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## Curtis Little Arrested for Burglarizing Wadesboro Church



On Thursday, July 17 34 year old Curtis Little Jr. of 86 Sycamore Street in Wadesboro was arrested and charged with Felony Breaking and/or Entering and Felony Larceny after breaking and entering Ebenezer Baptist Church in Wadesboro. Little is in the Anson County Jail under a \$25,000.00 bond and awaiting an August 5th court date.

## Man Beaten, Shot in Foot at Pee Dee River Boat Landing

Anson County Sheriff's Deputies were called to the Pee Dee River boat landing on Thursday evening, July 17 at 7:40 p.m. for a report of a fight and shooting. Officers found William David Scott, 54, of Rockingham shot in the foot and badly beaten about the head. Scott was taken to the hospital and released the next day. Officers obtained warrants for assault charges on Michael Kevin Allen, 35 of Hamlet. Allen was charged with Assault Inflicting Serious Injury; Assault with a Deadly Weapon; Assault by Pointing a Gun, and Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon. As of press time Allen has not been located but is believed to be in the Hamlet area.

Sheriff Tommy Allen said that it appeared that most of the subjects in this incident were from Richmond County. "Many of our calls from around that area are dealing with people from across the river. Generally alcohol is a contributing factor to their problems. But overall we really don't have too many calls there. My officers and State Wildlife officers patrol the areas as we can," Sheriff Allen said.



Michael Kevin Allen

Anyone with any information as to the whereabouts of Michael Allen is asked to call the Anson County Sheriff's Office at 704-694-4188 or the Richmond County Sheriff's Office at 910-895-3232.

## Marcilla Kay Hudson Arrested After Her 2 and 3 Year Old Children Found Walking on Road Unclothed and Hungry



On Tuesday, July 15 at about 1:15 p.m. Anson County Sheriff's Deputies were called to a rural area south of Wadesboro where two small children were found walking down a road with no clothing on. Deputies were called to a rural area off Gulledege Road, approximately seven miles south of Wadesboro, after Pee Dee Electric personnel who were working in the area found the two small children, a two year old boy and a three year old girl, walking down the road. The children asked the men for food. The Pee Dee Electric personnel immediately used shirts to cover the children and called 911. When Deputies arrived the children were taken to a local volunteer fire department where they were given food, water and clothing from a volunteer.

Deputies went to a residence in the area but could not find any relatives. The Anson County Department of Social Services was called to the scene and took custody of the children. Later the mother was located by Deputies and arrested. Deputies arrested Marcilla Kay Hudson, 22, of Wadesboro. Hudson was charged with: 1) Two counts of Child Abuse; and 2) Two counts of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. She was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$2,000 bond. (She has since made bond). DSS will maintain custody until a hearing is held to decide where the children will be placed.

## Discover Anson Bicycle Ride Takes Place on New Date Year

The annual Discover Anson Bike Ride has a new date and a new starting location. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 11, the same day as the new Taste of the Pee Dee celebration that replaces People Fest.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, located at 309 Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. The ride begins at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$35 if you enter before September 26, \$40 after that. Registration forms are available online at [www.AnsonCounty.org](http://www.AnsonCounty.org) or you can go by the Chamber of Commerce. Their telephone number is 704-694-4181.

The annual ride for bicyclists includes a choice of a 26, 43 or 62 mile "metric century" ride. The 26 mile ride is mostly flat and suitable for the inexperienced rider. The 43 mile ride is hilly and a challenge to any experienced rider. For those who aren't "faint of heart" there is the 100 kilometer metric century ride (62-miles) to further test endurance. These rides will offer a scenic tour across the southern half of Anson County, with participants enjoying Piedmont features of North Carolina's foothills.

As riders enjoy the beautiful and scenic rolling hills of the Anson County countryside they will encounter many points of interest including the "James Bennett" house where Stephen Spielberg filmed *The Color Purple*, the old chimney of the Knox Inn in historic Sneedsborough, Long Pine Church, the oldest deeded Methodist church in NC, a climb up the "Devil's Backbone" near Meltonville Church, and the birthplace of Hugh Hammond Bennett, father of soil conservation. Riders will cycle through the communities of Paris, McFarlan, Cason Old Field, Mayesville, Deep Creek, and White Store. These communities, once thriving during the early history of Anson County, are now dominated by a long established church, a country store or, perhaps, just a crossroads sign.

