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Bank Robber Foiled by Locked Door



Officers believe a locked door kept a potential bank robber from entering a bank in Anson County. Around 12:50 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8 an individual with a mask attempted to enter the front door of First Bank in Polkton. Because the bank has an automatic lock on the front door and tellers must "buzz" customers in, which they did not in this case, the would be robber turned and walked away.

Officers searched the area but found no suspect. Anyone with any information on this suspect please call the Anson County Sheriff's Office at 704-694-4188 or the FBI.

Municipal Election Information

The Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5. The polls will be open for voting on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The elections are:

- **Lilesville Mayor:** Richard Harrington unopposed.
- **Lilesville Commissioner** (vote for 5): Bernice Bennett, Jason Clarke, Frank McAllister, Peggy Baker Treadaway, Steve Whitlock, Juanita Williams
- **Morven Council** (vote for 3): Ben Atkinson, Michael Anthony Burch, Theodore Carr, Marjorie Cole, Beth Eddins, Affira Coppedge Graham
- **Peachland Council** (vote for 3): James Thomas Hamilton, Bennie Garrett McLendon, Jason Mullis, Kenneth Rowell, Jr.
- **Polkton Mayor:** Henry Furr, Jr., Tammy King, Minnie Staton
- **Polkton Commissioner** (vote for 5): Myra Thomas Dalglish, Johnny Raye Faulk, Jr., Cindy Melton Heafner, Jimmy Hildreth, Neva Lee, Sissy Stegall, Lindsay Wallace, Jack Wickham

- **Wadesboro Council** (vote for 3): Rick Beam, Fred Davis, James David Lee, Priscilla Nunn, Harold Skipper, Kenneth Lynn Spencer, Bobby Usrey

If you are registered to vote in Anson County (and your name or address has not changed) you did not need to register again to vote in this election.

Election Day Polling Places:

- Ansonville Fire and Rescue, 9145 US Highway 52 North
- Burnsville Fire and Rescue, 33 Rescue Road, Polkton
- Gullidge Fire Department, 34 Chewning Road, Wadesboro
- Lilesville Fire Department, 202 West Wall Street in Lilesville
- Morven-McFarlan Fire Department, 242 East Main Street
- Peachland Fire Department, 35 E. Passaic St.
- Polkton (Lanesboro) Fire Department, 61 West Polk Street
- Wadesboro 1 - SPCC Lockhart-Taylor Center, Ingram Room, 514 North Washington Street, Wadesboro
- Wadsboro 2 - Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, 305 White Store Rd., Wadesboro
- Wadesboro 3 - Wadesboro Primary School Auditorium, 1542 US Highway 52 South
- White Store Community Building, 5672 Union Church Road, Peachland

Absentee by Mail voting is available upon request from the voter, a near relative or legal guardian. Application may be made in person at the Anson County Board of Elections Office, or in writing to the Anson County Board of Elections at PO Box 768, Wadesboro, NC 28170. The deadline to apply for an Absentee by Mail ballot is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2013.

One-stop voting (early voting) will begin on Thursday, October 17 and ends on Saturday, November 2 at the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. (Enter parking lot across from Wadesboro Elementary School.) The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday November 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In person registration (and voting) will be available during One-stop voting but not on Election Day. Only the Town of Morven does not offer Absentee Voting.

Absentee meetings: The Anson County Board of Elections will meet to approve applications for absentee ballots for the November 5 Municipal Election at the Board of Elections office at 2 p.m. on November 5. Other business may be transacted by the board at this time. Absentee by Mail ballots will be counted at that meeting. Results for Absentee Mail and One-Stop voting will be reported after polls close at 7:30 p.m.

The Canvass Day meeting will be held in the Board of Elections Office on Tuesday, November 12 at 11 a.m.

More information is available at the Anson County Board of Elections, located at 101 South Greene Street, Suite B-01 in Wadesboro. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telephone number is 704-994-3223 or email sadams@co.anson.nc.us.

