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## Burning Ban Lifted in Anson County

Commissioner Steve Troxler of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services issued a statement on Monday, December 5 lifting the burning ban that had been placed on Anson County. Several other counties were affected also. The statement reads: Due to a recent precipitation and lower fire danger, I have removed the restriction on open burning for Anson, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin counties effective Monday, December 5, 2016, at 5 p.m.

## 'Tis the Season for Toy Safety

The Anson County Health Department would like to remind parents that with so many new toys on the market, it's easy to forget toy safety in the rush to finish holiday shopping. The good news is that the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have already prevented many unsafe toys from hitting shelves and toy recalls have dramatically declined overall. Unfortunately, many toys can still be dangerous when used improperly or by younger children. A new report by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) found that an estimated 185,500 children under the age of 15 were treated in emergency departments for toy-related injuries in 2015. Tragically, 11 children died. Children under the age of five accounted for nearly half of these injuries. Cuts, scrapes, and bruises were the most common toy-related injuries, with most injuries affecting the head or face. Out of a total of 50 categories of toys, non-motorized scooters were involved in one out of every four injuries. There are several things to keep in mind when shopping for toys for children: **Age-appropriateness** Not all "safe" toys are safe for all children—what's safe for your oldest child may still pose a danger to your youngest. Always follow the age recommendations and read the warnings on toys to check for safety hazards. Teach your older children to keep their toys away from their younger siblings. **Safety Gear** When buying bicycles, skateboards, scooters, skis/snowboards, and similar toys, buy the proper safety gear as well. Make sure helmets are fitted properly. Most helmets should be replaced at least every five to ten years and after an impact. **Button Batteries and Magnets** The small, powerful magnets found in magnetic building sets and desk toys can be lethal when ingested. While some of these products have been recalled, similar items are still on the market. Button batteries can cause internal chemical burns in less than two hours when ingested. These batteries can be found in some games, toys, musical cards, watches, and flashing shoes. Make sure to keep these away from young children. **Recalls** You can also subscribe to the CPSC Product Recall list to keep track of toys that have been pulled from the market because of safety issues. The Health Department encourages all parents to visit the CPSC website, [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov), for a list of resources to guide them through safe gift buying for young children.

## Lilesville Police Department's K9 Glock to Get Body Armor

Lilesville Police Department's K9 Glock will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization called Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Glock's vest is sponsored by an anonymous donor, and will be embroidered with the sentiment, "This gift of protection provided by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc." Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 2,100 protective vests in 50 states through private and corporate donations at a cost of over 1.9 million dollars. All vests are custom made in the USA by Armor Express in Central Lake, MI. The program is open to dogs actively employed in the US with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate. The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$1,050. Each vest has a value between \$1,795 to \$2,234 with a five year warranty and an average weight of 4 to 5 pounds. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at [www.vik9s.org](http://www.vik9s.org) or mailed to P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718. Bobby M. Gallimore is the Lilesville Chief of Police. The telephone number is (704) 848-4712.



Lilesville's 'Christmas in the Park' is December 12. The Town of Lilesville will be celebrating their first 'Christmas in the Park' event at Hatcher Park on Monday, December 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. A community children's choir will open the festivities with Christmas carols. A photo booth with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be available for all kids, and a free photo will be given to each child. In the event of inclement weather Santa Claus will be located in Fire Department for photos with children. All the kids can also enjoy a fun train ride around the beautifully decorated park. Hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies will be served. Following the Christmas Carols will be the tree lighting ceremony. "We hope everyone will come out and celebrate the Christmas season with us," said Lynn Whitlock from the Town of Lilesville. If you have a child in grades kindergarten through high school who would like to sing in the choir, please have them come to practice at Lilesville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 6 at 6 p.m. and Thursday, December 8 at 6 p.m. Mrs. Gina Clarke will be leading the choir.

## Breakfast with Santa this Saturday at Olivers Restaurant

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. (UWI) is hosting a Breakfast with Santa event this Saturday, December 10, from 8 to 10 a.m. at Oliver's Restaurant, located at 121 East Wade Street, across from Wadesboro Town Hall. Children, family and friends will enjoy a pancake breakfast and a visit with Santa. Little ones will be able to share their Christmas wish list with the jolly man in red. The menu will include a choice of plain pancakes or chocolate chip pancakes, maple syrup, bacon, orange juice and coffee. The cost will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information contact UWI at 704-695-1644.

## 50+ Club Meeting Features Christmas Music by Ed Dement

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, December 12 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Ed Dement, formerly with the O'Kaysions, will be presenting a program of Christmas music. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy the music of this talented gentleman. For more information call 704-694-5177.



