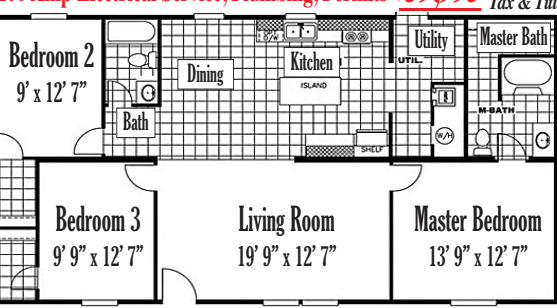


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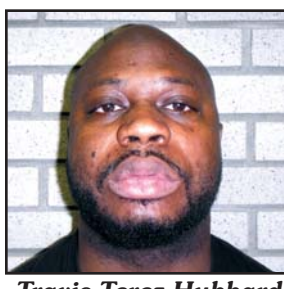
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**Correctional Officer Arrested for Possession of Controlled Substances**

On Monday morning, December 28 at approximately 6 a.m. the Polkton Police Department responded to the Brown Creek Correctional Institution in reference to an correctional officer not being able to pass the electronic security devices before entering into the institution. Upon arrival Polkton Police officers made contact with the Jail's Assistant Superintendent who advised officers of the situation. While speaking with the Assistant Superintendent, the suspect, Travis Terez Hubbard, ran out of the Administrative Building and jumped into his personal vehicle and attempted to leave the premises. Before the suspect could leave he was stopped by Polkton officers.

Officers searched Hubbard and his personal vehicle and located approximately 1.5 ounces of marijuana packaged to deliver to an inmate. Correctional officers searched the area that Correctional Officer Hubbard had run toward and discovered another package where he had his personal vehicle parked. Inside that package was another ounce of marijuana and 18 suboxone strips. (Suboxone is a drug that is a combination of Buprenorphine, a narcotic that is a powerful and potentially addicting painkiller, and naloxone, a medication used to reverse the effects of opioids especially in overdose. Suboxone was approved in 2002 for treatment of addiction to drugs like heroin, hydrocodone, OxyContin, morphine, codeine, fentanyl and others. Almost as soon as it was approved it began to be abused by some individuals. Overuse or abuse of Suboxone can result in inability to accept and manage one's own emotions, loss of interest in sex, hair loss and abnormal responses to stress.)

Hubbard was arrested and charged with two counts of Attempt to Provide Inmates with Controlled Substance, Possession with Intent to Sell or Distribute Schedule VI, Possession with Intent to Sell or Distribute Schedule III, Felony Possession of Marijuana, and Resist/Delay/Obstruct an Officer. He was placed into the Anson County Jail under a \$80,000 secure bond.



Travis Terez Hubbard

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**Need 2015 Tax Write-off? Make a Contribution to the Barn Blast**

If you're looking for a last minute tax write-off for 2015 and an investment in the future of Anson County, here is your answer. The Anson County Partnership for Children's 10th annual Barn Blast will be held on Friday, January 29 at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro.

All Barn Blast sponsorships and contributions are tax deductible. Sponsors and donors will also receive advertising in the Barn Blast program, immediate recognition on Facebook and the Partnership's website, and recognition at the event.

All profits from the Barn Blast are used in Anson County for the Partnership's programs for young children. These include Dolly Parton's Imagination Library which mails a book each month to over 1,100 children in Anson County, as well as many other literacy and early childhood programs.

You can invest in the future of our county and receive a tax write-off by being a 2016 Barn Blast sponsor or donor. For more information on Barn Blast sponsorships or donations, please call or come by the Anson County Partnership for Children, 117 South Greene Street in Wadesboro, 704 694-4036, [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org).



**Extension Notes Time to Clean That Fridge**

National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day was November 15th. Can you believe they actually named a day for that? I guess somebody thought it was a good time to clean out in preparation for Thanksgiving. Who knows. But if you missed that day, now is a good time to tackle that appliance. Especially since we are now between two major food holidays, this is a good time to show your fridge a little love. If you have the Owner's Manual, follow the cleaning instructions.

If you don't have the Manual, just follow these easy steps, as recommended by the American Cleaning Institute. And note to self, do this before going to the grocery store for your weekly shopping.

First, unplug the fridge and slide a coil brush under the unit's kick plate to remove dust. Then empty the contents of the entire fridge. Toss anything past its prime. Remove the drawers and scrub with a sponge, warm water and liquid dish soap. Spray the now empty interior with a multi-surface spray and wipe down the walls and each shelf. You can use an old toothbrush and cleanser to remove grime from the cracks. Plug the fridge back in and return the drawers and food while wiping down bottles and jars.

Finally, place a small box of baking soda in the door or in the back of the fridge to keep odors at bay. As for the exterior of the appliance, if it is stainless steel, use a microfiber cloth and stainless steel surface spray, and rub in the direction of the grain. If it is enameled steel, use a multi-surface spray and paper towels.

All of this may seem like a once a year job, but the truth is, you can work towards keeping a clean fridge every day. Wipe up spills with a paper towel and warm water as they occur. You can use cleanser, but apply it to the paper towel first and not directly into a fridge full of food.

Keep baking soda in the fridge year round. And every week, do a quick purge of food that has expired or gone bad. Since the Christmas feast will be here in no time, if your refrigerator needs a good cleaning, now is the time to do it.

By Janine B. Rywak, County Extension Director

**USDA Removes Farm Program Payments to Managers Not Actively Engaged in Farming**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has finalized a rule to ensure that farm safety-net payments are issued only to active managers of farms that operate as joint ventures or general partnerships, consistent with the direction and authority provide by Congress in the 2014 Farm Bill. The action, which exempts family farm operations, closes a loophole where individuals who were not actively part of farm management still received payments.

"The federal farm safety-net programs are designed to protect against unanticipated changes in the marketplace for those who actively share in the risk of that farming operation," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "To ensure that help goes to those who genuinely need it, such as America's farm families, the Farm Bill authorized USDA to close a loophole and limit payments from those not involved on a daily basis in nonfamily farm management."

Since 1987, the broad definition of "actively engaged" resulted in some general partnerships and joint ventures adding managers to the farming operation, qualifying for more payments, that did not substantially contribute to management. The rule applies to operations seeking more than one farm manager, and requires measurable, documented hours and key management activities each year. Some operations of certain sizes and complexity may be allowed up to three qualifying managers under limited conditions. The changes apply to payments for 2016 and subsequent crop years for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) and Marketing Loan Gains (MLG) realized via the Marketing Assistance Loan program.

As required by Congress, the new rule does not apply to family farms, or change regulations related to contributions of land, capital, equipment, or labor. The changes go into effect for the 2016 crop year for most farms. Farms that have already planted fall crops for 2016 have until the 2017 crop year to comply. For more details, producers are encouraged to consult their local Farm Service Agency office.


This announcement was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill). To learn more about Farm Service Agency, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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