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Sheriff Tommy Allen Receives Prestigious Award from Governor McCrory

Recently Sheriff Tommy Allen was presented with the distinguished Long Leaf Pine Award. Governor Pat McCrory awarded Sheriff Allen for his "exemplary service to our state." Senator Gene McLaurin made the presentation to Sheriff Allen on behalf of Governor McCrory.



McLaurin said, "I am honored and proud to present the distinguished Long Leaf Pine Award to my friend, Anson County Sheriff Tommy Allen. Tommy Allen has dedicated his life to public service and to law enforcement for the last 40 years. Throughout his law enforcement career Sheriff Allen has been a leader, earning the respect of our community and many others across our state. As he transitions into retirement I wish him the very best."

Pictured from left are Gene McLaurin, Lewis Evans, Tommy Allen and Richard Allen.



Historical Society Elects New Officers

The Anson County Historical Society held its annual meeting on Thursday, November 6 at the Leavitt House. During the meeting new student representatives were appointed, and new officers for the Historical Society were elected.

The student representatives are Naly Lor from Anson Early College, Joy Spencer from Anson High School and Jackson Parkins from Anson New Tech High School.

The new officers are pictured here. They are, from left, Mary Grace May, Treasurer, Lula Ann Davis, Secretary, Bill Clark, Vice President and Betty Horan, President.

Barry D. Martin, Barry Treadaway and Alana Martin Busted for Meth Lab

On Tuesday, November 11 officers of the Wadesboro Police Department were investigating a breaking and entering case when they observed the suspect vehicle in the area of Wade Manufacturing. Officers conducted a traffic stop and approached the vehicle where they observed that there were three suspects inside the vehicle. After a brief conversation with the suspects, officers observed materials that are consistent with manufacturing methamphetamines. During a more thorough investigation officers observed where the suspects attempted to discard the materials on the ground outside of the vehicle. A search warrant was executed on the vehicle where a methamphetamine lab was discovered. The suspects were arrested and charged accordingly.

Arrested were:

- Barry Dwight Martin, 48, of Wadesboro. Charged with Manufacture a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine); Possession of an Immediate Precursor Chemical with Intent to Manufacture a Controlled Substance; and Maintaining a Vehicle for the Purpose of Storing/Selling a Controlled Substance. Bond on those charges was set at \$20,000.

- Martin was also charged with Failure to Appear and Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond on those charges is \$1,500.

- Barry Allen Treadaway, 37, of Wadesboro. Charged with Manufacture a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine); Possession of an Immediate Precursor Chemical with Intent to Manufacture a Controlled Substance; and Maintaining a Vehicle for the Purpose of Storing/Selling a Controlled Substance. Bond on those charges was set at \$15,000.

- Treadaway was also charged with Resisting a Public Officer; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Felony Breaking & Entering; and Felony Larceny After Breaking & Entering. Bond on those charges is \$27,000.

- Alana Ann Martin, 30, of Wadesboro. Charged with Manufacture a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine); Possession of an Immediate Precursor Chemical with Intent to Manufacture a Controlled Substance; and Maintaining a Vehicle for the Purpose of Storing/Selling a Controlled Substance. Bond on those charges was set at \$7,500.

- Alana Martin was also charged with Felony Breaking & Entering; Felony Larceny After Breaking & Entering; Simple Assault; Communicating Threats; and Driving While License Revoked. Bond on those charges is \$28,000.

Wadesboro Police Department Captain Brandon Chewning said, "The manufacturing of methamphetamines is a hazardous and dangerous process. Our officers did an outstanding job using their training and experience to protect themselves, along with the suspects, from this very dangerous situation."

Chewning concluded, "The Wadesboro Police Department would like to thank the following agencies for assisting in this investigation: the Anson County Sheriff's Office, the Wadesboro Fire Department, Anson County EMS, Anson County Emergency Management and North Carolina SBI."



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Recount Meeting for Cheri Beasley versus Mike Robinson Race Called

The Anson County Board of Elections has announced that there will be a recount meeting on Thursday, November 20 at 10 a.m. to recount the votes in the NC Supreme Court Associate Justice race between Cheri Beasley and Mike Robinson. The meeting will take place at the Board of Elections office.

Big Game Hunt and Wadesboro Christmas Parade Deadlines Near

The Big Game Hunt tournament will be next week on Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29. Entry forms must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26 at the Chamber of Commerce to be eligible for the hunt. Entry fee is \$35 for the Big Game Hunt or \$20 for the Youth Division.

The Wadesboro Christmas Parade will be held on Thursday, December 4 in uptown Wadesboro. The deadline for parade entries is Wednesday, November 26. The Chamber has professional floats available to rent. For details of rentals or other information contact the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at 704-694-4181 or visit www.ansoncounty.org.

