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Mrs. Rachel Johnson Eddins

Mrs. Rachel Johnson Eddins, 83, died Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at Anson Health and Rehab in Wadesboro.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 17, 2018, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Curtis Williams and Rev. LeGrand Kelly officiating. Interment followed

Obituaries

in Brown Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Rachel was born September 24, 1934, in Anson County, a daughter of the late William Lawrence Johnson and the late Cora Lee Parker Johnson. She had worked for a number of years at West Knitting Mills and also cared for children in her home.

She was a member of Brown Creek Baptist Church, and she enjoyed fishing and quilting.

Surviving are her children, Dewey (Mary Lee) Eddins and Glenda (Marvin) Goodwin, all of Wadesboro; her grandchildren, Steven (Holly) Eddins, Polkton, Chris (Melissa) Eddins and Marvin Goodwin, all of Wadesboro and Melinda (Speedy) Hatley of Albemarle; her great-grandchildren, Tyler Eddins, Jeremiah Edwards and Coy Hatley; and her sisters and brother, Rochelle Williams of Wadesboro, Shirley Williams of Charlotte and Arthur Johnson of Wadesboro.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Dewey Eddins, Jr. and her brothers and sisters,

Brady, Shorty, Buddy, Limon and Grady Johnson and Mildred Maree and Glennie Kelly.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Brown Creek Baptist Church Youth, 4210 Hwy 742 N, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. Robin "Robbie" Eugene Henry

Mr. Robin "Robbie" Eugene Henry, 56, died Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at his home.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, January 28, 2018, at Morven Baptist Church with Rev. Tommy Threath officiating.

Robbie was born May 15, 1961, in Chesterfield County, SC, a son of the late John R. "Rusty" Henry and the late Shelby Jean Lee Henry. He had worked for a number of years as a meat cutter and later in construction. He was a member of Morven Baptist Church.

Prior to the death of his father he was an active member of the Morven Hunt Club, and enjoyed fishing as well.

Surviving are his children, Russell "Rusty" Henry of Morven and Jennie Henry of Wilmington, CA; his brother and sisters, Johnny (Terry) Henry of Monroe, Melanie Henry of Morven and Susan (Leon) Cole of Wadesboro; his nieces and nephews and their families; and his beloved dog Prissy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Morven Baptist Church, P.O. Box 337, Morven, NC 28119.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. John Henry Wallace

Mr. John Henry Wallace, 87, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 16, 2018, while a patient at Lake Park Nursing & Rehab.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 18, 2018, in Mt. Beulah Baptist Church with Rev. Kinney Wallace and Rev. Randy Storz officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Johnny was born in Chesterfield County, SC on July 1, 1930, a son of the late William Thomas

and Rosella Brock Wallace. He served honorably in the US Marine Corps during the Korean War. He returned home to marry his true love, Rose Horne Wallace, in 1953. During his working career Johnny held several jobs, but he will best be remembered as an owner and operator of the Welika Lake Fish Camp. He was also a longtime member of Mt. Beulah Baptist Church.

Johnny had many hobbies, but gardening, hunting and fishing were no doubt his favorites. He enjoyed sharing the fruits of his gardening labors with neighbors and friends alike. He also loved both fresh and saltwater fishing, perhaps in part because his wife Rose enjoyed fishing with him. Johnny also had a knack for fixing most anything that was broken, and the family is proud to report that his grandson John inherited this same gift from his beloved grandfather.

Survivors include a daughter who he fiercely loved, Tanja W. Huntley (Vann) of Monroe; his grandson John Huntley of Monroe of whom he was so proud; his only surviving brother, Charles Wallace of Wadesboro;

one special nephew, Mike Sessions, who was his telephone buddy; and many other nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Johnny was preceded in death by four brothers, Plase, Lee, Hampton and Bobby Wallace; and three sisters, Nancy Teal, Carolyn Wuerpal and Peggy Trexler.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, 3373 Country Club Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

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South Piedmont Community College will offer a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) course this spring at its Tyson Family Center for Technology in Monroe, and under-employed or unemployed students may be eligible for 100 percent funding through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Graduates of the course who pass the CDL test can expect an average salary of \$50,000 or more their first year and up to \$60,000 or more with one year of experience.

