From the Sheriff's Desk From Sheriff Tommy Allen: As 2013 winds down we still have a lot of the holiday season ahead of us but as we all know it will come and go like a blur with so much going on. I thought this might be a good time to look back over some of this year's articles and make a few comments of this holiday season.

Here are some of the topics I've addressed over this past year and hopefully many of you have taken note and are safer and better for them. I talked about various scams people often fall for through telephone calls, email or regular mail. The bottom line here is to remember you'll never win a contest you have never entered. A similar scam may involve tax refund checks and callers asking you information regarding that. The IRS does not call or use emails to contact tax payers. Never give out personal or banking information over the phone or email. I wrote about hiring contractors and paying in advance for work to be done. This is fine if

you are dealing with local, licensed and bonded contractors you know and who have good track records. Always get a written contract with a firm cost and check references. Anson County is bordered on two sides by rivers that are heavily used for boating, fishing

and in some areas swimming. These are great outside activities but also present danger when safety is not a first choice. Always wear life jackets where required and never swim alone. When you go on vacation don't post that information on-line on any social network. You don't want everyone to know you are away from your home for specific periods. Computer security and identity theft should be taken seriously. One of the most important things you can do about your personal security is to be aware

of your surroundings. Where you are has a lot to do with your security. A little common sense goes a long way. During this holiday season that is even more important as you are often out shopping, in large crowds with a lot of distractions. October was domestic violence awareness month. It is a topic that is often hush-hushed

but it crosses all socioeconomic backgrounds, races and ages. Victims of domestic violence are often hesitant to seek help but they must; and can call our local domestic violence organization at 704-694-4499 or the 24 hour crisis line at 704-690-0362 As we round out this year and look toward next, some of the future topics I will try to

address will be gangs, illegal drugs, workplace violence, social networks dangers, duties and responsibilities of the Sheriff, our new 911 Operations Center and other subjects as well. If you have a particular topic please contact me and I will try to address it.  $\,$  I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

# **AES Spelling Bee Winners**

Ansonville Elementary School recently held their school-wide Spelling Bee. Classroom Spelling Bee winners in grades three through six competed for the title of AES's Spelling Bee Champion. After several rounds fifth grader Kennedy Jones was declared the Winner. Kennedy is the daughter of Steven Jones and Ashlie Allen Jones, both of Polkton.

Fourth grader Ava Hill was declared the Runner-up. Ava is the daughter of Marty Hill and Shelby Hill, both of Ansonville.

Kennedy will compete in the upcoming, County-Wide Spelling Bee. In the event that Kennedy is not able to compete, Ava Hill will take her place. Congratulations to both ladies on a job well done!



Kennedy Jones



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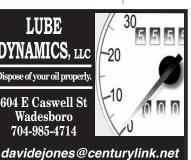
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