After the ride participants can enjoy the festivities of the Taste of the Pee Dee celebration that takes place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. that same day.

The Discover Anson Bicycle Ride is funded by the Anson County Tourism Development Authority.

## West Deep Creek School Reunion

West Deep Creek School will hold their annual school reunion at the West Deep Creek Community Center on Saturday, August 9 starting at 1 p.m. Classmates, family and friends are invited to come out and join in the fun. There will be great food, a raffle, prizes and wonderful fellowship.

What are the prizes, you ask? Well, first prize is a 15 inch laptop computer, second prize is a 32 inch flat screen tv, third prize is a 7 inch tablet, and fourth prize is a 4 in 1 printer, copier, scanner, fax machine. For more information contact Jesse Campbell at 704-695-1286.



## LES Terrific Kids for the 2013-14 School Year

The following students were recognized as Terrific Kids at Lilesville Elementary School during the 2013-14 school year.

**Respect** Tony Boatwright, Anthony Doswell, Malik Gaddy, Ellie Gibbons, Nathan Greene, Judah Harris, Tyler Little, Zaquon Little, Tracy Lucas, Kinston Smith-Maxwell, Canaya McCune, Rayne Reid, Trenton Smith, Steven Taylor, Amya Teal, Christy Thompson and Maddie Wright.

**Responsibility** Huntley Bowers, Jakira Brown, Mattie Brown, Joshua Grantham, Camryn Hines, Jaylyn Lisenby, Treyshaun Little, Alexia McLendon, Nysia Robinson, Milayah Smith, Aaliyah Stokes, Hailey Treadaway, Abigail Underwood, Kaeley Whitlock, Hannah Williams, Khenniyah Williams and Abbey Wright.

**Caring** Rachel Auman, Mykajzyiha Bennett, Coleman Burr, Kendall Duncan, Kiary Reyes-Garcia, Sophia Goodwin, Claire Johnson, Samuel McCracken, Erin McIntyre, Kourtney McNair, Kaitlyn Pond, Peyton Pratt, Ariel Smith-Christian, Tristan Spencer, Lawson Treadaway, Synchrony Wall and Zmya Watson.

**Fairness** Anyie Baucum, Dillon Black, Kadarius Byrd, Anna Collins, Kaylie Goodwin, Noah Goodwin, Adajiana Hamilton, Millie Ingram, Ethan Lockler, Prentice Martin, Xzyrean McClendon, Maya Pond, Aiden Smith, Brett Tice, Aidan Tisdale and Ariel Wall.

**Citizenship** Jessie Boatwright, Hannah Bolick, Kayla Carpenter, Isaac Clarke, Damarian Edgeston, Dawson Greene, Katie Hildreth, Brandon Jackson, Noah Jenks, Savannah Knotts, Janiah Lindsey, Tyler Little, Savannah Lowery, Aracely Martinez, Trinity Mitchell, McKenzie Richardson and Garrett Sikes.

**Honesty** Destiny Bauer, Jahmya Brewer, Candra Butler, Elizabeth Fowler, Hannah Goodson, Jayanna Hamilton, Bryson Jackson, Caleb Little, Patrick Lucas, Abbey Meachum, Whitney Phillips, Carly Ratliff, Noah Ratliff, Madison Runyan, Ishan Simms, Alyssa Simon and Kayla Walker.

Pictured above are the students honored for Caring and Fairness. Two more group photos are on page 6.

## Sizzlin' Summer 5K is this Saturday! Still Accepting Entries

Attention all runners, racers, walkers and strollers! You have until this Friday, July 18 to pre-register for the Sizzlin' Summer 5K in beautiful uptown Wadesboro for a mere \$20 fee. After that time registration will go up to \$25 until the morning of the race this Saturday, July 26.

All proceeds from the 5K, which is hosted by the Anson High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Majorettes, will help them to fund their program, purchase uniforms and twirling equipment, and travel to competitive events. So come on out and have some fun while helping these young ladies shine on the football field under the Friday night lights. The Sizzlin' Summer 5K needs participants, sponsors and volunteers.

