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## Wadesboro Man Drowns in Jet Ski Accident

A 30 year old Wadesboro man, Roderick Skyler Polk, drowned as the result of a jet ski accident on Lake Tillery on Wednesday, August 22. The Montgomery County 911 Center received a call at 8:12 p.m. from a man who had witnessed the drowning. According to witnesses, Polk and a female passenger were riding the jet ski when it flipped over, throwing both into the water. The female passenger was able to swim to safety at the Lilly's Bridge Boat Landing, but Polk, who was heard screaming for help, went under and was not seen again. Neither Polk nor the female passenger were wearing a life jacket. Fishermen were able to direct the Montgomery County Rescue to the area where the accident occurred. Rescue personnel used sonar to locate Polk's body about 12:45 a.m. The body was transported to Chapel Hill, NC for an autopsy. NC Wildlife will complete the investigation.

## Man Charged in Double Murder Arrested in Wadesboro

NC Highway Patrol Trooper David Burr apprehended a Union County man, Bradrick Layne Wolfe, 47, of Marshville who was wanted for a double murder. According to reports, on Tuesday, August 23 Wolfe went to the Marshville home of his father-in-law, David Lee Bass, 57, where his estranged wife and children were staying. There he had a confrontation with several family members, and shot David Bass and Bass' son, David Clay Bass, 39. Both men died from the gunshots. Witnesses, who included Wolfe's wife and others in the home, told officers who arrived at the scene at about 7 p.m. that Wolfe had fled on a red Harley Davidson motorcycle. Officers from several law enforcement departments pursued Wolfe for 20 miles through Union and Anson County. Trooper Burr spotted the motorcycle a short time later in Anson County and pursued it. He stopped Wolfe on City Pond Road, south of Wadesboro, and arrested him. Wolfe has been charged with First Degree Murder and is being held in the Union County Jail with no bail. He has confessed to the killings. Wolfe told officers that he and his wife were having marital problems, and that she and their children had moved in with her father, David Bass. It is reported that Wolfe asked the judge for a speedy trial so he could be sentenced. Wolfe is a convicted felon with a criminal record dating back to the early 1980s. His previous convictions include Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Breaking and Entering and Possession of a Gun by a Felon. In the Sheriff's Office in Wingate Wolfe was heard to say, "I may have killed two people. God rest their souls."

## Pushing a Youth Forward Foundation Group



These kids are shown having a great time during their recent trip to Morrow Mountain State Park. They are a part of a new foundation formed by Lucille Gaddy called Pushing A Youth Forward Foundation (PAYFF). This organization has planned several trips for area youth and their parents, including Myrtle Beach, Wet 'n Wild Water Park in Greensboro, Luray Cavern and the YMCA in Charlotte. Gaddy says her foundation will work to help youth have a gentle push in the right direction to avoid issues with low self esteem and dropping out of school. As well, participants enjoy fellowship and make new friends. If you would like to help PAYFF as a sponsor, please contact Lucille at 704-690-6517.

## Massive Sinkhole Blocks Entrance to Restaurants, Church

By now many Anson County residents have seen the massive sinkhole that developed in Wadesboro at the entrance to McDonalds, Pizza Hut and Harvest Ministries Outreach Center. Heavy rains caused the sinkhole to appear late in July, and August rains have caused it to grow larger. The size has been estimated at 50 feet wide and 25 feet deep. Because of the problem, the restaurants and church have been closed for weeks. This is not the first occurrence of a sinkhole in this location. Although repairs have been performed in the past, the pipe underneath the road, estimated to be as old as 30 years old, was overwhelmed by recent rains and failed. Claude Smith of Rockingham owns the property, and his company is responsible for performing the repairs. It is estimated that those repairs, which are underway now, could take as long as six weeks. Besides the closure of the restaurants and church, there were approximately 10 homeless people sheltered at the church who were relocated by HMOC's Pastor, Steve Adams.



