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On Friday, May 24, 2024, Mr. Reginald "Reggie" Dennis Bowers, 66, passed away at his home in the Burnsville Community with his family by his side. There will be a graveside service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Rocky Mount Baptist Church Cemetery with Mr. Ken Caulder officiating. The family will greet friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2024, at Leavitt Funeral Home and other times at the home in the Burnsville Community. Reggie was born October 13, 1957, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Jackie Lee Bowers and the late Julia Ann Baucom Bowers. He was a 1975 graduate of Bowman High School. He and his father were co-owners of Bowers Logging, he worked as a truck driver with A D Metals, and retired from the Aquadale Quarry with B.V. Hedrick. Reggie loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping, and spending time with his family. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Cecelia Canterbury Bowers; his sons, Joshua Bowers (fiancé Keely Terry), Sam Bowers (Nikki Carpenter Bowers) and Justin Bowers; his grandchildren, Sadie, Aliya, Chandler, Carson, Chloe and Baby Bowers; his brothers, Danny Bowers (Robyn) and Sherrill Bowers; his sister-in-law Denise Caudle (Rodney); his brother-in-law Chris Johnson (Patricia); his nieces and nephews and their families; and many dear friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Union and Anson County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110 or to Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department, 13380 NC 742 N, Polkton, NC 28135. The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Rockingham Man Busted for Financial Fraud Involving Senior Citizen

The Wadesboro Police Department has arrested Ronald Wayne Bryant, 62 of Rockingham, and charged him with numerous offenses relating to financial fraud. Bryant is accused of accessing an unnamed victim's bank account without authorization and withdrawing funds. These charges come after months of investigation into a larger and still ongoing case centering around the exploitation of an older adult.



Ronald Wayne Bryant

The charges are: 2 counts - Exploitation of an elder adult; 2 counts - Identity Theft; 2 counts - Obtaining Property by False Pretense; 1 count - Accessing Computers for the Purpose of Obtaining Property. Bryant was given a \$35,000 bond and a court date of June 4 in Anson County District Court.

Grace Senior Center Has It Going On In June!

Grace Senior Center is an excellent resource for Anson County's senior citizens. They provide programs, services, activities and fellowship that are beneficial... ALL FREE...AND ALL FUN & INFORMATIVE!

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, on the left just past IGA. For information call 704-694-6616.

April Events

- **Tuesday, June 4** Claris Companion Tablet Workshop 11:15am-12:15pm
- **Wednesday, June 5** Claris Companion Tablet Workshop 10:00am-11:00am
- **Tuesday, June 11** Claris Companion Tablet Workshop 11:15am-12:15pm
- **Wednesday, June 12** Claris Companion Tablet Workshop 10:00am-11:00am
- **Tuesday, June 18** BINGO! 11:15am-12:30pm
- **Thursday, June 20** Movie Day 10:45am-12:45pm Movie is *Book Club 2*.
- **Tuesday, June 25** Game Day! 11:15am-12:30pm. Golf, bowling, corn hole & more!
- **Thursday, June 27** Popsicle Drop-In 10am-12:30pm

Apply For NC Pre-Kindergarten Today

Anson County Partnership for Children is accepting applications for NC Pre-K, a Kindergarten readiness initiative that is proven to help four-year-olds gain basic skills needed for success in elementary school. Children who are four years of age before August 31, 2023, are eligible to apply for this high-quality program, which is free to qualifying families.

"Pre-K is a place where children learn skills that are vital to child development. NC Pre-K children learn how to socialize, make their own decisions, and interact with others. These are all important skills for child development. To make the transition to kindergarten easier, children learn eye contact, gain self-confidence, develop work efficiency, create a stronger attention span, and work on temper control," said Karen Gerald, Child Care Services Coordinator, Anson County Partnership for Children.

Not only are children who attended Pre-K more successful in school, they usually have higher grade point averages and are more likely to graduate high school and college.

NC Pre-K classes operate on a regular school calendar and are designed to address emotional and social development, physical health, language development, and cognitive functioning. Through the incorporation of indoor and outdoor learning environments, students participate in active learning experiences to foster a lifetime love of learning.

A high priority is placed on serving children who meet the following criteria: child's family is at or below 75% of the state median income level, a disability has been identified, limited English proficiency, developmental differences, chronic health conditions, or a parent who is active military service personnel.

There are currently four centers operating NC Pre-K classes in Anson County. These classrooms are located at Anson Children's Center, Central Center for Children and Families, C's & T's Childcare, Morven Elementary School, and Open Doors Center for Children.

Parents or guardians interested in learning more about the NC Pre-K program should contact Karen Gerald at karen.gerald@ansonchildren.org or 704-694-4036 (Ext. 105). Applications are available in the Partnership's Early Childhood Resource Center located at 115 East Morgan Street or online at www.ansonchildren.org.