Online registration is easy at [www.sportoften.com](http://www.sportoften.com). Or contact Anne Hyatt at [lahyatt@windstream.net](mailto:lahyatt@windstream.net) or call 704-694-0593 for further details.



Sizzlin' Summer 5K organizer Anne Hyatt invites you to join in the fun!

## Joanne Clark Among SHIIP Statewide Award Winners

SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, congratulates Joanne Clark of Anson County for being one of four winners of their statewide awards for outstanding work in providing free, unbiased counseling about Medicare and other health insurance issues to seniors in North Carolina. Clark received her award at the Annual North Carolina SHIIP Coordinators' Training Conference in Greensboro on July 17.



Clark won the Mickey Hanula Volunteer of the Year. She is from SHIIP's Anson County coordinating site, Grace Senior Center. Joanne has been a SHIIP volunteer for 21 years. This past year she counseled 657 beneficiaries and worked at her counseling site daily during Medicare's Annual Election Period.

"I congratulate all of the 2014 award winners and am humbled to have been selected as a recipient myself," North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin said. "SHIIP provides a valuable service across the state, and we would not be able to reach so many of North Carolina's Medicare beneficiaries without the dedication and commitment of our coordinators and volunteers."

SHIIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance that offers free, objective information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other health insurance issues. SHIIP has nearly 1,000 trained volunteers across the state who provide one-on-one counseling in all 100 counties. For more information or to get answers to Medicare questions, call SHIIP at 800-443-9354 or visit [www.ncshiip.com](http://www.ncshiip.com).

Pictured above, Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin presents the SHIIP Mickey Hanula Volunteer of the Year Award to Joanne Clark of Anson County.

## Parks and Recreation Fall Registration

Running through August 29, Anson County Parks and Recreation will be registering for: Youth Tackle Football 5th - 6th grade; Flag Football K - 2nd & 3rd - 4th grade; Cheerleader 3rd - 6th grade; Youth Baseball 9 - 10, 11 - 12yrs old; Coach Pitch Baseball 7 - 8 yrs old; Tee Ball 4 - 6yrs old; Micro Soccer 3 - 4yrs old; and Youth Soccer K - 12th grade.

You may come to Little Park Office to register Monday - Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or to the schools on these dates.

- Monday, August 25, 3 to 5 p.m. at Wadesboro Elementary & Wadesboro Primary Schools
- Tuesday, August 26, 3 to 5 p.m. at Peachland-Polkton & Ansonville Elementary Schools
- Wednesday, August 27, 3 to 5 p.m. at Lilesville Elementary Baseball Field & Morven Elementary School

The deadline to register is Friday, August 29. The cost for all programs \$25, except Youth Tackle Football and Youth Flag Football which cost \$30, and Cheerleader which costs \$18. Parents pay for cheerleading uniforms.

For Youth Tackle Football you have to get a physical and turn it in with a copy of your birth certificate. For more information call 704-694-5868 or 704-694-5751.

## Pond Weed Class Offered

The Anson County Cooperative Extension will offer a class on pond weeds on Monday, August 4. The class will take place at the Extension office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested may attend.

## Anson Beekeepers Meet Thursday

The Anson Beekeepers Association will hold a meeting on Thursday, July 24 at Welika Fish House, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

## Free Movie is Journey 2, The Mysterious Island

A free movie, *Journey 2, The Mysterious Island*, will be presented in the Little Theatre at Hampton B. Allen Library on Monday, July 28 at 10 a.m. It stars Dwayne Johnson, Michael Caine and Josh Hutcherson, and is suitable for all audiences. For more information call the library at 704-694-5177.

## Anson County Preservation Commission Meeting

There will be a regular monthly meeting of the Anson County Preservation Commission on Tuesday, July 29 at 5:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro.

Anyone with an interest in the preservation of any historical property in Anson County is welcome to attend.

## Anson Women's League Meets August 12

The Anson Women's League will meet on Tuesday, August 12 at Twin Valley Country Club, from noon to 1 p.m. Following a brief business meeting special guest Mrs. Tammy Thomas from Fountain Hill will present a program. Lunch is available for \$8.50. All women are invited to attend.

If you plan to have lunch please contact Sandra Pliescott at 704-694-7853 or [woodsand@carolina.rr.com](mailto:woodsand@carolina.rr.com) by August 9.

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