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**Mr. John Davis
"Jack" Funderburke**

Mr. John Davis "Jack" Funderburke, 79, died Saturday, September 22, 2012, at Ambassador Health & Rehab of Wadesboro.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, September 25, 2012, in Anson Memorial Park with Rev. Susan Sides officiating.

Jack was born in Anson County on March 3, 1933, a son of the late Stephen Bowman and Minnie Vaughn Funderburke. He was retired from Hornwood, Inc. with more than forty years of service.

Survivors include two

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daughters, Sara (Richard) Holder of Wadesboro and Robin (Chuck) Preslar of Polkton; six grandchildren, Jennifer Harward, Greg Futrell, Matthew Holder, Chuck Preslar, Casie Preslar and Erin Kelley; four great-grandchildren, Dylan McKowen, Chase Harward, Sierra Futrell and Gage Futrell; and a brother and sister, Harold Funderburke of Morven and Mary Carpenter of Wadesboro.

Memorials may be made to Poplar Hill United Methodist Church, c/o Betsy Vanhoy, 758 Ross Wright Rd., Polkton, NC 28135. Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

Mrs. Betty Jo Newsome Meachum

Mrs. Betty Jo Newsome Meachum, 74, died Thursday, September 20, 2012, in Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, September 23, 2012, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Buford Lanter officiating. Interment

followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Betty was born in Anson County on December 27, 1937, a daughter of the late Charlie Blake and Ruby Carpenter Newsome. She was married to the late James Franklin Meachum.

Survivors include four sons, Tony (Ellen) Meachum of Penrose, NC, Barry (Marcia) Meachum of Lilesville, Ashley Meachum and Ron Meachum of the home; six grandchildren; and her brother and sister, Jerry Blake Newsome of Peachland and Brenda (Tommy) Yarbrough of Marshville.

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

Ann Milton Rhyne

Ann Milton Rhyne, 66, died Wednesday, September 19, 2012, at Anson Community Hospital in Wadesboro.

There was a gathering of friends on Saturday, September 22, 2012, at Leavitt Funeral Home.

Ann was born September 25, 1945, in Mecklenburg County, NC, a daughter of the late Troy Craig and Mary Milton. She was a retired cosmetologist and enjoyed riding her motorcycle.

Surviving are her companion, Charles Marsh of the home; her children, Robert "Bob" (Vickie) Rhyne of Clover, SC, Teresa (Dusty) Broome of Fort Mill, SC and Candice (Jeremy) Knight of Greensboro; her sister, Susan Groves of Gastonia; and her grandchildren.

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

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NC Cattle Industry Assessment Referendum Vote is Oct. 4

The North Carolina Cattlemen's Association (NCCA) has announced that the NC Cattle Industry Assessment Referendum vote will take place on October 4. The North Carolina Cattlemen's Association requested permission from the NC Board of Agriculture to conduct a referendum to continue the NC Cattle Industry Assessment. Permission was granted by the Board of Agriculture and arrangements have been made with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service to facilitate the voting. Anson County Cooperative Extension Office is located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro.

Bill Cameron, President of the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, said that the referendum will be to assess all cattle sold and marketed in North Carolina one dollar per head for the purposes of advancing the cattle industry in the state. The money collected will be used to fund the following five areas: youth programs, cattle research, education, promotion of North Carolina cattle and beef, and issues management. The North Carolina dairy industry will also benefit from the funds collected, as a portion of the income will be allocated to the same areas within the dairy sector.

The referendum would continue the original state assessment program, which was first established in 1957. The national beef checkoff assessment of one dollar per head will still be collected and will be used according to the guidelines set forth in federal law. According to Mr. Cameron, "The national beef checkoff does a tremendous job of promoting beef and the beef industry, returning \$5.50 per dollar invested; however, these funds cannot be used for many of the production and regulatory-oriented issues facing the industry today. The NC Cattle Industry Assessment Referendum would allow producers to continue to provide funds that would be controlled totally by the North Carolina beef and dairy producers to promote our product, our youth, our industry, and to provide research and advocacy to protect their way of life." Since the assessment was reinstated on January 1, 2010, research and education projects have been funded to deal with production issues facing North Carolina cattlemen in the areas of management, forage production, feed efficiency, and general input reductions. In addition, we have been able to provide additional services in issues management to help the public have a better understanding of our industry and training for farmers to help them reduce stress on both them and the cattle in their care. Youth programs have been a huge beneficiary of the investments from the assessment as we were able to support livestock schools, judging contests, Skip-A-Thon contests, leadership development, and the very popular Youth Beef Industry Tour, among many others.

Bryan Blinson, executive director of the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, states that, "The assessment will be for a period of six years with a recurring referendum if requested. Also, Mr. Blinson states that producers will be eligible for a full refund of their North Carolina assessment by request within 60 days of the sale of the animal with proof of sale. This is a provision that is not available in the national program due to federal law."

All cattle owners who are at least 18 years of age as of October 4, 2012, will be eligible to vote. Voting will take place at the North Carolina Cooperative Extension offices. All eligible voters must vote in their county. Absentee ballots may be obtained by contacting the North Carolina Cooperative Extension office in Anson County at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro.

