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Wadesboro Garbage Collection Schedule Changed for this Week Only

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, garbage pickup in the town of Wadesboro will be shifted a day forward in the entire week of May 28 to June 1. There was no garbage pickup on Monday, May 28. Monday's route was picked up on Tuesday, May 29, and Tuesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday, etc. The normal collection schedule will resume on Monday, June 4.

If you have any questions please call Wadesboro Town Hall at 704-694-5171.

Town of Wadesboro Awarded Grants for Thread Trail Project

Last week, the Carolina Thread Trail Governing Board awarded \$450,300 in implementation grants for projects along the Thread Trail to the Town of Wadesboro, the Gaffney Board of Public Works, the City of Shelby, City of Salisbury, Catawba Lands Conservancy, City of Lincolnton and the Town of McAdenville.

Implementation grants provide funding to communities and nonprofit organizations to assist with trail corridor planning, land acquisition, construction and trail amenities. There are currently over 260 miles of Thread Trail and 170 miles of Thread Trail blueway open to the public throughout a 15-county region in North and South Carolina. These grants were awarded in May as part of the Thread Trail's bi-annual grant cycle. To date the Thread Trail has awarded more than \$6 million in catalytic grants to communities.

Wadesboro received two grants in the amounts of \$85,000 and \$20,000. The funds will be used to complete a trail corridor planning study that will identify the preferred route options for the proposed 1.7 mile Wadesboro Greenway. Once the trail corridor planning effort is complete and a preferred route established, the Town will work to acquire trail easements that will facilitate a 1.7 mile trail that will provide linkages to the existing Wadesboro Park Trail and other key destinations within the community.

The other grants awarded, community information and the use of the grants follow:

- GAFFNEY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, GAFFNEY, S.C. (CHEROKEE COUNTY) - \$150,000. Funds from this grant will be used to cover the construction costs of approximately 4.5-5 miles of natural surface trail and necessary bridges for completion of the Overmountain Victory Historic Trail at Lake Welch.
- CITY OF SALISBURY, N.C. (ROWAN COUNTY) \$132,000. This funding will be used for the design and engineering for expansion of the Salisbury Greenway from Catawba College to Kelsey Scott Park. This will connect with the Thread Trail segment from Kelsey Scott Park to Jake Alexander Blvd. This project will add approximately 1.6 miles of trail to the system.
- CITY OF SHELBY, N.C. (CLEVELAND COUNTY) \$45,000. The grant will fund the widening of the First Broad River Trail from 5' to 10' to accommodate the high volume of trail users. This 1.5-mile trail runs along the First Broad River from the trailhead at Grover Street to south of W Dixon Boulevard.
- CATAWBA LANDS CONSERVANCY, LINCOLNTON, N.C. (LINCOLN COUNTY) - \$10,800. This grant funding will be used to cover the required transaction costs associated with the Masspoag Property in Lincolnton, NC, a 14.5-acre property that will be home to part of the 1.5-mile segment of trail that will serve as the connector between the South Fork Rail Trail and Marcia Cloninger Rail Trail.
- CITY OF LINCOLNTON, N.C. (LINCOLN COUNTY) \$5,000. These funds will cover the costs for the research needed to clarify all ownership rights and determine the status of the railroad corridor and other properties in the missing link section between the Marcia Cloninger Rail Trail and South Fork Rail Trail.
- TOWN OF MCADENVILLE, N.C. (GASTON COUNTY) - \$2,500. The grant will be used to fund the purchase of a trail easement through two properties along the South Fork River in McAdenville which will facilitate a critical linkage for the Thread Trail's South Fork corridor connection between Cramerton and McAdenville.

Free Summer STEM Camp for Girls in Anson County

The Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Council is offering a free three day summer STEM camp for girls in Anson County in rising grades K-5. Through this STEM Camp girls will become mini scientists by conducting experiments, diving into the world of technology, getting their hands dirty with fairy snot and bottle rockets, and exploring careers in STEM.

The camp will be held June 11 to 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro. A light breakfast, lunch and snack will be served all three days.

Girls do not have to be registered in Girl Scouts to participate. To register contact Lucia Gonzalez at 704-731-6510 or Lgonzalez@hngirlscouts.org. The deadline to register is June 7.

To find out more about Girl Scouts and troops in Anson County visit www.hngirlscouts.org.

Cub Scouts Summer Day Camp

Cub Scout Summer Camp is an exciting learning adventure disguised as fun! Each day Cub Scouts will participate in fun and exciting adventures, including games, BB guns, archery, crafts and making new friends.

This year Cub Scout Camp will be offered at Anson Middle School in Wadesboro, June 11-15, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon each day. The cost of \$55 includes a camp t-shirt, a daily snack, patch and camp supplies.

The deadline for registration is June 8. Current members can register online at www.cncs-bsa.org.

For more information about the camp and how to join Cub Scouts contact Melissa Ewing at 910-334-2050 or at Melissa.Ewing@scouting.org.



Anson Women's League Announces Scholarship Winners

Anson Women's League's 2018 scholarship recipients are pictured here. They are, from left, Cydney Livingston, Kaytlin Teal, My Vue (Eloise Rywak Scholarship) and Katie Taylor (Jeanne Register Price Scholarship). The AWL is proud to support young women each year as they reach for educational opportunities.

