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Warrant Round-Up and Sex Offender Compliance Checks Conducted

The Anson County Sheriffs' Office assisted the United States Marshall Service with a warrant round-up recently. The Marshall Service also agreed to assist Anson County Sheriffs' Office with Sex Offender compliance checks.

The warrant round-up was conducted on the early hours of Thursday, February 19. The goal of this operation was to apprehend fugitives with active federal, state and local felony arrest warrants. The Sex Offender compliance checks also took place that day. The purpose was to identify and monitor the compliance of registered sex offenders.

"I think it's very important to identify those people in Anson County who are hiding from the law - due to crimes they committed, either here in Anson County, in the state of North Carolina, or in any other State," said Sheriff Landric Reid. "My goal is to keep the citizens of Anson County safe and keep this a good place to live and raise a family. I'm also putting a plan in place that will monitor sex offenders registered in Anson County so we keep track of them as they move from place to place. Most sex offenders seem to be in compliance with the law, but you always have some who don't seem to think it's important to follow the law."

Sheriff Reid concluded, "I would like to thank the US Marshalls Service Violent Offender Task Force, North Carolina Department of Public Safety, ICE and the US Probation Office for all their services to the citizens of Anson County. We will have other operations in the near future."

During the warrant roundup the following arrest were made: ICE - 1 arrest, Federal Probation - 1 arrest, Local Warrants - 1 arrest. There were 13 sex offenders checked.



AHS Youth CareerConnect Students Earn Industry Certified Credential

33 members of the Youth CareerConnect Academy at Anson High earned their first industry-certified credential during their first semester as freshmen. Forty of the 84 students in the YCC STEM Academy took a CTE credit class called Microsoft IT Academy I during fall semester. This class focused on teaching students the skills associated with effective use of the software programs Word and Powerpoint. At the end of the course, students took the actual Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) national exam to determine their competence in the skills they had been learning.

Ms. Shee Bennett, instructor of the Microsoft I.T. class, prepared students for the national exam. Each student had two opportunities to achieve national certification credentials. Over 80% of the YCC students who challenged the exam earned a certification. Word and Powerpoint are two of four potential certification areas to achieve complete Microsoft Office Specialist certification offered at Anson High School.

"This success is exactly what the Youth CareerConnect program is designed to do," stated Ms. Deborah Davis, director of the YCC at AHS Academy and Secondary Education. "These certificates represent industry-level credentials, an outstanding accomplishment for our freshmen. One goal of the YCC program is for all students to achieve this entry-level certification, as leaders across industries have requested."

"And we have almost one-half of our YCC students with a national certification credential halfway through their freshman year," Davis emphasized. "As our students take the potential of this program more and more seriously, they will continue to accumulate credentials that translate to career competence in the workplace."

The remaining YCC students are in the Microsoft I.T. Academy I class during spring semester and will face the certification exam in May.

Job Seekers Can Connect with Employers at SPCC's Annual Ready to Work Expo

Job seekers in Anson County will have a great opportunity to meet area employers and gain an edge in their job search at the upcoming Ready to Work Expo. It will be held on Tuesday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro.

In addition to local employers, including API Security, Columbus McKinnon, FirstHealth of the Carolinas, AFLAC, Meadowview Terrace Assisted Living, Anson County Sheriff's Office, Primerica, Town of Wadesboro, Scotland Health Care Systems, Wadesboro Police Department and more, there will be local agencies on hand as well as opportunities to explore SPCC programs.

Job seekers are encouraged to dress for success and bring resumes and cover letters to share with prospective employers.

For more information contact Kristi Phifer at (704) 272-5460 or kphifer@spcc.edu.

Sheriff's Morven / McFarlan Community Meeting Set for March 12

The Anson County Sheriff's Office will have a Community Meeting on Thursday, March 12 at the Morven Fire Department at 6:30 p.m. All Morven and McFarlan citizens are encouraged to come out and voice their concerns on crime and crime prevention.

Sheriff Landric Reid is focused on Community Policing, and building stronger communications between the citizens and his office. Sheriff Reid believes in improving the quality of life in all communities in Anson County - by preventing crime, not just responding to crime. The Sheriff understands that providing protection for you and your family through the enforcement of criminal and civil laws are a priority.

Please join Sheriff Reid and his staff for this important meeting. Your voice matters!

Fraud Seminar on March 27

Ponzi Schemes, Affinity Fraud, Elder Financial Exploitation, we are all surrounded by scammers ready to steal our money. But, investment thieves can also cheat you out of your dreams and your peace of mind.

Don't let that happen to you. Come to a free event at Grace Senior Center on Friday, March 27 at 1:30 p.m. The Secretary of State's Investor Education Specialist, Barbara Bennett, will discuss warning signs of fraud, resources available to you and other ways to protect yourself. Persons interested should call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 to register.

Soul Street Dance Company Coming to the Ansonia this Friday

This is a DON'T MISS Show! Terrific performance!

They fly through the air with the greatest of ease! On Friday, March 6 catch the excitement of street dance at the Ansonia Theatre. Based out of Houston, Texas, Soul Street Dance Company is one of the most dynamic premier dance companies in existence. Their technical and artistic skills, stage presence and wit allow them to push the performance envelope to an amazing standard of excellence.