Anson County's August Unemployment Rate at 10.1 Percent

Anson County's unemployment rate for August was 10.1%, statistically an improvement over July's 11.5% rate. The state of North Carolina's unemployment rate for August was 8.3%. In July it was 9.1%.

In August 2012 Anson County's unemployment rate was 13.3%. Anson's total labor force in August was 10,921. Of that number 9,818 were employed and 1,103 were unemployed. In July the total labor force was 10,968, with 9,720 employed and 1,248 unemployed. There was a gain of 98 jobs.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 98 of North Carolina's counties in August, increased in one and remained the same in one. All fourteen of the State's metro areas experienced rate decreases.

Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 15.2 percent while Currituck County had the lowest at 4.1 percent. Among the Metro areas, Rocky Mount at 12.0 percent experienced the highest rate and Asheville at 6.3 percent had the lowest. The August not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 8.3 percent.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in all 100 counties. All 14 metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in August by 19,577 to 4,300,113, while those unemployed decreased 44,354 to 388,448. Since August 2012, the number of workers employed statewide increased 41,105, while those unemployed decreased 69,993.

It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns; therefore, it is advisable to focus on over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted estimates.

Reunion Meeting Classes of 1968, 69 & 70

The 2014 Class Reunion Planning Meeting for 1968, 1969, and 1970 alumni is scheduled for Saturday, October 19 at LadyBug Restaurant at 6 p.m. Classmates are urged to please plan on attending this important meeting.



Lilesville Elementary School Students Learn About Diversity

Tina Currie and Sammi Williams' Kindergarten classes at Lilesville Elementary School, along with Ms. Dugan's 2nd-6th grade students, enjoyed a recent visit by Mark Jones. Jones is the husband of Sharon Jones, an LES Kindergarten assistant teacher, and he is employed at Vocational Rehabilitation/ Independent Living in Albemarle.

Since being injured in a car accident many years ago, Jones has been a quadriplegic. Because he has limited mobility in his hands and cannot grasp objects, Jones shared how he uses the universal cuff and the wanchik writing aid to perform everyday activities such as brushing his teeth, eating, writing and typing. He also shared with the students that he uses 3 different wheelchairs in his daily life: the manual chair, the shower chair and the power chair. Jones was using his power chair the day of the visit.

Jones led the students in a discussion about how his life is both alike and different from their own. After his visit the students had a greater appreciation of the challenges a person with a disability must overcome in order to accomplish everyday activities. In life you will find that people whom you believe are "just like you" are more different than you think, and people you perceive as "different" have a surprising amount in common with you.

The highlight of Jones' visit at LES was when the students watched him demonstrate how he drives his specially modified Buick Taraza Enteravan. They were all smiles as they climbed on board the van in order to get a closer look. It was hard to tell who enjoyed the visit more, Mr. Jones or the students!

Pictured above are Sharon Jones and her husband Mark Jones, teacher Sammi Williams, and Kindergarten students.

Mr. Ed McBride Recognized for 60 Years of Service

On Saturday, October 5 Kilwinning Lodge #64 celebrated their 200th Anniversary. At that memorable event our very own columnist Mr. Ed McBride was recognized for his sixty years as a Master Mason. He received two beautiful plaques commemorating the occasion.

When asked for his singular fondest memory Mr. McBride replied, "That would be difficult to answer. There are so many wonderful memories it would be too hard to name just one. I served as Master three times. Through the years there have been thousands of people who made an impact on my life. Dr. Williamson, a dentist in Wadesboro many years ago, was instrumental in my success while going through."

"It has been a real joy to be a part of Masonry. I have enjoyed lots of travel, visiting other lodges and meeting so many wonderful people. I even went to California once," he shared.

Mr. McBride also told me the story of the original Lodge building as it was moved down the street from in front of the Methodist Church (on the corner of Morgan and Greene Streets) to its current location on Greene Street. "It was a sight to see such an enormous building being moved," he said.

Kilwinning Lodge #64 is fortunate to have such a worthy, dedicated servant to their order. Mr. McBride's tenure represents approximately one third of Lodge #64's total years in existence, so congratulations are certainly due. Mr. McBride, here's to sixty more wonderful years!