Congratulations to all of you for your achievements!

Danielle Lee and Haley Black Earn Scholarships

On Monday, May 7 Ronnie Mills, President of Anson County Farm Bureau, presented the winners of the Anson County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program. The recipients were Danielle Lee and Haley Black.

Farm Bureau would like to congratulate these ladies on continuing their education.



Leavitt Funeral Home Supports Business of Saving Lives

Leavitt Funeral Home has graciously invested back into the community in order to promote the saving of lives. They recognized a very unique opportunity to assist our local first responders through an ingenious initiative that could help save lives. Leavitt Funeral Home asks that you download the Vital ICE (In Case of Emergency) app, from either the Apple App Store or Google Play, for your smart phone and enter in their code: #2036.

Leavitt Funeral Home is making this potentially life-saving app available for free to download in the community as a way of showing their gratitude for allowing them to serve you. They ask that you please take just a few minutes to download the Vital ICE app and fill in the information so that you are prepared in case of an emergency. This app is available to the entire community, regardless of age, so do not pass up this great life-saving opportunity. Questions about the app can be answered at www.vitalboards.com/vitalice.

In the event of an emergency, first responders can use the Vital ICE app to retrieve the user's vital information. This information can then be easily taken on the ambulance to the hospital, or sent directly to the hospital from the Vital ICE app, where ER staff can further access this critical information. Remember, time is of the essence when saving lives!

Norwood Police Officer Fights Off Driver After Being Pulled Partway into Moving Car, Apprehends Suspect

Officer was dangling out of speeding car, ended with crash in Anson County

After pulling over a car for a defective headlight, a Norwood Police Officer, Detective Michael Hodgson, was assaulted by the driver, Timothy Robinson, and pulled into Robinson's car as Robinson sped away with the door still open. The officer was reportedly able to hold on with his legs dangling outside of the car at speeds estimated at 80 to 90 miles per hour.

The incident took place about 9 p.m. on Friday, May 25 during an operation focused around infractions and general observations by the Norwood Police Department along with the North Carolina Highway Patrol, and the Stanly County Sheriff's Department. Hodgson pulled Robinson in front of Norwood Elementary School. "I had my back turned to the driver-side door and he charges me, slams me up against the car, jumps in the car. He grabs my shirt and pulls me," Hodgson said. Once Robinson had pulled Hodgson partially into the car door and drove off, Hodgson held on while Robinson continued to assault him, officials said.

"He was trying to physically harm me and/or kill me. I think he was trying to kill me," Hodgson told Norwood officials. "He had to have been rolling at least 70, 80, 90 miles an hour with my legs dangling out of the car."

"The suspect told Detective Hodgson, 'I'm going to kill you tonight and I'm going to kill myself and I'm going to run us off the bridge,'" Norwood Police Chief James Wilson said.

When the officer was able to get inside the moving car, he and the driver were kicking, punching and fighting as the car kept moving recklessly down the road. According to a Norwood town official, the suspect told Det. Hodgson that when they get to the bridge, they would both die. As the car got closer to the Rocky River bridge, south of Norwood, the driver, Robinson, appeared to be intentionally directing the vehicle into the bridge. Hodgson was able to wrestle the steering wheel left as they approached the bridge, keeping the car on the road. Once past the bridge and into Anson County, the car turned onto on Highway 52 where the officer used a Taser on Robinson, and was able to pull the steering wheel right and force the car off of the road. The car went over an embankment, briefly going airborne, clipped at least one tree and crashed in a backyard with both airbags deployed. The suspect tried to flee from the scene, but Hodgson pursued and tackled him. Another officer arrived and intervened to assist Hodgson.

Hodgson was transported to the hospital but was later released. Robinson faces charges of assault on a law enforcement officer with a firearm, attempted first-degree murder, injury to personal property, resisting a public officer, kidnapping, and trafficking in cocaine, among others. He was in jail for less than 12 hours. He paid more than \$112,000 to bail out, which is 15 percent of his \$750,000 bond.

Norwood Town Administrator John Mullis said, "Last night Norwood could have too been mourning the loss of another dedicated law enforcement officer. By the grace of God, the event did not turn tragic. After interviewing Detective Hodgson I am absolutely amazed at his thought processes as we ran through the previous event together. Detective Hodgson was placed into the event and had to make a multitude of decisions during the event that most likely saved his life as well as the life of the suspect."

This incident happened on the same day a chase between a deputy and a man who tried to flee from a traffic stop in Cabarrus County ended in a deadly crash.



Detective Michael Hodgson



Timothy Robinson

The Compassionate Friends Meet Every Month

The Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents, grandparents and siblings who have lost a child of any age, welcomes you to attend their monthly meetings. They meet on the second Thursday each month, at 7 p.m. in the Training Room at Pee Dee Electric, located on Highway 52 South in Wadesboro. "We need not walk alone." For more information call Irvin Thompson at 704-694-8774.

Anson County Board of Commissioners Meet June 5

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5.

The Commissioners meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201.

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