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Barron Monroe is New Anson County Manager

The Anson County Board of Commissioners has named Barron S. Monroe II as the new County Manager effective January 2, 2019.

Monroe comes to the county with a varied career in public service. He has worked with AmeriCorps in Detroit, MI, honorably served his country in the United States Navy, and worked as both a Budget and Management Analyst and Project Manager for Catawba County.

Monroe has earned a Masters in Public Administration and a Masters in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Bachelors in History from Appalachian State University.

Monroe said he excitedly looks forward to working for and with the citizens, Board of Commissioners, county staff, and community partners to enhance quality of life here in Anson County.

\$17,980 Grant Awarded to Lilesville Fire Department

Department of Insurance sends award check for new equipment

Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey announced that the Lilesville Fire Department was awarded a \$17,980 grant through the 2018 Volunteer Rescue/EMS Fund from the State of North Carolina. The check will be mailed to Rescue Chief Marty K Morton Jr. to be used by this rescue/EMS organization to purchase needed equipment. The equipment is purchased using matching funds and must be approved by the Department of Insurance Office of State Fire Marshal.

"Fire and rescue organizations protect our communities large and small across North Carolina, but sometimes their budgets don't grow with their responsibilities," Commissioner Causey said. "Our emergency service personnel should be supported with the best equipment and supplies needed to do their jobs correctly and safely. I know the Lilesville Fire Department will use this money to serve their community even better. Thank you Chief Marty K Morton Jr. for all of your hard work, and thanks to your dedicated staff."

Lilesville Fire Department has received a total of \$40,437.83 from the Volunteer EMS/Rescue Fund in the past 29 years since the program began. The General Assembly created the Volunteer Rescue/EMS Fund in 1989 to help volunteer units raise money for equipment and supplies. The grant funds must be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to an approved amount, by monies raised locally to purchase necessary equipment. Since the program's inception the Department of Insurance has distributed \$32,305,998.89 to rescue and EMS squads across the state.



Janice Moore is Wadesboro Fire Queen

Janice Moore, the daughter of James and Monica Moore of Wadesboro, is the Wadesboro Fire Department Fire Queen.

Janice's grandparents are Gornie (pictured) and Lucille Williams of Wadesboro, and Diane Moore of Mcfarlan. She is a tenth grader at Jesus Is Lord Christian School in Cheraw where she is an honor roll student. She enjoys singing in school plays and reading.

Her grandfather Gornie is a fireman with the Wadesboro Fire department.

Monica Usrey, Josh Gordon and Michael Pickett Busted for Methamphetamine

Usrey charged with multiple counts of manufacturing and dealing meth, placed under \$450,000 bond



Monica Usrey

On Wednesday, December 19, deputies from the Anson County Sheriff's Office went to 166 Bethel Road, located off Highway 742 South, in Wadesboro, in an attempt to locate a vehicle. While there deputies noticed some suspicious items, and upon investigation narcotics detectives were able to get enough information to obtain a search warrant. Conducting a search, the officers found methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and items used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine.

The owner of the residence, Monica Usrey, 51, was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession with Intent to Sell Methamphetamine, Maintain a Dwelling, multiple counts of Possession of Meth Precursors, and Possession of Pseudoephedrine After Conviction. She was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$450,000 secured bond.

Josh Gordon, 31, of Polkton and Michael Pickett, 36, of Lilesville were charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. They were placed in the Anson County Jail, each under a \$30,000 secured bond.

All three have a first court date of January 7, 2019.

Sheriff Landric Reid said, "Meth continues to be a major problem in our county. I would encourage any person with information of drug activity or criminal activity to please contact the Sheriff's Office or other local law enforcement agencies. Together we can make a difference and make Anson County a safe place for all."

