Thank You I, Hattie Bennett,

passing of our loved one. May God continue to bless each of you. To all Anson County and surrounding counties, and Carolina Motorcycle Riders Association. Again

Thank You!

YARD SALE THIS SATURDAY!! 7:30AM -12NOON **OCTOBER 14** 617 Cherry Street in Wadesboro Household Items • School Items Toys • 25¢ Items!!! CLOTHES 50¢ **JEANS** \$1 DRESSES \$2

Come & See...Very Cheap!

would like to thank each and everyone for their kindness and support given to us during the

THE EXPRESS • October 11, 2023 • Page 2 **Clinton Justin Jones Arrested on October 10,** Charged with 20 Counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor

On Tuesday, October 10 Clinton Justin Jones was arrested and charged with 20 counts of First-Degree Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. This investigation was conducted by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation I.C.A.C. unit and the Anson County Sheriff's Office. Jones was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$200,000 secured bond with an initial court date of October 16.

Previous Arrest Jones, a former teacher at Ansonville Elementary School, was arrested on December 30, 2021 and charged with 18 counts of 3rd degree Sexual Exploitation after investigators found him in possession of hundreds of child pornography images and videos. In that arrest the Anson County Sheriff's Office and North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation



Clinton Justin Jones

obtained a search warrant after an investigation, and during the search they found the child pornography on smartphones, computers and media storage devices in Jones' Wadesboro home. Jones was jailed with a \$150,000 bond.

Sheriff's Office Still Investigating July Church Break-In and Vandalism

The Anson County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate the break-in and vandalism at a local church that took place during the summer. They have released a surveillance video of the suspects that is available on their Facebook page. On the video three young individuals are seen walking outside of Tabernacle Church of God, located at 9154 US Highway 52 North, Wadesboro on July 16, 2023.

The two males and one female are later seen leaving the church in what appears to be a white 4-door Honda Civic. The vehicle is likely a 2016 to 2018 year model.

Anson County Sheriff Scott Howell said, "Detectives continue to work diligently on the case. We recognize the community is a valuable partner in our investigations. Anyone with information to identify the individuals or the vehicle should contact the Anson County Sheriff's Office at 704-694-4188."

A video and report is also available on the WBTV website:

wbtv.com/video/2023/10/10/deputies-searching-3-suspects-accused-breaking-vandalizing-anson-county-church.

Wadesboro Police Enforce Animal Ordinances

The Wadesboro Police Department would like to remind all citizens of the Town of Wadesboro Town Ordinances relating to animals. WPD is tasked with enforcing these and all town ordinances in addition to state and federal laws. The most common violations are:

- Howling and barking Unlawful if habitual or continuously for ten minutes.
 Stray dogs Unlawful if unrestrained off owner's property. Sec.

• Improper Tethering - Must be at least 10 feet in length, weigh no more than 10% of the dog's weight, have an unobstructed range of motion without entanglement, the dog must be at least 4 months old, and cannot be within 5' of the property line.

- Time on a tether Cannot exceed 1 hour per 24-hour period on tether.
- Too small kennel Kennel must be 5'X20' (100 sq feet) per animal. Sec.
- Rabies vaccination All dogs and cats must be vaccinated and must have a current rabies tag on the collar. A copy of this and all other town ordinances can be found at:

library.municode.com/nc/wadesboro/codes/code_of_ordinances.

Something **SPOOKTACE 12** is Happening in Lilesville!

Truck or Treat event on Monday, October 30

The Town of Lilesville is hosting a Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 30. This fun event is for ages 0-12, and will feature picture props, food trucks...and, of course, lots of free candy for the kids! They hope to see you there. The Town is in need of volunteers to decorate their trunks and pass out candy. Please contact the Lilesville Town Hall at 704-848-4711 if you would like to participate.



N.C. State Fair's Special Event Days Offer **Unique Access, Discounts and Themes**

Fair food map with food descriptions is available at: ncstatefair.org/2023/Attractions/New.htm

The 2023 N.C. State Fair will continue to offer several special days that fairgoers have come to love each year. Unique access and discounts on gate admission tickets are part of the fun for the fair that runs Oct. 12-22 at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh.

"We'll have discounts for students and seniors, the state's largest food drive and programs for the military, seniors and those with special needs," said fair manager Kent Yelverton. "Each day is set apart with distinct programs, discounts or opportunities that honor many North Carolinians and also give back to the people of our state. So now is the time to pull out your calendars and plan to join us.

• With "Primetime with the Pack" scheduled on opening day, Thursday, Oct. 12, students with an N.C. State ID will get admission for \$8 that day.

 The popular accessABILITY Day makes its return Sunday, Oct. 15. Presented by Bandwidth, the day offers visitors a calmer fair experience from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. when vendors, rides and games operate without lights or music. All-day offerings include the "Bandwidth Chill Out Zone," inclusive competitions and noise-cancelling headphones available.

"Bandwidth is proud once again to support accessABILITY Day and give everyone a welcoming opportunity to experience the fun of the Fair," said David Morken, Bandwidth's chief executive officer. "It's the perfect complement to our mission of connecting people.