These energetic performers demonstrate varied styles and discuss the origins of each dance. From Brazil's Capoeira to New York's break dance and the multi-component form of hip hop, audiences will learn how these styles developed and evolved. Soul Street has the amazing ability to totally engage audiences from ages two to ninety two. A huge repertoire and outstanding flexibility have earned them the title, "Rock Stars of the Educational Theatre World" and they're working hard to expand these accolades worldwide.

This inspirational group of young men - formerly considered at risk - found focus through dance and now are working professional dancers. In all travels they garner good will by modeling sober, responsible behavior along with open hearts and minds and clean fun that allow them to seamlessly share experience with all cultures. Don't miss this incredible performance!

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Anson County Arts Council or at Lacy's. Call 704-694-4950 to make your reservations or visit www.ansoniatheatre.com.

Free Groceries - Mobile Food Pantry is Today

The next Mobile Food Pantry is April 1

You may qualify. Senior citizens urged to look over qualification chart.

The Mobile Food Pantry and CMC Mobile Health Unit will be at Austin Grove Baptist Church in Marshville (5919 Austin Grove Church Road) today, Wednesday, March 4 at 11 a.m.

Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food. Do not arrive before 9:30 a.m. If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, it will be canceled. If you have not yet done so, bring proof of your income to register. You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

Directions: From the Wendy's in Marshville on Highway 74, continue west on Highway 74 for 2.8 miles, turn right onto Forest Hills School Road, go 1.7 mile and turn right onto Austin Grove Church Road, church is 1/4 mile on left.

This event is sponsored by Anson Crisis Ministry and local United Methodist, Baptist, Apostolic, and Presbyterian Churches. Interested in volunteering? Call Steve Little, Austin Grove Baptist Church (704) 320-6535 or Rev. Cindy Lunsford (828) 891-2753.

The next Mobile Food Pantry and CMC Mobile Health Unit event will be at Lilesville United Methodist Church (310 East Wall Street) on Wednesday, April 1 at 11 a.m.

The April 1 event is sponsored by Anson Crisis Ministry and local United Methodist, Baptist, Apostolic and Presbyterian Churches. Interested in volunteering? Call Rev. Kaye Fry at Lilesville UMC 704-270-4010 or Rev. Cindy Lunsford (828) 891-2753.

You may qualify for this free food. The chart below offers income guidelines for the Mobile Food Pantry. Senior citizens are invited to participate if they qualify.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY INCOME GUIDE

Effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 (Household gross income must be at or below for appropriate size household.)			
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	PER YEAR	PER MONTH	PER WEEK
1	\$17,505	\$1,459	\$337
2	\$23,595	\$1,967	\$454
3	\$29,685	\$2,474	\$571
4	\$35,775	\$2,982	\$688
5	\$41,865	\$3,489	\$806
6	\$47,955	\$3,997	\$923
7	\$54,045	\$4,504	\$1,040
8	\$60,135	\$5,012	\$1,157
EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER	\$4,060	\$626	\$145

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School Book Fair Starts Thursday

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School is having a Scholastic Book Fair from Thursday, March 5 until Friday, March 13. The book fair will be open during Parent Conferences on Thursday, March 5, and then will operate from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Friday, March 6. The fair will also be open on Wednesday, March 11 until 7 p.m.

If you wish to contribute a monetary donation to help purchase books for students, please call the school or come out and visit the fair!

50+ Club Meeting Features the Hidden Talents March 9

Hampton B. Allen Library's 50+ Club will meet on Monday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. The guest entertainers will be the Hidden Talents, one of the finest local bands. Band members are Richard and Kenny Harrington, Dr. D. W. Davis, David Napier, Dr. Leon Smith, Wilbur Moore and Aaron Hinson. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy the music.

For more information call the library at 704-694-5177.

Anson Women's League Meets March 10

The Anson Women's League (AWL) will meet Tuesday, March 10, from noon until 1 p.m. at Twin Valley Country Club. Lunch is available for \$8.50 and all women are invited. Join in to hear AWL member Beverley Getzen speak on the Carolinas Writers Conference.

Please send RSVP's for the meal to AWL President Terri Martin at tcmartin@windstream.net by Friday, March 6.

Anson County Democratic Party Precinct Meeting is Thursday

There will be a Precinct Meeting for the Anson County Democratic Party on Thursday, March 5. This meeting is for all Anson County Precincts. It will be held at Hampton B. Allen Library at 6:30 p.m.

For more information contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412 or Garletha Pratt at 704-848-4619.

Republican Convention is Saturday

The Anson County Republican Convention is set for Saturday, March 7 in the Little Theatre at Hampton B. Allen Library. Guest speakers are Mark Brody, NC House and Tom McInnis, NC Senate.

All registered Republicans are urged to attend. You will hear the opportunity to be a Delegate or Alternate to the 8th District Convention in April and the State Convention in Raleigh on Saturday, June 6.

Registration and sign in for the Convention runs from 12 noon to 12:50 p.m. The Convention runs from 1 to 3 p.m.

Pruning Fruiting Plants Workshop

Anson Cooperative Extension is hosting a hands-on pruning workshop on Monday, March 9. Please register and get details by calling 704-694-2415.

Bingo at Grace Senior Center

Bingo games are held every third Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center at 1 p.m. All seniors are invited to attend for fun and fellowship.

For more information or to register to play call the center at 704-694-6616.