fire Dept.
- Times of Operation 3 until 5:30 p.m. - and longer if services are needed Monday through Friday
- Services can be provided on days when school releases early if needed
- Drop-ins are welcome, but parent must enroll students in advance

BRLC is available to serve all families. For more information call 704-826-8182 or 704-826-8737. The contacts are BRLC Director Carol Smith and Deloris Hammond.

Women's League Meets October 8

The Anson Women's League will meet on Tuesday, October 8, from noon to 1 p.m., at Twin Valley Country Club. The program will be presented by the Anson County Arts Council. Lunch will be available for \$8.50. All women are invited.

Please RSVP for the meal to Sandra Pliescott by Friday, October 4 by 5 p.m. at 704-694-7853 or woodsand@carolina.rr.com.