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‘On the Road, On the Water, Don’t Drink and Drive’ Campaign

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, State Highway Patrol and Mothers Against Drunk Driving kicked off the seventh annual “On the Road, On the Water, Don’t Drink and Drive” campaign with a news conference Thursday at Upper Barton Creek on Falls Lake. The multi-agency safety initiative works to reduce alcohol-related accidents on the state’s roadways and waterways, both of which see increased traffic during summer months. According to statistics published by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Coast Guard, North Carolina ranks 10th nationally in boating fatalities.

“No person should have to suffer the loss of a loved one as a result of impaired driving,” said Maj. Todd Kennedy of the Wildlife Resources Commission. “Every alcohol-related death on our roadways and waterways is preventable. Whether on the road or on the water, if alcohol is going to be a part of your plans, have a designated driver.”

Starting Memorial Day weekend, enforcement officers are conducting sobriety checkpoints and promoting public awareness to deter impaired operation of vehicles and vessels. Awareness and enforcement efforts are centered on four of the busiest summer weekends, including:

- June 30–July 2, 2017 (Operation Dry Water)
- July 7–9, 2017
- September 2–4, 2017

In North Carolina, a driver or vessel operator with a blood-alcohol concentration that meets or exceeds .08, or is substantially impaired by alcohol and/or drugs, is subject to arrest. The campaign is coordinated by the Wildlife Resources Commission, State Highway Patrol and Forensic Tests for Alcohol, and supported by local police and sheriff’s offices, along with participating non-governmental organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

For more information on boating safety and regulations visit www.ncwildlife.org/boating or call 919-707-0031.

Special Meeting of Wadesboro Town Council Today at 5 p.m.

A special meeting of the Town of Wadesboro Town Council has been set for Wednesday, May 31 at 5 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Presentation of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget to Council
- Set date for public hearing

The meeting will be held in the Town of Wadesboro Conference Room.

Program on Forestry Markets & Trends

Did you know Anson County ranks fourth in the state in timber sales? Are you a private forest landowner who has thought about selling timber in the near future but are unfamiliar with timber market trends or how to go about selling a tract of timber? Anson Extension will host two programs to help answer those questions.

The first program, “Timber Markets Explained,” is an evening program on Tuesday, June 6, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. with visiting speaker Dr. Dennis Hazel, Extension Forestry Specialist and Assoc. Professor at NC State University. Learn more about timber markets, trends, and how sound timber management can help you reach financial goals. Learn about current commodity trends and how they compare to historic prices. What do future timber market forecasts look like? What do expanding energy markets, fuel pellet plants, and other diversified markets mean for diversified stands?

In July a follow-up program on “How to Sell Your Timber” is scheduled for Monday, July 17, between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. at Anson Extension, 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. Another visiting speaker, Dr. Mark Megalos, Extension Forestry Specialist, NC State University will explain factors that can influence your timber profit. He will also cover cost of regeneration, important management objectives to consider, and overall forestry financial planning. Both programs are free, but please register ahead by calling Anson Extension at 704-694-2415 to ensure adequate seating.

Called Board of Education Meeting Set for June 9

There will be a Called Board of Education Meeting on Friday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Anson County Schools Administrative Office Board Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

The regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 29 at the Anson County Schools Administrative Office Board Room. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Open Session to the public should begin around 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Little Park Pool Opens June 3

The Swimming Pool at Little Park opens on Saturday, June 3 for the summer! The hours are from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the weekends until Tuesday, June 13. Starting on June 13 the schedule will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$1 per person. For more information call Wendell Small at 704-695-2782.

Women’s League Dinner is June 6

The Anson Women’s League’s annual dinner meeting is set for Tuesday night, June 6 at Twin Valley Country Club, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Well Seasoned Singers (who are terrific) will provide entertainment. This will be a delightful evening of delicious food, good company and conversation and fun entertainment. Come join the fun!

The menu includes grilled steak, salad, baked potato, squash casserole, dessert, and beverage. There will be appetizers, wine and punch, as well as tea.

For reservations and tickets, which are \$15.50 per person, contact either Beth Rogers at bethrogers@windstream.net (phone (704-695-2010) or Misty Nordan at mistynordan@yahoo.com.



Anson Elementary Schools Celebrate Healthy Lifestyles in BIG Style!

Anson County Elementary School students all gathered at Anson High School on Friday, May 26 for a day of fun and games to celebrate their success with a healthy lifestyles program called 5201. This program is administered by Anson County Schools in cooperation with Carolinas HealthCare System. An explanation of the program is below.

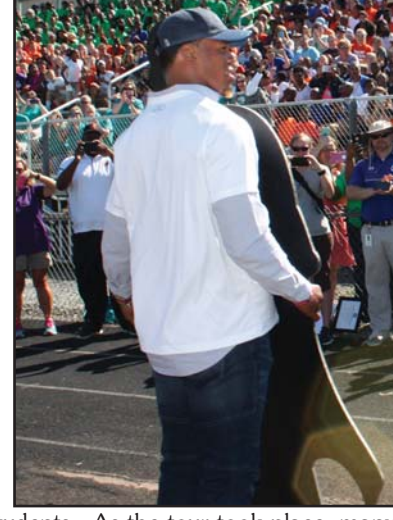
With over 1,800 elementary students enjoying the beautiful weather out on the football field, how could it get any better? Well, Superintendent of Anson Schools Michael Freeman had a big surprise for everyone - students and staff. With all the students gathered in the stands of Anson High School Football Stadium for announcements, none other than Carolina Panthers Quarterback Cam Newton arrived to speak! He came onto the field hidden behind a large wood cutout of a superhero. When he revealed himself the surprised attendees roared like thunder! No one expected this!

Cam delivered a rousing speech extolling the benefits of a healthy diet and active lifestyle. He didn’t remain on the stage for long, instead running back and forth along the length of the grandstands to be sure that all the kids got a good look at their hero. He finished by engaging the students in a well executed wave.

After the speech, Cam and the students returned to the field where many different games were taking place. Instead of just walking through though, Cam jumped in, directing games and participating in them too. He appeared to be having as much fun as the students!

After spending time on the field, Superintendent Freeman and Cam toured the AHS campus, which included engaging a gym full of elementary students. As the tour took place, many startled students and staff were shocked to see the quarterback strolling down the school halls! Cam was gracious and friendly, stopping often to take selfies.

This spectacular day is one that will never be forgotten by everyone in attendance. Superintendent Freeman and his staff along with Carolinas HealthCare System put together a truly special event. And, surely the students will have even more reason to subscribe to the healthy lifestyle promoted by the 5201 Program.



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