 Senior Citizens' Day is Tuesday, Oct. 17, when anyone aged 65 and up gets free admission. Bojangles' biscuits and coffee will be available at Dorton Arena at 9 a.m., along with a program including music and comments from Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler at 10 a.m. at the Waterfall Stage.

• Military Appreciation Day follows on Wednesday, Oct. 18. A parade kicks off at 10 a.m. followed by a program honoring the military on the Waterfall Stage at

ANSON COUNTY HEALH DEPARTMENT 110 E ASHE ST, WADESBORO, NC 28170 DIAPERS, WIPES AND RAFFLES WILL BE AVAILABLE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

COMMUNITY NIGHT

(Formerly Elementary School Night)

Mass Band Night

Featuring an amazing halftime performance by the Anson High School and Anson Middle School Band Programs!

Presented By: Anson County Schools/Anson High School Athletics

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

Anson High School Stadium - Game Time is 7:00 p.m.

Anson Bearcats vs. Monroe Redhawks

The following groups will be recognized at the Varsity Football Game during Pregame: Elementary School Students/Staff, Anson High School Football Feeder Programs (to include Anson Middle School (AMS) Football Team, AMS Cheerleaders and Anson County Parks & Recreation Football).

Students report to the track by 6:10 p.m. - Students will walk the track at 6:40 p.m.

PARENTS: Due to updated security protocol, entry into the game may take longer than normal. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. and we encourage you to arrive as soon as they open.

All Anson County Elementary School Students (K-6) will be provided one ticket for free admission to the Anson vs. Monroe game. This ticket may only be used by the student. School staff from each elementary school will be attending the game showing support. AMS Football Players and AMS Cheerleaders will be admitted free if they are wearing their jersey/cheer uniform. Parks/Recreation Football Players will receive a ticket through their elementary school but can also enter with their jersey. Students must have an adult with them to enter and the adult must supervise them throughout their time at the game

Announcements will be made before the game inviting students to join their peers from their school on the track to lineup by 6:15 p.m. and then participate in a walk around the track showing support and cheering for our Bearcats (don't forget to wear school spirit colors). One adult may accompany each elementary student when they meet on the track. The adult may also walk the track with their child. Elementary students will return to the stadium to sit with their family when the walk is complete

AMS Football, AMS Cheerleaders and Parks & Recreation Football Teams will also walk the track to be recognized. After the walk, AMS Football Team and Parks & Recreation Football Teams will report to the goal post near the field house by 6:50 p.m. to run on the field with the varsity team at 7:00 p.m. AMS Cheerleaders will also report to the goal post at 6:50 p.m. to cheer as the team runs out.

Adults who accompany students must pay regular admission price. Tickets will be sold in advance online at the following link: www.ansonschools.org/AHS/7679-Athletic-Tickets.html

Parents/Adults: Purchase tickets early to eliminate waiting in line to ensure your child is not late for the walk.

10:45 a.m. Music from the 440th Army Band will continue throughout the day on the stage.

• In addition to Military Day, active-duty service members, reservists, retirees, guardsmen and their dependents (ages 13-64) receive a daily military discount of 38 percent on gate admission, making admission \$8.

• Smithfield Foods Hunger Relief Day is Thursday, Oct. 19. Each fairgoer who brings six cans of food to any gate will get in free. Since 1993, donations have added up to more than 5.8 million pounds of food for the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC.

"Addressing food insecurity is a key priority for our company, and we are honored to partner with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina and the N.C. State Fair again this year to fight hunger," said Steve Evans, vice president of community development for Smithfield Foods. "Last year, Smithfield's donation of 500,000 servings of protein contributed to more than 214,000 pounds of food collected for this event, the equivalent of 303,425 meals for those facing hunger in North Carolina. We look forward to having an equally big impact again this year, and encourage everyone to join us in this important cause.

• For more information on the features of "accessABILITY Day," the other special days, the discounts mentioned above and other discounts, click the "Visitor Info" tab on ncstatefair.org and scroll to "Discounts & Special Days.

The N.C. State Fair will run Oct. 12-22 at the N.C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. The fair offers an experience unique to North Carolina and is an unparalleled value with free entertainment, thrilling rides and games, thousands of animals, endless family activities, competitions, vendors and creative deep-fried delights. For more information, visit ncstatefair.org or connect on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at @ncstatefair.org.

NCSU Tree Improvement Program is Looking for Loblolly Pines with Witch's Broom

As part of a citizen science project, the N.C. State University Tree Improvement Program needs your help finding loblolly pines with a "witch's broom." A witch's broom is an abnormal growth in pine due to a fungus or mutation. The team at NCSU is looking for loblolly pine trees with witch's brooms to sample needles and cones. Their research will



help gain a better understanding of the mutation.

More information about witch's broom can be found at: wikipedia witches broom. If you know the location of a loblolly pine with a witch's broom, or if you have any questions about the project, contact Dr. Nasir Shalizi at:

information@treeimprovement.com.

Once you complete the form, NCSU staff will look at submissions and decide which locations are best to sample the needles and cones. Sampling may be done by the submitter or NCSU staff depending on the situation.

For any questions, contact Dr. Nasir Shalizi at information@treeimprovement.com.