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Darrell Stacy Carpenter and Tammy Denise Carpenter Busted for Manufacturing Meth and Child Abuse

On Friday, October 30 at approximately 4:38 a.m. officers from the Wadesboro Police Department responded to 1300 Shannon Drive in reference to a disturbance. During the investigation officers arrested Darrell Stacy Carpenter, 41, and Tammy Denise Carpenter, 43. They were both charged with 19 counts of Felony Manufacturing Methamphetamine, 1 Felony count Possession/Distribute Meth Precursor, 1 Felony count Maintain Dwelling for Controlled Substance, 1 Felony Count Felony Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance, and 1 count of Child Abuse. Darrell and Tammy Carpenter were confined in the Anson County Jail under a \$1,000,000 bond. Their first court appearance was set for Tuesday, November 10. Undisclosed amounts of Meth were found.



Darrell Stacy Carpenter



Tammy Denise Carpenter

Thanks to quick thinking and training they had received, the two officers were able to safely secure the scene. Officers contacted Wadesboro Police Investigators, the Wadesboro Fire Department, Anson County EMS, Anson County Emergency Management, the Anson County Sheriff's Office, Anson County DSS, Anson County Health Department, and the NC SBI.

The hazards associated with producing methamphetamine present the problem of costs to the public. When a meth lab is discovered emergency clean up teams are called in to properly dispose of the hazardous chemicals being used and produced. These clean ups can potentially have costs of \$10,000 or more depending upon the level of contamination at a site. This cost comes out of the public's tax dollars. The SBI advises local law enforcement not to attempt seizure and clean-up of these labs without an SBI hazardous waste response team.

If you suspect meth production in your community, call 911 immediately. Never examine a suspected lab or suspicious container yourself. A telltale sign of a meth lab is a powerful chemical smell. The odor of an active meth lab may smell like: • Paint thinner or vanish smell • Ether or a "hospital smell" • Sour or vinegary smell • Ammonia-like smell (like the smell of window cleaner, fertilizers or even cat urine)

Two Wadesboro Citizens Arrested with Non-Tax Paid Liquor

On Friday, November 6 officers from the Wadesboro Police Department along with agents from Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) executed two search warrants at two different residences inside the city limits of Wadesboro. The search warrants led to David Neal and Juretha Tanner being charged with multiple alcohol and weapons charges. An undisclosed amount of alcohol and non-tax paid alcohol was seized from both residences. Also, several weapons were seized from Neal's residence.

Neal, 60, of 406 Madison Avenue, was charged with Possession of Firearms by a Felon (a felony), Possession of Non-Tax Paid Liquor, Possession/Sell Alcohol Beverage with No Permit, and Simple Possession of Marijuana. His bond was set at \$10,000, with a court date of November 17.

Tanner, 61, of 319 South Avenue, was charged with Possession of Non-Tax Paid Liquor and Possession/Sell Alcohol Beverage with No Permit. His court date was set for January 12, 2016.

Anson County Veterans Day Celebration is Today!

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate Anson County's hometown heroes at the Veterans Day event planned for Wednesday, November 11. The day will begin with a parade at 10 a.m. in uptown Wadesboro. The ceremony starts after the parade at 11 a.m. Then, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. there will be community fun with music, games and refreshments. Free flu shots will be available from the VA Rural Healthcare Team. Also, many resources will be available for veterans and their families.

Come join in the fun, and take the opportunity to tell veterans in attendance how much you appreciate their service to our country. For more information contact Anson County Veteran Services Officer Ted Ward at 704-694-4418 or ward@co.anson.nc.us.

The US Army Band that was scheduled to appear at the Ansonia Theatre has postponed their appearance until 2016.

A Musical Tribute to Veterans Thursday

The Cheraw Arts Commission invites the public to an evening of music honoring veterans on Thursday, November 12. First United Methodist Church will host the 10th annual Musical Tribute to Veterans at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 117 Third Street in Cheraw.

Director Melanie Trusky and Musical Director Barbara Dickson have created a program that includes patriotic songs and inspirational dialogue. Community singers continue to share their musical talents for this annual performance. Karen Wilkerson will provide piano accompaniment.

