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Wadesboro Police Checkpoint Snares Drunk Drivers

The Wadesboro Police Department, along with the assistance and coordination of several outside law enforcement agencies stretching from Moore, Stanly, Scotland and Union Counties, participated in a multi-agency DWI checkpoint which was located on Highway 74 at Wade Manufacturing. "Our goal at the Wadesboro Police Department and the North Carolina Governors Highway Safety Program is to promote highway safety awareness to reduce the number of traffic crashes and fatalities in the state of North Carolina and also Wadesboro," Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer said. "With diligent planning and execution of the checkpoint, it allowed officers to find those who do not obey the law by drinking and driving and get them off the roadway to make a safer community for those who travel. With over 20 years of the slogan that's known across the country 'Booze It & Lose It,' nearly 8,500 people have lost their lives in crashes involving alcohol. One death is one too many just from one person drinking and driving, while making a terrible decision that could cause another's life."

Chief Spencer continued, "The checkpoint may have saved a life thanks to the strong enforcement."

Officer Scott Gullede with the Wadesboro Police Department prepared and hosted this checkpoint with his role as the County Coordinator of the North Carolina Governors Highway Safety Program. Officers issued over 59 charges, including driving while impaired offenses and several drug violations.



Those who were caught and charged were placed under arrest with a Magistrate on scene aboard the "Bat Mobile" that was provided by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division. Those who were placed under arrest were then placed in the Anson County Sheriff's Office custody while waiting in the jail van that Anson County Sheriff Landric Reid provided to be on scene. With the help of Anson Safe Kids, five child seats were checked and corrected on scene at the checkpoint assuring the safety of those children leaving from the location. "This checkpoint is one of many that are planned in the future as a reminder - to prevent future tragedies from occurring," said Spencer. "If you make the decision to drink and drive, you will get caught - day or night. We as a department are dedicated to ensure the safety of our community and to safe travels on the streets and highways with strong enforcement."

Anson Farmers Eligible for Emergency Loan Assistance

On October 26 President Obama declared a major disaster in the State of South Carolina based on damages and losses caused by severe storms and flooding that occurred from October 1 to 23, 2015. In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, six adjacent counties in North Carolina are named as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA emergency (EM) loan assistance. These counties are Anson, Mecklenburg, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland and Union.

Effective October 26 farmers in Anson County may apply for EM loans for physical and production losses. June 27, 2016, is the deadline for filing an application. The local office is located at 3230-A Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112-9196, with office hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any farmer who suffered a physical or production loss should contact his/her office for additional information.

Wadesboro Fire Chief Marc Sessions Receives Scholarship

Scholarship used for career development at UNC School of Government

Wadesboro Fire Chief Marc Sessions is the recipient of a UNC School of Government (SOG) Scholarship award. He will use the scholarship to attend the Introduction to Local Government Finance course at the SOG at UNC-Chapel Hill.



"The credit union is proud to partner with the School of Government to offer these scholarships to North Carolina's local government employees," said Local Government Federal Credit Union (LGFCU) President Maurice Smith. "As a result, these LGFCU members are able to strengthen their skills and enhance their job performance, thereby better serving their communities."

The SOG is the largest university-based local government training, advisory and research organization in the United States, offering up to 200 classes, seminars, schools and specialized conferences for more than 12,000 public officials each year. For more information on LGFCU scholarships or to apply visit www.lgfcu.org.

50+ Club Meeting Features Ed Dement of The O'Kaysions

Had the 1960's hit record, I'm a Girl Watcher

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, November 9 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Ed Dement, formerly of the band the O'Kaysions, will be providing the program. The O'Kaysions had a #6 hit in the 1960's with *I'm a Girl Watcher*. Ed will be doing a program of 60's and beach music. Bring a friend and come enjoy the music.



Morven Elementary School Students Learn Gun Safety

On Friday, October 9 Morven Mayor Houston Pratt, along with Morven Police Department Officer Gullede and Officer Morton, gave an "Eddie Eagle" gun safety presentation to the third grade classes of Morven Elementary School. Students learned the importance of what to do in dangerous situations dealing with guns. The speakers also expressed the importance of saying no to bullying.

Each class was very attentive and participated in the song on what to do when you see a gun, *Stop. Don't Touch. Leave the Area. Tell an Adult.*



Ansonville BBQ and Parade is this Weekend

It's that time! One of the most popular events in Anson County, the Ansonville Fire & Rescue Annual Homecoming, is this Friday and Saturday, November 6 and 7. This is the 30th annual edition, and it promises to be the best yet!

Did you say barbecue? Well...they will have some of the best barbecue you have ever eaten - pork, beef and chicken! It will be served both days starting at 11 a.m. They have plates, a sandwich meal, sandwiches, pounds of pork or beef and 1/2 chickens. And, it is GREAT!

The parade will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday. No barbecue will be sold during the parade, but is available before and after.

Come out for fun, fellowship, delicious food, and, of course, the terrific parade. We'll see you there!