Deanna Hatley, Noah Hatley and Jessica Hair Involved in Meth Bust

On Tuesday, December 18 narcotic detectives from the Anson County Sheriff's Office along with deputies, ALE and Homeland Security agents served a search warrant at a residence located at 2264 McRae Avenue in Wadesboro. During the search officers located marijuana, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Deanna Hatley, 48, the owner of the residence, was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Maintaining a Dwelling. She was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$55,000 secured bond with a court date of January 7.

Noah Hatley, 21, was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$5,000 secured bond. Also, Jessica Hair, 30, was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$35,000 secured bond. Noah Hatley and Hair both have a first court date on January 7.

Jamie Rorie Charged with Firing Weapon into a Home

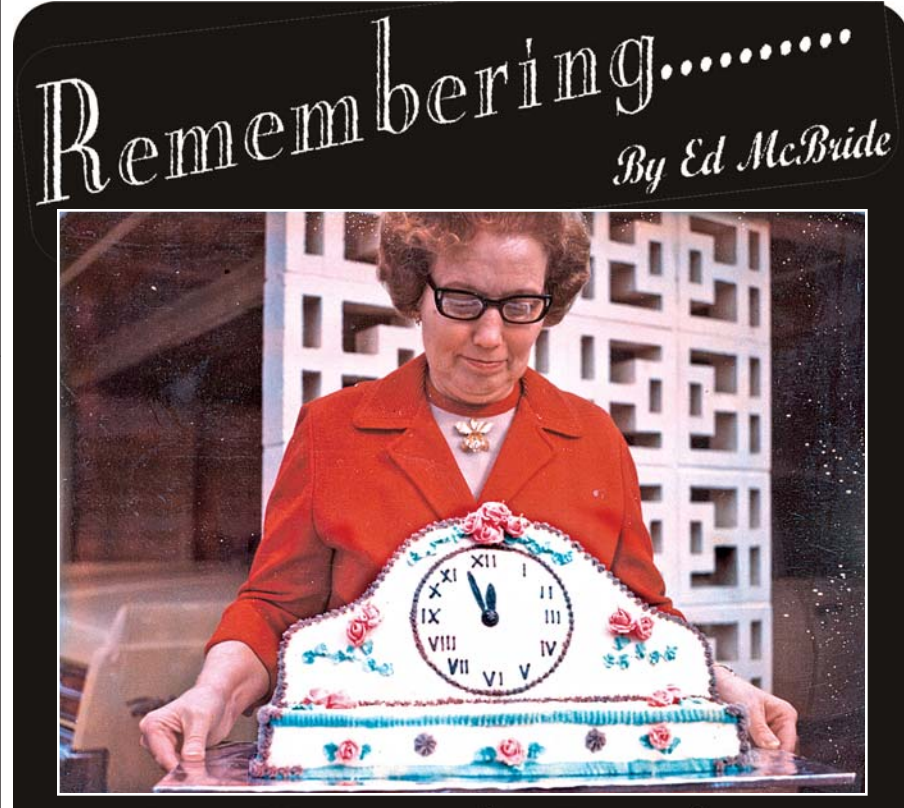
Jamie Rorie of Wadesboro was arrested and charged with firing a rifle into a home located on Shannon Drive in Rockingham on Saturday, December 29. It is reported that Rorie had threatened to shoot a woman located inside the home. Police were called for a domestic violence report at the location, and Rorie resisted arrest upon their arrival.



Jamie Rorie

Rorie was charged with Discharging a Weapon into an Occupied Residence, Possessing a Weapon of Mass Destruction and Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Resisting a Public Officer, and Communicating Threats. He was placed in the Richmond County Jail under a \$65,000 bond, with a court date of January 7.

Rorie has been charged with multiple crimes in the past in Anson County, including firing a gun into an occupied property, assaulting a law enforcement officer with a firearm, pointing a gun, possession of a firearm by a felon, and other crimes of violence.



New Years at the Bacot's...

This one goes back "a day or two." We were invited, along with a group of Shriners, to the Bacot's on December 31, 1972, for a New Years party. We were on the Directors Staff and helped on every ceremonial.

