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**Mrs. Ethel
McAlpine Holliman**

Mrs. Ethel McAlpine Holliman, 89, died Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at her home.

There was a memorial service held on Friday, April 12, 2013, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home.

Ethel was born January

Obituaries

6, 1924, in Boston, MA, a daughter of the late John and Hildur McAlpine. She was a retired school cafeteria worker.

Surviving are her children, Jeanie (Howard) Cook of Tarboro, NC, Kathy (Danny) Pittman of Marion, NC, Jimmy (Shirl) MacDonald of Georgetown, KY, Buddy (Shelia) MacDonald of Colorado Springs, CO, Annie Jones of Oregon, Peg (Jim) MacDonald of Wadesboro and David John Holliman of Bronx, NY; her special friend, Rito Rodriguez of Goldsboro; 34 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husbands, Francis MacDonald and William Holliman and by her children, Billy, Roger, Wayne, James Duncan, Cheryl Ann, Kevin and David MacDonald and Linda Lynch.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 222 S Church St, Charlotte, NC 28202.

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

**Mr. Charles Calvin
“Scrunchie” Mills**

Mr. Charles Calvin “Scrunchie” Mills, 62, died Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, April 14, 2013, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Randy Swaringin officiating. Interment followed in Eastview Cemetery.

“Scrunchie” was born July 14, 1950, in Anson County, a son of the late Charles Harold Mills and the late Betty Lou Powell Mills Harrington. He was a self-employed carpenter and a member of Cathedral Baptist

Church. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Vietnam War.

Surviving are his wife, Tammie Baker Mills of Wadesboro; his children, Charles “Scooter” Mills (Melody) of Aberdeen; his daughters, Genia Feagin (Sonny) and Brittany Baker, all of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Ashleigh, McKenzie and C.J. Mills, Breyanna Baker, Hanna Baker and Paysleigh Feagin; and his aunt, Marguerite Coley of Wadesboro.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a grandson, Jay Lear and by his brother and sister, Larry Mills and Carol Lou Mills.

Memorials may be made to Liberty Home Care and Hospice, 921 East Caswell Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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



On behalf of the Perkins Family I would like to thank the community for all the compassion shown during the loss of our loved one, Mr. Willie J. Perkins, Sr., fondly known as Chris.

We appreciate every prayer, thought, call, and/or visit.

Lovingly submitted by
Ms. Kristen N. Perkins

Extension Notes Repair Leaks to Save Water and Money

Did you know what one in every ten homes has a leak that is wasting at least 90 gallons of water per day? Easy-to-fix household leaks waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, which is equal to the amount of water used by more than 11 million homes.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) WaterSense program encourages Americans to check and replace leaky plumbing fixtures and sprinkler systems, helping households save more than 10,000 gallons of water per year and as much as 10 percent on utility bills.

Not only are homes wasting water, families also lose money from leaks with higher utility bills. That is why fixing leaks is so important, and why families are encouraged to take a few simple steps that add up to make a significant positive impact. In just 10 minutes businesses and homeowners can check winter water bills and fixtures for water waste, twist and tighten pipe and hose connections, and consider replacing broken or inefficient fixtures with better models.

If winter water usage for a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, it is likely that the home has a leak problem. Here are some easy tips.

- Check toilets for silent leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank at the back and, if after 10 minutes, color shows up in the bowl before flushing, it may be time to make an easy repair and replace the flapper.
- Check additional plumbing and outdoor fixtures for leaks. They may just need a quick twist or pipe tape. Check outdoor hoses for damage from winter frost and tighten connections at the water source.
- For in-ground sprinkler systems, a professional can inspect sprinkler heads and pipes for signs of leakage and help homeowners maintain an efficient system and healthy lawn.

WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by EPA, seeks to protect the future of our nation’s water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products, new homes, and services. Since the program’s inception in 2006, WaterSense has helped consumers save 287 billion gallons of water and \$4.7 billion in water and energy bills. Learn more about fixing leaks, find a certified irrigation professional, or search for WaterSense labeled plumbing and irrigation products at www.epa.gov/watersense.