Anson Veterans Day Celebration is Wednesday, November 11

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate Anson County's hometown heroes at the Veterans Day event planned for Wednesday, November 11. The day will begin with a parade at 10 a.m. in uptown Wadesboro. The ceremony starts after the parade at 11 a.m. Then, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. there will be community fun with music, games and refreshments. Free flu shots will be available from the VA Rural Healthcare Team. Also, many resources will be available for veterans and their families.

Come join in the fun, and take the opportunity to tell veterans in attendance how much you appreciate their service to our country. For more information contact Anson County Veteran Services Officer Ted Ward at 704-694-4418 or tward@co.anson.nc.us.

The US Army Band that was scheduled to appear at the Ansonia Theatre has postponed their appearance until early 2016.

Compare Health Insurance Plans During Enrollment Period

Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin reminds North Carolinians who purchase individual health insurance coverage to take advantage of the open enrollment period to compare plans and choose coverage. The open enrollment period for 2016 coverage began on November 1 and ends January 31, 2016. In order to have coverage effective January 1, 2016, you must enroll by December 15, 2015.

"I encourage people to take action during the open enrollment period," Goodwin said. "Look at your options and decide if it's in your best interest to keep the plan you had last year, switch to another plan or change insurance companies."

If you do not get health coverage through your employer or Medicare, you can buy coverage in the individual market on the federal exchange at www.healthcare.gov. The exchange also determines if you are eligible for any subsidies, cost-sharing reductions or coverage through Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program.

If you purchased individual health insurance last year, you will be auto-enrolled in the same or similar plan unless you select a different plan. However, you should still verify your information, confirm your subsidy eligibility and look at the available policies. There may be a new option that is less expensive or better suits your needs. When choosing a plan, it's also important to check to see which medical providers (physicians, hospitals, labs, pharmacies, etc.) you may visit to receive covered care.

You may also purchase individual coverage off the exchange through an agent or broker or directly from an insurance company, but you will not be eligible for subsidies.

If you have questions about health insurance, contact the North Carolina Department of Insurance at 855-408-1212 or learn more at www.ncdoi.com. For questions related directly to enrollment through the federal exchange, contact 1-800-318-2596 or visit www.healthcare.gov/contact-us.

Cub Scout Recycling Drive is this Saturday

Cub Scout Pack 530 is hosting an Electronics Recycling Drive this Saturday, November 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Residents and business owners can drop off old and broken electronics and appliances, as well as used toner cartridges at Peachland United Methodist Church on Allen Street in Peachland. They will accept computers, phones, monitors, vcr and dvd players, small appliances, white goods, televisions, as well as toner cartridges - anything that charges up or plugs in. And it's free!

Certificates of Destruction are available so donors can be assured their data is safe. Help keep Anson County clean and green.

Questions? Contact Laura Laney at 704-994-9173.

What are the benefits and advantages of recycle e-waste?

- Conserves natural resources. Recycling recovers valuable materials from old electronics that can be used to make new products. As a result, we save energy, reduce pollution, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and save resources by extracting fewer raw materials from the earth.
- Protects your surroundings. Safe recycling of outdated electronics promotes sound management of toxic chemicals such as lead and mercury.
- Helps others. Donating your used electronics benefits your community by passing on ready-to-use or refurbished equipment to those who need it.
- Create Jobs. eCycling creates jobs for professional recyclers and refurbishers and creates new markets for the valuable components that are recycled. Our refurbishing partner is in Anson County!
- Saves landfill space. E-waste is a growing waste stream. By recycling these items, landfill space is conserved.

Leadership Anson Applications Are Due November 20

The Leadership Anson 2016 class will begin soon, and applications to be a part of the class are due on Friday, November 20. You may submit your application by fax (704-694-3830), email (ansonchamber@windstream.net) or mail (PO Box 305, Wadesboro NC 28170). For more information call 704-694-4181.

Ansonville Historical Society Museum Will be Open Saturday

This Saturday, November 7 the Ansonville Historical Society Museum will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will have an art exhibit featuring works by local artists. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the museum.

For more information call Pat Martin at 704-826-8446.

Free Community Event at Wadesboro Elementary School!

Wadesboro Elementary School is hosting a Fall Festival - School & Community Togetherness event on Saturday, November 7, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. This event is open to all students in grades k - 6 who are enrolled in Anson County Schools. There will be carnival style games for children to enjoy along with various workshops for parents to participate in.

Any student whose parent participates in the workshops will earn free tickets to be used for the games.

This event will also serve as the WES Kickoff for Toys for Tots. Any student who brings an unopened gift will receive more free tickets to be used to play the games. Lunch will be served too!

If you have questions about the event, feel free to call Wadesboro Elementary School at 704-694-9383.

Toys for Tots Motorcycle Ride

Motorcyclists and passengers, you are all invited to participate in the upcoming Toys for Tots Motorcycle Ride. This fundraiser puts the FUN in Fundraising! The event will take place on Saturday, November 14, with registration from 10 to 11 a.m. at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center behind McDonalds in Wadesboro. There will be door prizes and a split the pot drawing.

The cost is only \$10 for single riders and \$15 for two up. And, don't forget to bring a toy! For more information call Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.