Toys for Tots Application Deadline is December 5

Anson County Toys for Tots has announced that the deadline for applications is Friday, December 5. Applicants can obtain applications from the following sites:

- Grace Senior Center - Dr. Bernice Bennett
- Department of Social Services - Priscilla Little
- Anson County Child Support - Jennifer Tarlton
- Anson County Health Department
- Anson County School System - Kam McDonald

Toys for Tots Needs Your Support

Toys for Tots is a wonderful organization that makes sure that many kids who otherwise might not have a Christmas instead find gifts waiting for them on Christmas day. This makes a world of difference in their lives. If you can help Toys for Tots with a donation of any amount, you will know that 100% of your contribution will be used to help Anson County children.

"We are asking all businesses, churches, community leaders, government officials and anyone else who wants to help to please contribute to Toys for Tots," said Director Vancine Sturdivant. "The need is great. The need for toys is greater than ever. We have receive so many applications and I do not want to turn anyone down. How do you tell a child they will not get anything for Christmas? With the great executive board we have, along with terrific community support this will never happen."

To learn more or to contribute, please contact Vancine at 704-848-4412.

New Office Hours at Cooperative Extension Office

The Anson County Cooperative Extension Center will be operating under new office hours in 2015. Beginning January 1 the office will be closed during the hours of 12 noon until 1 p.m.

A statewide reorganization has created staffing changes that will impact office coverage. To be able to meet client requests and program demands the local office will be closed to the public for lunch. During that time telephone calls will be received by an automatic operating system and returned after 1 p.m. However, meetings scheduled at the Extension Center during lunch hours will still be allowed.

In addition, due to scheduling and work load, at various times only one staff member may be available to man the office. During those times the door will be locked with a sign indicating that clients should ring doorbell for entry.

These new operating procedures are intended to maintain customer service standards, while providing for the professional and safety needs of the Extension staff. Clients are asked to understand these challenges and work with staff through the new changes.

Anson Animal Shelter Pets for Adoption Searchable Online

Anson County Animal Shelter is now listed on Petfinder.com. This is a searchable national database of pets available for adoption that includes a description and photo. All the animals that are up for adoption are listed and have a picture. Just go to Petfinder.com and search for any Anson County town or zip code.

A rescue from Animal Shelter can bring lots of happiness and love into any home...and you will make the animal happy too! It's a win-win. And remember, older animals need love too!

For more information contact Becky Wilson at 704-994-2738.

Open House in Uptown Wadesboro Thursday

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the evening in uptown Wadesboro this Thursday, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Spearheaded by H. W. Little & Company, many businesses will be open for this special event.

At H. W. Little there will be cookies, hot apple cider and great discounts! Spend \$30 or more and you get \$5 off. They feature all kinds of Christmas decorations, DIY projects, great holiday gifts, gift coupons and stocking stuffers.

Participating merchants are Lacy's, Soowee Treats, Southern Medley Wine Cellar, Michael Horne Florist, Brenda's, Treasure Corner, Home-town Video, Price's Place and Lord George Antiques.

Free Movie is Saving Mr. Banks

The Hampton B. Allen Library is showing the movie *Saving Mr. Banks* on Monday, November 24 in the Little Theatre at 10 a.m. The movie stars Emma Thompson, Tom Hanks and Colin Farrell and is a Disney Production. This movie is free and rated PG-13. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend.

Any questions call 704-694-5177.

Anson County's 911 Dispatcher LaShonda Spender Takes Care of Business!

On Saturday, September 27 at 5:45 p.m. an urgent call from the Lilesville area came into 911 of a young lady, Latavias Bennett, going into labor. Anson County dispatcher LaShonda Spender took the call and immediately dispatched Lilesville First Responders and EMS. Then, using Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) protocol, Spender began talking Latavias' aunt, Hallie Bennett through the birthing process. By the time First Responders arrived at the scene the baby, a six pound, seven ounce baby boy was born and resting with its mother.

"This is what the dispatchers are trained to do," said Sheriff Tommy Allen. "When we went to EMD several years ago we raised the bar significantly for emergency service calls in Anson County. This was not our first baby birth but this was a good example as to how the system works and it works quite well. In addition to birthing babies, we have talked individuals through CPR, stopping bleeding, what to do for choking and other lifesaving procedures."

Sheriff Allen continued, "My 911 staff is really good. They stay calm when everything and everyone around them is anything but calm. Anson County is very fortunate to have a 911 operation of this quality. I'd put my staff up against any in this state or country."

For now, mother and baby are both doing fine. Dispatcher Spender met Ms. Bennett, baby Landon and Aunt Hallie Bennett over at the 911 Center this week in a meeting arranged by Sheriff Allen.

In the photo is Dispatcher LaShonda Spender seated, holding baby Landon. Standing, from left are Latavias Bennett and Hallie Bennett.