## Tdap Vaccination Clinic

The Anson County Health Department will hold a Tdap Vaccination Clinic on Thursday, September 6, from 5 until 6:30 p.m. at the health department (110 West Ashe Street in Wadesboro). The Tdap vaccine gives protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Whooping Cough). ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) recommends that adolescents should preferably receive the Tdap vaccine at 11-12 years of age (before entering 6th grade). They also recommend adults (e.g., grandparents, child-care providers, and health-care practitioners) who have or who anticipate having close contact with an infant less than 12 months of age and who previously have not received Tdap should receive a single dose of Tdap to protect against pertussis and to reduce the likelihood of transmission. For other adults aged 65 years and older, a single dose of Tdap vaccine may be given instead of Td vaccine in persons who have not previously received Tdap. Tdap can be administered regardless of the interval since the last tetanus or diphtheria-toxoid containing vaccine. After receipt of Tdap, persons should continue to receive Td for routine booster immunization against tetanus and diphtheria.

## Anson Singers Invite Area Singers to Join

The Anson Singers, a community choir in Anson County, will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 4 at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Wadesboro. All who enjoy singing are invited to come join Anson Singers in creating beautiful music for our community. This is the third season for the Singers, directed by Emily Privette. The choir is open to all singers in Anson and surrounding counties. For more information contact Emily at 704-475-0491 or Charles Litaker at 704-694-5170.

## Efforts to Reestablish Anson County Booster's Club

There will be a second Booster Club meeting on Sunday, September 9, at 3 p.m. in the Hampton B. Allen Library. Please come and support the reestablishment of the Anson County Booster's Club for our middle and high school athletic and band programs. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this very important meeting. The youth of Anson County need your support.

## Vendor Availability and Educational Booth Competition Set for Ag Expo & Fair

The eighth annual Ag Expo & Fair will offer opportunities for agencies, businesses, organizations and individuals to share information, raise funds or provide marketing materials. Groups are invited to participate by being a vendor at this year's event. Scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22, the 2012 celebration will feature an exposition of the community and county. Located at the Lockhart-Taylor Center of SPCC on North Washington Street in Wadesboro, booth space for vendors will be available both inside the Ingram Room and outside in the vast parking area. Vendors have the option of setting up for Friday evening's schedule, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Events open that evening include the Anson Ag Fair, Educational Exhibits, Youth Creative Squash Challenge, Pee Wee Goat Show, and the Market and Breeder Doe goat classes of the annual Youth Livestock Show. Vendors may also choose to set up for the Saturday schedule, running from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. inside, and 4 p.m. outside. Saturday's schedule includes the events from the evening before, plus the Pee Wee Heifer Show, Youth Lamb and Heifer Shows, Scarecrow Competition, South Atlantic Woodsmen's Association Lumberjack Competition, Adult Local Foods Bake-Off and more youth activities. Vendors are invited to participate as a food, commercial or information booth. Commissions will not be charged, and only nominal fees are required to participate. Applications can be downloaded from the Anson County Cooperative Extension website at <http://anson.ces.ncsu.edu>. For additional questions, please contact Janine Rywak, County Extension Director at 704-694-2915. In addition, the Educational Booth Competition will be housed in the Ingram Room, with competition open to any county high school age youth group, school, club, etc. Participation is limited to 9th - 12th grade aged young people. Educational booths must address the theme, "The Importance of Agriculture to Anson County's Economy" and winners will be awarded certificates plus monetary awards of \$100 for 1st place, \$90 for 2nd, \$80 for 3rd and \$70 for 4th. Booths will be judged on creativity, educational value and originality. Booths need to be set up at the Lockhart-Taylor Center at 5 p.m. on Friday, will be judged at 9 a.m. on Saturday, and can be taken down at 2 p.m. For additional information, and to reserve your group's booth space, contact Erin Dempsey, 4-H Youth Promise Program Director, at 704-694-2915. This year's planning committee is excited to be hosting this two-day county-wide event. Plan to participate! Celebrate agriculture in Anson.