For additional details on voting procedures or funding information, please contact Jessica Anderson, Anson County Agriculture Agent at 704-694-2415. Voting will take place at the Extension Office from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 4th.

People Fest Softball Tournament Sat.

In preparation for this year's People Fest that will be held on Saturday, October 13, Misty Harris and the People Fest Committee have announced that they are holding a People Fest Softball Tournament. The tournament will take place at the Field of Dreams on Saturday, September 29. Everyone is invited to come out to see the fun.

This tournament is for girls and guys. Guys hit opposite handed with a five homerun limit. Girls have unlimited homeruns. There will be a 200 foot fence. No Ultra I or II bats are allowed. There will also be a Home-run Derby for \$10.

There will be a prize for the winning team, and softball goodies for the volunteer umpires. The winning team will accept their prize at the People Fest celebration on October 13.

Notice of General Election for Anson County, North Carolina

The GENERAL ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. The polls will be open for voting on Election Day from 6:30am to 7:30pm.

Anson County Voters will select the following:

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

(President is NOT included in Straight Party voting and must be voted separately)

STRAIGHT PARTY (see instructions on ballot)
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 08

- GOVERNOR
- LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
- ATTORNEY GENERAL
- NC AUDITOR
- NC COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE
- NC COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
- NC COMMISSIONER OF LABOR
- NC SECRETARY OF STATE
- NC SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
- NC TREASURER
- NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 25
- NC STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 055
- COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS 1, 3, 6 & 7
- BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 1,3, 6, & 7 (County Commissioner and Board of Education will not appear on all ballots)
- REGISTER OF DEEDS

NON-PARTISAN OFFICES

- (not included in Straight Party voting)
- SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE (Newby)
- COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE (McGee)
- COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE (Bryant)
- COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE (Thigpen)
- DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 20A (Thacker)
- DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 20A (Wilson)
- SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

ANSON COUNTY POLLING PLACES:

- ANSONVILLE FIRE-RESCUE 9145 US HWY 52 N, ANSONVILLE
- BURNSVILLE FIRE-RESCUE 33 RESCUE RD, POLKTON
- GULLEDGE FIRE DEPT 34 CHEWNING RD, WADESBORO
- LILESVILLE FIRE DEPT 202 W WALL ST, LILESVILLE
- MORVEN-MCFARLAN FIRE DEPT 242 E MAIN ST, MORVEN
- PEACHLAND FIRE DEPT 35 E PASSAIC ST, PEACHLAND
- POLKTON FIRE DEPT 61 W POLK ST, POLKTON
- WADESBORO-1 SPCC LOCKHART TAYLOR-INGRAM RM 514 N WASHINGTON ST, WADESBORO
- WADESBORO 2-CHARLES RIDDLE STAFF DEV 305 WHITE STORE RD, WADESBORO
- WADESBORO 3-WADESBORO PRIMARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM 1542 US HWY 52 S, WADESBORO
- WHITE STORE-COMMUNITY BLDG 5672 UNION CHURCH RD, PEACHLAND

Buffer Zone Notice: All election day polling places and the One-stop voting location will have signs posted to indicate a 50 foot buffer zone where no electioneering will be allowed per NC GS 163-166.4(a).

Anson County residents may register to vote by mail or in person at the Board of Elections Office. The deadline to register to vote on Election Day is **5:00pm Friday, October 12, 2012**. If you are registered to vote in Anson County (and your name or address has not changed) you DO NOT need to register again to vote in this election.

Absentee by Mail voting is available upon request from the Voter, a near relative or legal guardian. Application may be made in person at the Anson County Board of Elections Office, or in writing to the Anson County Board of Elections at PO Box 768, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The deadline to apply for an Absentee by Mail ballot is 5:00pm, Tuesday, October 30, 2012

One-stop voting will begin on Thursday, October 18TH and ends on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at the Charles Riddle Center of The Anson County Board of Education – 320 Camden Road Wadesboro, North Carolina (**ENTER OFF CAMDEN ROAD ACROSS FROM THE WADESBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**). The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M., and on Saturday, October 27th 8:30 am – 1:00 pm, Sunday October 28th 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, and Saturday November 3rd 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. **In person registration (and voting) will be available during One-stop voting but not on Election Day.**

Absentee meetings: The Anson County Board of Elections will meet to approve applications for absentee ballots for the November 6, 2012 General Election at the Board of Elections office, 101 S. Greene Street Wadesboro, NC 28170 pursuant to G.S. 163.230.1(c1). Other business may be transacted by the board at this time. **TUESDAY OCTOBER 23RD AT 5:00 PM and TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6TH AT 2:00 PM.** Absentee by Mail ballots will be counted on **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6TH AT 2:00 PM.** Results for Absentee Mail and One-Stop voting will be reported after polls close at 7:30pm.

Canvass Day meeting will be held in the Board of Elections Office on Friday, November 16, 2012 at 11:00am.

Any questions about registration, absentee ballots, voting locations, or other election matters may be answered by calling the Board of Elections office at 704-994-3223 between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

James F. Paxton, Chairman
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