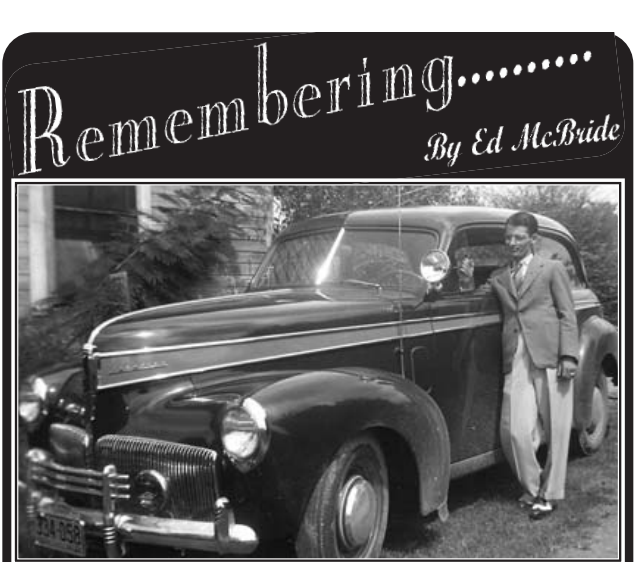


## Lewis and Margie Newton Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Lewis and Margie Newton of Peachland celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day, December 25th, 2012. They were married on Christmas Day 1952 at the bride's parent's home. Her parents were Augustus and Susie Griffin High. His parents were George and Alma Phifer Newton.

Lewis is retired from Tennessee-Carolina Transportation, Inc. Margie is a homemaker.

Celebrating with them were their three daughters, Peggy (Jamie) Little of Marshville, Cathy (Steve) Autry of Monroe and Sylvia Newton of Charlotte. The Newtons have three grandchildren and one great grandchild.



## A New Day to Remember

A new day "remembering" - all the wonderful people, all the new technology, buildings, homes, cars back this side of the old "A Model Ford" and even my "new 1941 Studebaker!"

I do, as so many of you, remember things like the stores back then - many not even having a cash register - and some grocery stores where you could not even buy a loaf of bread!!

Now - all the hard, many changes as we enter another new year. It is all hard to think of anything else the fantastic improvements all around us, whether it be food, clothing, shelter - and certainly all the medical and scientific explorations. Well, the list keeps growing: highways, homes, churches, businesses - you name it.

There have been many many changes and growth - even in my ninety years...and still moving on!

So, when we stop and have around, what a sight to see. I am thankful to be here and have good readers like you!

I trust that you and yours have a great year and years!! Ed



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## AMS - Where Great Things are Happening!

• Duke University Talent Identification Program for 7th Graders: Fifty-two seventh graders were invited to participate in the Duke University TIP Program. Students scoring at or above the 95th percentile on a recent grade-level test attended a presentation by Mrs. Georgia Maner, ACS Supervisor for Assessment, Advanced Learning and iTech on September 13th in the school's Media Center.

Duke TIP provides the opportunity for students to take either the ACT or SAT college entrance exams, which allows them greater insight into their abilities and also provides them with valuable benefits and resources. Students who test and receive high scores are honored for state recognition. For the last two years, Anson Middle School has had students who were recognized by North Carolina for their outstanding scores at a special awards ceremony.

North Carolina School of Science and Math Visits Anson Middle School

• On October 5th the Geometry students at Anson Middle School gained an early awareness about the educational opportunities offered on the campus of the NC School of Science and Math. Mrs. Mattie Gaddy-Parks, Admissions Counselor-Parent Ambassador Coordinator for NCSSM spoke with students about the curriculum and student activities in the school. NCSSM is the world's first public high school for juniors and seniors that provides a specialized curriculum in the areas of math, science and technology. Students apply for admission during their sophomore year in high school. If you are interested in learning about NCSSM, go to [www.ncssm.edu](http://www.ncssm.edu) for more information!

• 2012 - 13 Victor E. Bell, Jr. Scholarship Nomination: The Collegen Potential, Inc. (CFI) has established the Victor E. Bell, Jr. Scholarship program to encourage students with high academic potential, who may be in need of scholarship money to aid them with their aspiration to pursue a college education. Middle Schools throughout North Carolina were asked to nominate one seventh grader as a potential Bell Scholarship recipient. Individual awards are \$2,000 per year and are renewable.

From a review of the scholarship process, Adefe Price was recommended by the Bell Scholarship and received the nomination for Anson Middle School. Adefe is now eligible for further consideration for the Bell Scholarship, as a random drawing will reveal six recipients from each region as defined by NC telephone area codes.

We are proud of Adefe and we wish him luck in the drawing!

• iAnson - check us out! Exploring Career Decisions has started publishing episodes of iAnson Middle School. Check out the latest episode: <http://bit.ly/TPoZBg>.

• Toys for Tots: Our AMS family along with support from the J.O.Y. Club is participating in collecting toys for Toys for Tots. The campaign sprung from a conversation between Ms. Jaynes and Ms. Horne. Ms. Jaynes and Ms. Shay met with administration and set things in motion. The campaign runs through December 17th. We have gotten off to a great start collecting toys and have about a quarter of the box filled. The students are excited and looking forward to participating in this campaign to help those in need in our community. A few of my students plan to extend the activity and invite the people they know, such as family and church members, to donate toys and other items. Donations can range from board games, stuffed animals, and playing cards to make-up or cosmetics for the older girls.

• AMS National Junior Society: There are currently 34 members in the AMS chapter of the National Junior Honor Society - all of which are 8th graders. As stated in the bylaws, prospects must attend AMS for 1 complete semester before becoming eligible for induction. Grades will be monitored from hence forth and at the end of the 2nd nine weeks students meeting all requirements will receive an invitation to be a part of this prestigious organization.



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## Registration Underway for SPCC Massage Therapy Classes

Registration is underway for two Massage Therapy classes that will begin in February at South Piedmont Community College. A six-month course that begins Feb. 4 and ends July 23 will be taught from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. A yearlong course that begins Feb. 5 and ends Dec. 19, 2013, will be taught from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The 500-plus-hour course, which will be taught on the Old Charlotte Highway Campus in Monroe, provides all the skills and competencies needed to sit for the national accreditation exam and begin a career in massage.

Cost for either course is \$1,099, which covers uniform/holster, lotions, school books and materials. Payment is due at time of registration.

Prerequisites, which must be met by Jan. 25, are college-level English or a 10th-grade reading level on the TABE test; attendance at an Introduction to Massage Therapy class on Jan. 25; an interview with the Massage Therapy program director; completion of a student medical form for massage therapy; and payment of tuition.

To schedule an interview with the program director, contact Mary Berger at 704-290-5865.

To register and pay for the class, go to [www.spcc.edu](http://www.spcc.edu) and scroll down to "Massage Therapy" under Corporate and Continuing Education.