Well, Lucy got "appointed" to fix the cake. I got "drafted" to fix a pan and to help with the cake decoration (And I do think my roses looked pretty good. At least Lucy thought so.) - and, you guessed it - "they 'ette' the whole thing!"

This one, I guess, has another "point of remembrance" - the fact that I had a chance to remember our younger days, as Lucy and I helped others through the Shrine Crippled and Burn Units as well as other organizations.

We sincerely hope that each of you, our Express readers, have a super New Year 2010!!

Happy New Year, Ed

Registration Deadline Passes But FEMA is Still Helping NC Survivors

The deadline for registering with FEMA has passed, but that does not mean FEMA is leaving. FEMA continues working with North Carolina Emergency Management to help survivors and communities recover.

If you have registered for assistance, FEMA encourages you to keep in touch to track your case or to notify the agency of changes to your mailing or email addresses or phone numbers, and to report insurance settlements or additional damage you may have discovered since your home inspection.

Here's how to reach FEMA:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov or DisasterAssistance.gov/es (for Spanish)
- Call the disaster assistance helpline at 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585 (TTY) anytime from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Multilingual operators are available.
- Download the FEMA Mobile App in English and Spanish.

The application deadline for a U.S. Small Business Administration low-interest disaster loan also has passed. For information, call the SBA Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955, email disastercustomerservice@SBA.gov, or visit SBA's website at sba.gov/disaster. If you are deaf, hard-of-hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY, call 800-877-8339.

As of Tuesday, December 25, 2018:

- More than \$122.6 million has been approved for 34,000 households
- More than \$354.9 million in SBA low-interest loans for homeowners, renters and business owners had been approved.
- More than 15,014 National Flood Insurance Program claims had been submitted.
- An estimated \$556.3 million had been paid on approved NFIP claims.

FEMA and NCEM operated 23 disaster recovery centers, all of which are now closed. More than 42,000 people visited the centers throughout the 34 designated counties to receive information and advice for their recovery.

In addition, Disaster Survivor Assistance teams visited more than 113,000 homes and talked to almost 63,000 survivors about how FEMA can help in their recovery efforts, to answer survivors' questions and, if needed, to help survivors register.

For more information on North Carolina's recovery from Hurricane Florence, visit ncdps.gov/Florence and FEMA.gov/Disaster/4393. Follow on Twitter: @NCEmergency and @FEMARegion4.

Special Enrollment Period for Anson Medicare Recipients Affected by Hurricane

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey today announced that Medicare beneficiaries impacted by Hurricane Florence have been granted an extended Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to sign up for 2019 benefits. This extended period gives beneficiaries an extra month to enroll in a Medicare health or prescription drug plan due to the unforeseen circumstances that accompany a natural disaster.

The 2019 Medicare Open Enrollment period runs October 15 to December 7, with coverage to take effect January 1, 2019. This SEP allows those affected by the storm to enroll through January 7, 2019, with coverage to begin February 1, 2019. For more information call 855-408-1212. Locally, you can call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616.

Town of Wadesboro New Year Holiday Schedule

The Wadesboro Town Hall was closed on Tuesday, January 1 to celebrate the New Year Holiday.

Tuesday's normal garbage collection route will be picked up on Wednesday, January 2. Wednesday's garbage collection route will be picked up on Thursday, January 3, and Thursday's garbage collection route will be picked up on Friday, January 4. The normal route collection will resume on Monday, January 7.

The Town of Wadesboro appreciates your consideration in allowing our employees time with their families during this holiday season. As always, you will still be able to leave your utility bill payments in the night deposit box at Town Hall.

If you have an emergency, please call Dispatch at 704-694-2167.

Foster Parent Support Group Meeting is Jan. 15

A meeting of the Foster Parent Support Group will be held on Tuesday, January 15 at the Anson County Department of Social Services, located at 118 North Washington Street in Wadesboro, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Resources and refreshments will be provided free. Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769 or by email at connections-fsp@gmail.com for more information.

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