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Obituaries

Mr. Charles Horace "Charlie" Brown

Mr. Charles Horace "Charlie" Brown, 58, died Friday, March 16, 2012, at Stanly Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at Eastview Cemetery with Rev. Jimmy Knotts officiating.

Charlie was born in Anson County on October 2, 1953, a son of the late Horace

Brice and Mattie Elizabeth Threadgill Brown. He was an employee of Coffing Hoists. He was a veteran of the United States Army. Charlie was known for his outgoing personality, having never met a stranger.

A dedicated family man, he is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Darnel Phelps Brown of the home; his children, Stephanie Dutton (Lagrand) of Lilesville and Mitchell Brown (Renee) of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Kelsey Brown, Kaitlyn "Katie Beth" Brown, Kenneth Brown, John Caleb "JC" Dutton and Laurin "Jessie" Dutton; and

his two brothers, Bobby Brown (Cindy) of Wadesboro and Johnny Brown (Jane) of Polkton.

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

Mr. James D. "Jimmy" Liles

Mr. James D. "Jimmy" Liles, 87, died Wednesday, March 14, 2012, in Hospice House of Union County.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 17,

2012, in Gum Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Steve Hill officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Jimmy was born in Anson County on September 20, 1924, a son of the late Eli Benford and Sallie Usrey Liles. He was retired from Clark Equipment Company. He was a longtime member of Gum Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Ben (Wanda Brooks) Liles of Polkton, and Dan (Debbie) Liles of Monroe; five grandchildren, Elisha Liles, Brandy (Nick) Gaddy, Jamie (Danielle) Liles, Josh Gregory

and Anna Liles; four great-grandchildren, Catalina, Benjamin, Caleb and Lily; and a brother, William H. "Bill" (Ann) Liles of Chesterfield.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110 or to Gum Springs Baptist Church, c/o Sarah Harrington, 1364 Haileys Ferry Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091.

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

Horse Expo at Churchill Stables in Midland this Saturday

In a release from the USERL: The US Equine Rescue League (USERL), a non-profit organization dedicated to the compassionate care of equines has partnered with Churchill Stables to bring a one day Horse Expo to the area. This is a rare opportunity to meet the beautiful Holsteiner horses bred and raised at Churchill Stables. Anna Lisa Lee, of Churchill Stables, has trained and ridden with Olympic Show Jumper Pablo Barios, Grand Prix winner Aaron Vale, winning equitation trainer Don Stewart, and hunter trainer Jack Towell. Miss Lee will be showcasing some of her Holsteiners at this event.

The event will take place this Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Churchill Stables are located at 45 Winding Trail Lane in Midland, NC.

The USERL takes in abused, neglected, and abandoned equines; provide them with care and rehabilitation; and finds them compatible, loving homes. The number one goal of the USERL is to educate horse owners so that horses never end up in need of rescue.

Admission is Free. The gates open at 9 a.m. and you will want to plan to stay for the day so you can hear all of the following speakers: McCoy's Animal Supply and Nutrena will provide information on horse nutrition; from basic nutrition to specialized diets for feeding performance horses. Dr. Smokey Puckett from Greenock Veterinary Clinic will do a presentation on "Knowing Your Horses Vital Signs" and "When to Call the Vet". Mike Scott "The Saddle Guy" will come from Camden, SC to do a demo on proper saddle fit. Diane Francisco, a certified equine massage therapist, will do a demonstration on equine massage and talk about the benefits for your horse. Danielle Minerva with Young Living Essential Oils will do a demonstration using the "Raindrop Technique" on horses. Shelby Friml with Specialized Saddles will give a demonstration using "Equimapping", a special pressure mapping pad that is a professional medical scanning system that shows exactly HOW your saddle fits, how much pressure is applied and where it is applied.

Riding lessons will be offered throughout the day on Amerika, the first interactive riding simulator of her kind in the Southeast! Amerika is a unique tool that can be used to help riders identify and consequently fix poor riding habits. Rebuild lost confidence in complete safety! Regain lost riding muscle due to injury or inclement weather; Practice indefinitely at whatever pace you wish. She is guaranteed not to get tired or irritable. A 3- 5 minute ride is \$10; a 15 minute ride is \$35; and a 40 minute ride for \$65. Amerika is a dressage simulator and wears a very well balanced dressage saddle. She is used to improve position for all riding disciplines including reining and jumping. She is very comfortable to ride as she is built uphill and balanced.

There will be USERL rescue horses available for adoption at this event. There will also be a silent auction to benefit the rescue horses. There are many, nice items available in the silent auction and 100% of the proceeds go toward helping the rescue horses here in the Central Piedmont Region of NC. The USERL Central Piedmont Region serves eleven (11) counties surrounding Charlotte, NC (Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, and Union). For more information on USERL visit the national website at www.userl.org or the Regional website at www.userl-nccp.org.