## We Love a Christmas Parade!

On Thursday, December 1 the streets of uptown Wadesboro were flooded with floats, marching bands, princesses, dancers, baton twirlers, dignitaries and more as the annual Christmas Parade kicked off at 4:00 p.m. Parade goers enjoyed the sights and sounds and mild temperatures, which made for a very pleasant and fun afternoon. The event, hosted by Anson County Chamber of Commerce, is always a beautiful beginning to the holiday season. Among the many people participating in the parade were Girl Scout Troop 1389. They are pictured above, from left, Karen White, Stephanie Kyle, Melody Moore, Kacey Huntley, Garrison Kyle, Jessica Laney and Jasmine Kyle. Santa's helper is Caleb Laney and Santa is Tom O'Neal. The Express will share many more Christmas Parade pictures in our last edition of 2016, Wednesday, December 28.

## Free Christmas Show at the Wadesboro Rotary Planetarium

The Wadesboro Rotary Planetarium and Science Center is proud to present its new Christmas show, *The Star of Bethlehem*. It is a full dome planetarium show that takes us back to the little town of Bethlehem of long ago where the birth of Jesus was announced to the humble shepherds by "a multitude of the heavenly host" and to the people of Israel by the arrival of the wise men. Guided by the light of the "star that they saw in the east" they traveled far from their lands to "come and worship him." In our endeavor to investigate what this "Star" might have been, the show presents all the historical and scientific facts we have today in order to unravel this 2,000 year old enigma in a special audio-visual show that fills the audience with a sense of wonder and an air of innocence. Accompanied by the music of the best known Christmas carols of the season, the narration guides the audience through the various historical and astronomical information of the Christmas story along with the various facts concerning our calendar in order to guide them to make their own conclusions as to what this "wonder" star was all about. This program was made possible by a generous donation from the James R. Braswell and Bonnie L. Braswell Trust Fund. There will be no cost for admission but donations are accepted to help fund science activities for Anson County students at the Science Center. Please call for a reservation since seats are limited to 30 per show. A tour of the animal room is also included in the visit to the Science Center. Please call 704-694-4417 ext 01005 to make a reservation. Show times are as follows: Thursday, December 8 at 6 p.m. Friday, December 9 at 7 p.m. Monday, December 12 at 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 14 at 4 p.m. Monday, December 19 at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 20 at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 21 at 2 p.m.

## Christmas Dinner for Homeless, Sick and Shut-ins on December 17

Can you help by volunteering or making a monetary donation of any amount? This event touches the lives of those who are less fortunate - with a good meal, fellowship and gifts. Faith Based Center of Hope will host their annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 17 at 11 a.m. at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church on Salisbury Street in Wadesboro. This event welcomes those who are homeless, sick or shut-ins to come and enjoy a delicious dinner...and receive gifts too! CEO Vancine Sturdivant said, "Each year during the Christmas dinner, each attendee receives gifts, but they are instructed not to open their presents until Santa comes! In addition to their dinner and presents, each guest is also given fruit and bags containing hygiene products." Sturdivant continued, "We are asking for the community's support, whether monetary or food. All contributions are greatly appreciated." If you can help, or if you would like to attend and need more information, call Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

## Disney Christmas Movies at the Ansonia this Saturday

This Saturday, December 10 at 10 a.m. the Ansonia Theatre will be showing Disney Christmas Classics for kids on the big screen. The shows will last approximately 90 minutes total. There is no admission charge, but guests are asked to bring a new toy to be donated to a child in need. This event follows the Uptown Wadesboro event, Breakfast with Santa, which will be held on the same date from 8 to 10 a.m. at Oliver's Restaurant in uptown Wadesboro. Details about that event are available at [www.facebook.com/uptownwadesboroinc](http://www.facebook.com/uptownwadesboroinc). If you have questions about the movie event, please contact the Anson County Arts Council at 704-694-4950.

## Business After Hours at the Cooperative Extension Thursday

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend their Business After Hours this Thursday, December 8, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. It will be hosted by the Anson County Cooperative Extension, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. Come enjoy hors d'oeuvres, visit with staff members, and see what's going on in the Cooperative Extension's program areas. Extension Director Janine Rywak said, "Let's enjoy Christmas with friends, food and Extension networking!"

## Free Groceries Available to Eligible Families on December 17

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC) Emergency Food Pantry will distribute free food products on Saturday, December 17 at 9 a.m. These foods are provided by the US Department of Agriculture. The U. S. federal income guidelines will be a determining factor for each individual's eligibility and food items will only be available to Ansonians who qualify. Individuals who have not registered before nor received food from the BRLC Emergency Food Pantry must have financial documentation as proof of income to be served. A neighbor who does not have the necessary documentations will not be served. Families that receive food stamp assistance automatically qualify. Each family will only be provided these commodities this month. Parents are asked not to bring small children. Neighbors, please park in parking lot behind center. BRLC distributes free groceries to eligible families on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and at other times. You can contact them at 704-826-8182 for information. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.

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