BBB Scam Alert: Smart TV

Scammers can target victims through any device connected to the internet, and your TV is no exception. BBB Scam Tracker has seen an influx of reports about scammers catching people off guard with pop-ups on their smart TVs. Their objective is to steal your personal information and money.

How the scam works You open a familiar streaming service on your smart TV. However, you can't log in. Instead, a pop-up appears, telling you there is a problem with your device or your streaming subscription. You need to call a phone number or visit a website to fix it.

Don't fall for it! If you call the number, scammers pretend to be customer service representatives. They will insist you pay an activation fee or allow them remote access to your smart TV. These con artists will get your credit or debit card number if you pay the fee. If you give them access to your device or click on a link they provide, the scammers may install malware on your TV and use it to gain access to sensitive personal information.

Sometimes scammers ask you to "fix" the issue by paying them in gift cards. One consumer reported that after calling a number that appeared in a pop-up on their smart TV, a scammer instructed them to purchase three \$100 Xbox gift cards to add "anti-hacking protection" to their account. After buying the gift cards and contacting the number again, it became clear they were dealing with scammers.

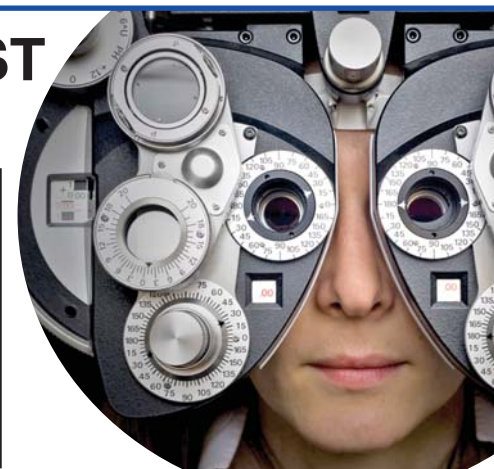
How to avoid smart TV scams

- Double-check any fees you have to pay. If scammers ask you to pay an activation fee, antivirus protection fee, or any other kind of fee, do some research beforehand. For example, scammers claim you need to pay an activation fee to start using your Roku. However, a quick online search reveals that Roku never charges activation or registration fees.
- Don't fall for fake websites. Scammers love to create imitation websites using URLs that are just a letter or two off. Fake websites are a threat, even on smart TVs, so double-check the URL. Another way to protect yourself is to avoid clicking on links in pop-ups and, instead, type web URLs directly into your browser.
- Check before you call. If a "customer service" phone number appears in a pop-up, double-check it before you call. Contact a streaming service or TV manufacturer's website to find their customer support number.
- Never let anyone control your device remotely. Scammers usually ask for remote computer access, but they could also ask for access to your smart TV. Don't ever give control of your device to a stranger.

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TOWN OF MORVEN PUBLIC HEARING

Annexation of a contiguous territory

In accordance with the Town of Morven Development Ordinance (MDO), North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 160A-31 inclusive, the Town of Morven Town Council has scheduled a special PUBLIC HEARING for the purpose of acting on a voluntary petition for annexation of a contiguous territory further described as follows:

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Annexation Case ANX24-001: An 8-acre parcel of property owned by Unity Development Group LLC located off Robinson Bridge Road, further identified utilizing Anson County Parcel Identification Number 649011761757, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake in the Camden Road near the Col. Methodist Church (Harris Chapel) one black-jack pointer and runs N. 10 1/2 W. 7.62 chains to a stake on South edge of Morrison Road. Then West 11.90 chains. To a stake in said Morrison Road; then So 12 E. 8.75 chains. To a stake in J.H. Gardners line one black-jack pointer; then No. 71 1/4 E. 8.75 chains. To a stake said J.H. Gardners corner; then with said Gardners line So 62 1/2 E. 3.65 chains. To the beginning, containing Eight and two-fifths Acres (8 2/5).

The same parcel of land situate on the boundary line of Town of Morven, known as the D.A. Liles land, and being the parcel of land conveyed by David A. Liles and his wife, Mary M. Liles to T.V. Hardison by deed dated February 14, 1902, recorded in Deed Book 35, Page 511, Registry of Anson County.

A portion of the property, approximately 1.75 acres, is already located within the corporate limits of the Town and zoned Single-family Residential (SFR-2). Approval of the annexation petition means the entire parcel will be located within the Town's corporate limits.

The hearing will occur on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Morven Town Hall located at 301 East Main Street, Morven, NC 28119.

The public are invited to attend and offer comment on the annexation request consistent with the Town's applicable rules of procedure. Questions can be directed to Town of Morven staff at (704) 851-9321. Copies of the annexation petition are available at Town Hall.

Individuals with a disability who wish to attend/participate are asked to contact the Office of the Clerk to the Town Board at (704) 851-9321 no later than 12:00 noon on May 31, 2024 so that adequate plans for accommodation can be arranged.

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