Special guest for the evening is veteran drill soloist Anthony Funderburk. A native of Cheraw, he spent six years in the "The Old Guard" with two years as Senior Soloist. During his army career Funderburk served at the inaugurations of Ronald Reagan and welcomed ambassadors and dignitaries visiting the US. As a member of the "The Old Guard" he traveled throughout the US performing at civic events, schools and the annual Spirit of America event in Washington, DC.

The 3rd U.S. Infantry, traditionally known as "The Old Guard," is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving our nation since 1784. "The Old Guard" is the Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the president. The 3rd Infantry soldiers are responsible for conducting military ceremonies at the White House, the Pentagon, national memorials and elsewhere in the nation's capital. Soldiers of "The Old Guard" also maintain a 24-hour vigil at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. For additional information, contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843-537-8420 ext 12.



Anson High School Drama Club to Present Play, *The Outsiders*

Anson High School Drama Club members have been hard at work preparing the Ansonia Theatre's stage for their production of the play, *The Outsiders* which will be performed Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21. The backdrop was painted a flat white in preparation for painting by Anson High School teacher Daniel Webb. Stage pieces were brought out of storage or built by teacher Marshall Ray's students. Students brought clothes and searched the supply of costumes to make sure that the actors would represent the culture of teens in the 1950's and early 1960's. Erin Thomas and Hannah Knotts practiced applying scars and burns to the actors, as well as planned the makeup for all of the actors.

The Outsiders is the story of a teen gang in rural Oklahoma, the Greasers who are perpetually at odds with the Socs, a rival group. When Greasers Ponyboy (Gage Tarlton) and Johnny (Vince Gilmore) get into a brawl that ends in the death of a Social member, the boys are forced to go into hiding. Soon Ponyboy and Johnny, along with the intense Dallas (Brian Delp) and their other Greaser buddies, must contend with the consequences of their violent lives. While some Greasers try to achieve redemption, others meet tragic ends.

The cast also includes Trevor Flake, Tristan Dickson, Madi Martin, Joshua Barbour, Max Martin, Destiny Cole, Emily Black, Savannah Bennett, Iris Seegar, Breanna Ingram, Saima Nadeem and Havilynn McCullam. Teacher Liz Rockett is directing.

Tickets are available at the high school and the Ansonia Theatre. Call 704-694-4950 for times and information. Pictured above left are Madi Martin, Gage Tarlton and Trevor Flake. In the right photo are Hannah Knotts, Justice Leak and Joshua Barbour.

Anson Turkey Queen Beauty Pageant Returns!

- **Shane Drake said, "I will be the next Turkey Queen of Anson County!"** On Monday, November 16, 'she' also encouraged everyone to come and witness an extravaganza unlike anything you will see during this holiday season. 'She' dares you!
- **Police Chief, Thedis Spencer said, "I'll SHOCK the Sheriff and all other contenders when I take home the "Miss Turkey Queen" crown!"**
- **Sheriff Landric Reid said, "I will be the most ARRESTING beauty you've ever cast your eyes upon. How could anyone else possibly STEAL the crown from me?"**
- **Charlie Lockhart knows all too well what this particular contest is all about. 'She' was the 1st runner up in the last Turkey Queen Pageant in 1984. 'She' said, "I intend to TAKE that crown this time around and no one is going to get in my way!"**
- **Steve Whitlock is beaming with confidence and added, "Anson County will accept nothing less than the best and that is why the crown will be placed atop of MY head on November 16. The rest just cannot compare!"**

On Monday, November 16, in the Wadesboro Primary School Gym at 6:30 p.m., Anson County will be taken by storm when some of the areas most talented and intellectual 'beauties' join hands on stage to vie for the 2015 Turkey Queen crown! Oh what a night of entertainment this is sure to be. Did I mention that this is a womanless beauty pageant?!!

Each of the contestants will model in "Ladies Choice" evening wear, showcase their skills with a spectacular talent routine, and have a chance to prove their intelligence with one question from the distinguished panel of judges.