## SPCC's Carolinas Emerging Music Festival Debuts September 7

Preacher Stone, an up-and-coming Southern rock band from Charlotte, will headline South Piedmont Community College's first Carolinas Emerging Music Festival on Sept. 7 on the Old Charlotte Highway Campus in Monroe. The free outdoor concert, scheduled from 6 to 10 p.m., will also feature Brandon Kirkley and the Firecrackers and Steel Standing. With a sound reminiscent of Lynyrd Skynyrd and Molly Hatchet, Preacher Stone also adds a country-rock touch to such classics as 'The Beatles' "Come Together." A review on [puresouthernrock.com](http://puresouthernrock.com) says that "Preacher Stone songs feature topics close to their hearts, such as love gone bad, drinking, Southern hospitality and friendship. The band's undeniable 'bread and butter' is their live show. I guarantee they'll make a fan out of everyone in ear-shot." In addition to the free concert, several SPCC student organizations will have food for sale. Those who attend will want to bring their lawn chairs. Please remember that no alcohol will be permitted. For more on each of the performing bands, check out their websites: Preacher Stone: [www.preacherstone.com](http://www.preacherstone.com); Brandon Kirkley and the Firecrackers: [bktf.net](http://bktf.net); and Steel Standing: [steelstandingrock.com](http://steelstandingrock.com). The Carolinas Emerging Music Festival is sponsored by SPCC's Student Government Association.

## Architect Firm Releases Image of New Emergency Services Center



Bids are being accepted for the construction of the new Anson County Emergency Services Center, to be located on Country Club Road in Wadesboro, across from Ambassador Health & Rehab. The design, which was done by Moseley Architects of Charlotte, has been released and is shown here. According to a release from Moseley, this is how the center is described: The new Anson County Emergency Services Center will consolidate all of the county's emergency services functions under one roof. Attractively designed and scaled to blend into a rural setting, the facility will be hurricane resistant, blast resistant (911 Center portion) and feature state of the art communications technology. In order to maintain function under adverse conditions, two redundant generators will provide back-up power. The building will house the county's Emergency Management Department, which will include the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Fire Marshal's Office, the Emergency Medical Services Department (EMS), and the 911/Emergency Communications Center. Support spaces will include a six ambulance vehicle bay, training room, break out rooms, bunk rooms for 24 hour staff, locker rooms, fitness room, storage, offices, server room, sign shop, and administrative spaces.

## Boaters Reminded to Be Safe This Labor Day Weekend

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission is reminding recreational boaters to be safe while having fun this Labor Day weekend, especially if alcohol is involved. "Labor Day weekend is always a busy time on the water," said Sgt. Tim Lominac, a wildlife officer who patrols Lake Fontana and other western North Carolina waterways. "We see more night boating, more congregating of boats and more boats in general. We want boaters to enjoy their experience and that means staying safe. A boat operator must be attentive and cautious at all times. Operating a vessel while impaired is against the law, subject to fines up to \$1,000 and possible jail. It also puts you at greater risk for an accident, with 20 percent of boating fatalities being alcohol related." Throughout the holiday weekend, wildlife officers will remind boaters of various safety campaigns and regulations:

- Boat Safe, Boat Sober - During Operation Dry Water, a national campaign to combat intoxicated and dangerous boaters held June 22-24, officers in North Carolina charged 32 people with operating while impaired.
- Meet Boating Education Requirements - Anyone younger than 26 operating a vessel powered by a motor of 10 horsepower or greater on a public waterway must have successfully completed an approved boating education course or otherwise be in compliance with N.C.G.S. 75A-16.2.
- Blue Light = No Wake - Boats approaching within 100 feet of a law enforcement vessel displaying flashing blue lights must slow to a no-wake speed. In narrow channels, the distance is within 50 feet.
- Observe Personal Watercraft Safety - No one can operate a personal watercraft (PWC or "jet ski") between sunset and sunrise, and all PWC riders, passengers and those being towed must wear approved personal flotation devices.

For more information on safe recreational boating, videos, or to enroll in a free boating education course by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, go to [www.ncwildlife.org/boating](http://www.ncwildlife.org/boating) or call 919-707-0031.

## Town of Wadesboro Labor Day Schedule

The Wadesboro Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 3 due to the Labor Day Holiday. There will be no garbage pickup that day. Monday's route will be picked up on Thursday, and Tuesday's route will be picked up on schedule.

## Medicare Seminar Offered this Friday at Grace Senior Center

There will be a "Welcome to Medicare" seminar held at Grace Senior Center on Friday, August 31 at 1 p.m. for those individuals interested in information concerning Medicare. If you are interested please call the center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information.

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