By Melanie Lyon



Wadesboro Adopts Golf Cart Ordinance

The Wadesboro Town Council adopted an ordinance allowing for golf cart use on roads with speed limits of 35 mph or less. The ordinance is designed to help residents save gas money, promote business and events in uptown Wadesboro and protect the safety of golf cart users.

Wadesboro Mayor Pro-tem Bobby Usrey stated, "I hope the passing of this ordinance will be beneficial for those citizens who own golf carts to maneuver around Wadesboro, while allowing them to save on gas, reduce pollution and reduce some traffic congestion. Wadesboro already has one business that sells golf carts and hopefully this could result in another business idea for someone. I feel that Wadesboro needs to move toward the future growth of our town with new ideas and ventures."

To receive a \$20 golf cart permit individuals submit an application to the Wadesboro Police Department along with proof of ownership and liability insurance. The Police Department will begin accepting applications November 1. The full ordinance and requirements can be found on the Town's website, www.cityofwadesboro.org.

Wadesboro Fall Festival is Saturday, October 26

The annual Fall Festival in uptown Wadesboro will take place on Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Bring the kids to this family friendly event that is taking place in and around the town square. Among the events happening are a pumpkin painting contest from 10 to 11:30 a.m., a costume contest at noon, fortune telling, games with prizes, storytelling...and trick or treating at local businesses! Be sure to get a free book for your child from Anson County Partnership for Children too! Best of all, everything is free!

For more details call 704-695-1644 or visit www.uptownwadesboro.com. This event is sponsored by Uptown Wadesboro, Inc.

GRITS: The Musical Comes to the Ansonia this Weekend



Are you a Southern girl? Is your mama one? Are you married to one? Then this is the show for you! *GRITS: The Musical*, conceived and adapted by Erica McGee, is a full production journey that will take you to and through the heart of the South. Reminisce about sittin' on the front porch, travelin' with your best friends, celebratin' with down home meals, and the "Dos and Don'ts" of being a proper Southern gal.

This original musical production that tours throughout the United States is based on the best-selling book, *GRITS: Friends are Forever!* by Deborah Ford. The four-woman show is made up of monologues and songs, all depicting different aspects of Southern women's lives, spanning four generations.

GRITS: The Musical comes to the Ansonia Theatre this weekend - Saturday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the Anson County Arts Council, Lacy's and online at www.ansoniatheatre.com. *GRITS: The Musical* is included in the 2013-14 season for those who have purchased season tickets. To reserve your seat call the Arts Council at 704-694-4950.

Meet & Greet Municipal Election Candidates Sunday

The Anson County Democratic Party will host a "Meet and Greet" the candidates for the November Election on Sunday, October 20 at Hampton B. Allen Library at 5 p.m. The purpose of the event is to give citizens an opportunity to meet the candidates and also to allow the candidates to present their platforms. All candidates running in the Municipal Election are invited to attend.

For more information email usturdivant4261@windstream.net or call 704 848-4412.

Healthy Living Seminar and Cooking Class

Pathway to Peace Ministries presents ANEWSTART healthy living seminar and cooking class on Sunday, October 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. Learn how to cook plant-based foods that will heal you. Learn how to lose weight, have more energy, reduce cholesterol, reverse diabetes, lower blood pressure, and much more.

Interested? Come! The seminar and cooking class are free! The location is 11775 Highway 109 South in Peachland. Information at 704-695-1441.

Ivan Ledbetter to Speak Wednesday, October 30

Pastor Ivan Ledbetter will be speaking at Church of God of Prophecy on Wednesday, October 30 at 7 p.m. as part of their Homecoming Services. Among the other speakers are Pastor Iris Tillman at 11 a.m. on Sunday, October 27, Rev. L. Parson at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 28 and Rev. James Gibson at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29.

Everyone is invited to attend. The church is located at 8477 Highway 52 South in Morven, across from the former Dan River plant. The telephone number is 704-851-9035.