You do not want to miss this, the most hilariously funny event to come to Anson County since the last Turkey Queen Pageant...way back in 1984!

Come see for yourself and make it known who YOU believe will be the best representative of the evening. Watch the showdown between the Anson County Sheriff's Department and the Wadesboro Police Department as Sheriff Landric Reid challenges Police Chief Thedis Spencer! And as K-9 Officer Sgt. Donald Jenks goes head to head with WPD Detective Shane Drake! Throw Lilesville Police Chief Bobby Gallimore into the mix and what an impossible prediction to make! What is for sure is that it will be a face-off (using that term loosely) to the finish!

Representing Anson County Schools, who will reign supreme between Anson High School Principal Chris Stinson or Anson Middle School Assistant Principal Kevin Adams? Surely these guys will be among the smartest and most intellectual, but how will they survive the talent and evening portions? We just can't wait to find out!

And who among Anson's finest businessmen could perhaps go home victorious? Will it be Steve Whitlock, Tracy Little, Jeff Heavner or Charlie Lockhart? You guessed it folks. The only way to find out is to come and see it for yourselves! These contestants are busy strategizing with hopes of taking home the big win and the very big crown!

Get your tickets today! Advance tickets are \$5 and \$8 at the door. Purchase your tickets at Whit's Convenience Stores (3 locations), The Express Newspaper, Lilesville Town Hall, or from any of the Majorettes by Melanie Twirly Girls, who will also be special guest performers. Call 704-695-2247 for further details.

All proceeds will go toward helping the Twirly Girls compete in Florida. Come out and enjoy an evening of epic comedic proportions, guaranteed to make you laugh out loud! Who will be crowned the 2015 Turkey Queen? We cannot wait to find out!



Toys for Tots Motorcycle Ride is Saturday

Motorcyclists and passengers, you are all invited to participate in the upcoming Toys for Tots Motorcycle Ride. This fundraiser puts the FUN in Fundraising! The event will take place on Saturday, November 14, with registration from 10 to 11 a.m. at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center behind McDonalds in Wadesboro. There will be door prizes and a split the pot drawing.

The cost is only \$10 for single riders and \$15 for two up. And, don't forget to bring a toy! For more information call Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

West Deep Creek Missionary Baptist Church Turkey Giveaway

The members of West Deep Creek Missionary Baptist Church have generously organized their annual turkey giveaway again this year. If you need a turkey for Thanksgiving, they would like to help.

The event will take place on Sunday, November 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the parking lot of You Are So Special Hair Salon, which is located on Highway 74 across from Captain D's in Wadesboro. To receive a turkey you will need to be an Anson County resident. Please bring a state ID along with a bill or some type of proof with the same address as the ID.

Leadership Anson Applications Are Due November 20

The Leadership Anson 2016 class will begin soon, and applications to be a part of the class are due on Friday, November 20. You may submit your application by fax (704-694-3830), email (ansonchamber@windstream.net) or mail (PO Box 305, Wadesboro NC 28170). For more information call 704-694-4181.

Start Holiday Shopping this Saturday at Arts Council's Christmas in November

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, with Christmas not far behind. That means it's time to make your holiday gift list. What better place to start shopping than right here in Anson County?

This Saturday, November 14 the Anson County Arts Council's fifth annual Christmas in November Art & Crafts Sale at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., offers the opportunity to find unique gifts, support local artists and craftsmen, and keep your money right here in our area economy.

This time of year Americans spend millions of dollars on cheaply made goods produced in foreign countries. Why not buy American quality this year? Unique pottery, jewelry, wood-crafted items, toys, folk art, crocheted items, Christmas decor and much, much more - all created by people who live and work right here in our area - provide a huge array of ideas for gift-giving and for that special something you can't live without.

Admission is free, so come out and find the perfect gift to surprise someone you love. The Arts Council offers this event as a public service for area residents, artists, and artisans. Interested in reserving a table to sell your own creations? Contact the Arts Council at 704-694-4950 or ansonart@windstream.net.