An informational orientation session will be held for the class on Tuesday, April 3 at 10 a.m. at the Tyson Center (3509 Old Charlotte Hwy., Monroe). Classes will run weekdays between April 25 and June 28. The cost for the course, which is offered in partnership with Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, is \$1,858, a fraction of the cost associated with similar programs in the region, and it includes all instructional materials. For those who do not qualify for WIOA funding, tuition can be split into three payments.

The trucking industry employees nearly 9 million people nationally, but many more are urgently needed. Locally the need for men and women with a CDL to fill these important jobs is reaching critical levels. That's why many local and national trucking companies recruit from SPCC's truck driver training graduates - which have had a 100 percent placement rate, many of them offered employment before completing the course.

For more information visit www.spcc.edu and search "truck driver training," or contact Chris Thompson at (828) 726-2380 or cthompson@cccti.edu.

NC Dept. of Insurance, State Fire Marshal Work to Keep Schools Safe

North Carolina Department of Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey who also serves as the State Fire Marshal is looking at options to keep schools safe in North Carolina including possible changes to the way schools will be designed in the future.

"The mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida last Wednesday is a tragic reminder that active shooter situations can happen anywhere," said Commissioner Causey. "It is paramount to have emergency plans in place and the safest facilities available so we can proactively protect our most precious commodity - people."

The Office of the State Fire Marshal plays a vital role in maintaining the safety of buildings and facilities on all school campuses.

Last Thursday morning, Chief State Fire Marshal Brian Taylor gave a presentation to legislators during the Emergency Management Oversight Committee Meeting about the role of fire services in an active shooter incident.

"Our fire services units know the inside and outside of these buildings," said Taylor. "They need to be part of the preliminary safety initiatives that outline plans as to how to handle active shooter drills and other emergency situations."

The Office of the State Fire Marshal oversees 1,243 fire departments and more than 52,000 firefighters across the state and continually provides guidance and assistance for active shooter drills on school campuses. OSFM works closely with the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) to identify program elements necessary for organizing, maintaining, and sustaining an active shooter response program to reduce or eliminate the risks, effect, and impact on an organization, school, or community affected by these tragedies.

North Carolina building codes are interpreted by the Engineering and Codes Division within OSFM. According to Taylor, all schools in North Carolina are inspected twice per year to ensure they are built to code with controlled access points and well-defined evacuation routes.

The inspection process allows OSFM to gather vital information about each school facility which can be used to gain control during an active shooter situation.

Moving forward, the Office of the State Fire Marshal would like to be even more involved in the process of keeping our schools safe. OSFM will work closer with Emergency Management and Department of Public Instruction officials on the designs of future school buildings to make sure they are built in the safest way possible and access points are secure from all levels.

About OSFM The Office of the State Fire Marshal plays a vital role in protecting lives and property in North Carolina. The OSFM is responsible for training fire and rescue personnel, rating fire departments, administering the state building code, securing property insurance for state-owned buildings and much more. For more information, visit www.NCDOI.com/OSFM or call 919-647-0000.

Business Expo: Can't Miss Event!

Join the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at the second annual Business Expo at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center, on Tuesday, March 20, from 4 to 7 p.m.

In 3 hours (or less), meet new contacts for your business. Whether you exhibit your business, sponsor or just attend the annual Business Expo. This once-a-year opportunity will pay off for years to come. Companies and individuals come to the Expo to learn about new products and technologies, enjoy food, network with potential customers and contacts and win prizes from vendors.

• Attendees: Come alone or gather a group for an evening of fun. From classic Anson County establishments, to seeing what's new in town, the Business Expo is a 'can't miss' event. Open to members and non-members.

• Exhibitors: Anson County's largest business-to-business showcase! At the Expo, your business interacts one-on-one to sell products or services directly or make contacts for follow up.

Admission is free. The center is on the Wadesboro Campus of South Piedmont Community College, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro.

Paid registrations must be received no later than March 1. Space is limited. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

For more expo information email the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at info@ansoncountychamber.org or call 704-694-4181. Exhibitor registration form can be found by visiting our website at www.ansoncountychamber.org/business-expo.

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