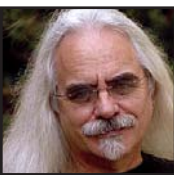
By Janine B. Rywak, County Extension Director

Back Porch Stories Coming This Saturday, April 20

Back Porch Stories is back. Introduced last year at the Carolinas Writers Conference, the story-telling event proved so popular that the sponsors are repeating it this year. Michael Reno Harrell, Martha Reed Johnson and Tyris Jones will appear on stage at the Ansonia Theatre at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. Randy Rayfield will moderate the program of tall tales, adventure and wit. Cost is \$5, \$2 for students, and free to children 10 and under.



Martha Reed Johnson



Michael Reno Harrell



Tyris Jones



Randy Rayfield

Harrell, the featured storyteller, is an award-winning songwriter, storyteller and published author. His songs have been described as “Appalachian grit and wit,” but his self-penned material resonates far beyond his Southern roots. Harrell’s songs have earned both gold and platinum awards and his recordings have topped the Americana charts. He has been a featured performer at the National Storytelling Festival, MerleFest, the Gamble Rogers Folk Festival, and the Walnut Valley Festival. His combination of music and storytelling is based on experience, sometimes downright funny, sometimes just plain scary, maybe even with a message worth taking away, but always mesmerizing and entertaining. Don’t miss the chance to experience what those faithful fans keep returning again and again to enjoy.

According to her parents, Johnson has been telling tales from the time she could talk. She is one of five children raised in New England and now residing in South Carolina. She shares with heart and humor stories of growing up in a family of crazy adventurers. Martha has firsthand experience of life in a tall tale. From Massachusetts to California, Florida to Nova Scotia, across three continents, on horseback, foot, a flying bus, and a bike, Martha’s travels will leave you laughing and wanting more. Martha is a master at finding, creating and telling amazing stories from ordinary moments.

Jones’ career ranges from working in theater to touring with hip-hop artist Common. Returning to Laurinburg, he acted in local plays and begun his foray into storytelling. He has performed at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tenn. Whether telling about a talking mule, his neighbor Sweet Miss Clara, or portraying a slave who finds freedom via the Underground Railroad, Jones brings his audience into the stories.

Self-described as a storyteller, writer and catfish cook, Rayfield brings a distinctive view of this exciting journey we call life. Rayfield describes his style as back of the pickup – just talking between people with no format, no rules and no boundaries. “My style is a little Jerry Clower, a helping of Lewis Grizzard, some Will Rogers, all mixed together with a pinch of Jay Leno thrown in. It’s a little more decorative than a pound cake but not quite as fancy as a red velvet cake.” Rayfield is a member of the Union County Writers’ Club and co-chairman of the Carolinas Writers Conference oversight committee.

Back Porch Stories is sponsored by the Anson County Writers’ Club, the Union County Writers’ Club, the Anson County Arts Council, South Piedmont Community College, and the Anson County Tourism Development Authority, with support from Anson Bank & Trust, the Elizabeth Burns Yost Trust, the Effie Allen Little Foundation, and the William A. Smith Trust. Tickets are available at the Arts Council office, or call 704-694-7022, email info@ansonsncountywritersclub.org or visit www.carolinawritersconference.org.

Lunch & Learn Session on Life Insurance

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce invites members to attend the next Lunch & Learn Session to be held on Tuesday, April 23. The program will cover life insurance, with topics such as: Who needs life insurance? When and why should I buy life insurance? What do I want life insurance to do for my family and me? How do I know how much life insurance I need?

Lunch & Learn will be held at 11:45 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office. If you plan to attend please RSVP as soon as possible to reserve one of the 25 places available. The deadline to register is Friday, April 19. If you RSVP and do not attend you will be billed \$5 for your lunch. Register at 704-694-4181 or ansonchamber@windstream.net.

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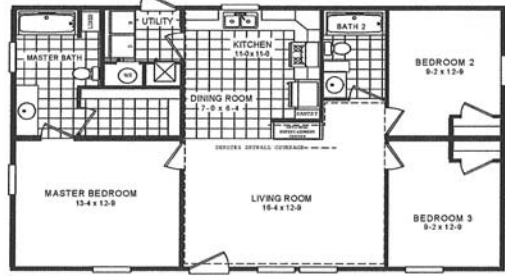
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