Concessions will be available on site. For more information contact Deb Carl 704-651-1831 or dbcaryl@bellsouth.net.

Thanks to All for a Successful Clover Crawl

In a release from Roshunda Blount, 4-H Agent: Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise would like to express our gratefulness to each and every one who helped make our Clover Crawl a success. Supporters, Volunteer Leaders, parents, schools, industries, businesses and most of all the staff went the extra mile to support our cause. Because of everyone involved, we were a great success again this year.

We surpassed our goal of \$15,000, and to say the least we were ecstatic. Thank you so much for your help in making this happen. It makes our job much easier to know that we have such hardworking individuals around to support the program to help make it successful. All of you are amazing individuals and Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise is very fortunate to have supporters like you behind us.

Letters were sent out to individuals who supported the Clover Crawl. We are truly grateful to have each and every one of you standing in our corner. With your help and continued support Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise will grow to new heights.

If you would like to see changes or give comments about the Clover Crawl please feel free to contact us at 704-694-2915. We would love to hear from you.

Go ahead and mark your calendars for our 2013 Clover Crawl, which will be Friday, March 15, 2013. We hope to see each of you there!

Don't Keep Your Heap!

In a release from Cars4Charities: The economy is showing signs of recovery even with the rising cost of gas. Many people who held on to their car during the recession are now looking to replace it with a more fuel efficient one.

If you are one of those people, you have to figure out what to do with your car. If your vehicle does not get good gas mileage, has a lot of miles, is more than 5 years old or is not in good condition, the dealership won't offer you much for it as a trade in. They won't want it because there is no demand for it. It will be difficult to sell it privately for the same reason.

One alternative is to sell it for a couple of hundred dollars to a junk yard. A better alternative is to donate your car to charity. Cars4Charities will gladly take your old car, no matter what shape it is in. In return for your generosity, you will get a tax deduction of \$500 or more. They have hundreds of charities that can be helped by your car donation. For details, please go to www.cars4charities.org or call 866-448-3487.

It's Tax Season! Do You Know all the Tax Credits that Might Benefit You?

Many small businesses don't realize that President Obama has already signed into law 17 small business tax cuts or that the President has proposed an additional five small business tax cuts in his budget for 2013. These tax cuts are available to all types of small businesses, from main street shops to high growth startups and everything in between.

President Obama knows that the story of America's success has been written by our entrepreneurs and small business owners, and that's why he is doing everything he can to make sure small businesses have the tools they need to create an economy built to last.

How can your business benefit this year in tax breaks?

- Are you an investor in a small business? Some capital gains have been fully eliminated on certain small business stock, which provides an incentive for financiers to invest in qualified small business. Capital gains on investments held more than 5 years in qualified small businesses are 100% exempt for the 2012 tax year.
- Are you a start-up? Start-up entrepreneurs can deduct \$5,000 for start-up expenditures, and the President is working to double this deduction in his budget for 2013.
- Are you a small business owner that has purchased new equipment? If you have bought new equipment, you can write-off a larger portion of the cost of that new equipment this year rather than depreciating the cost over time. The President has raised the maximum amount a small business can expense on new equipment to \$560,000 in 2012, up from \$250,000 in 2009. President Obama also signed legislation which allows businesses to write-off the cost of their equipment purchases more quickly by allowing up to 50% bonus depreciation in the first year of an investment.
- Are you a small business owner that provides health care to your employees or to yourself? Tax credits are available for starting or continuing to provide health insurance coverage for your employees, and this applies even if you are self-employed.
- Have you been in business for up to 5 years? You may "carry back" your business credit up to five years to offset taxes and assist in difficult economic times. Businesses can apply their 2011 credits to previous tax payments going back to 2006.
- Are you a small business owner that uses a cell phone? Starting in 2010, the process for deducting the cost of your cell phone and monthly bills was vastly simplified.

As you can see, there are a lot of tax cuts that small businesses can benefit from this year, but small businesses stand to gain even more from a number of recent proposals that President Obama has put forward. President Obama proposed several additional tax cuts for small businesses in his 2013 budget, including:

- Permanently eliminating taxes on capital gains in key investments
- 10% income tax credit on aggregate wages in 2012 in excess of those in 2011
- Permanently doubling the amount of start-up expenses entrepreneurs can deduct from their taxes to \$10,000
- Expanding the healthcare tax credit to small businesses with up to 50 employees
- Eliminating complicated depreciation schedules for most small businesses and simplifying tax returns by streamlining the home office deductions

President Obama has also announced a framework for reducing and simplifying the U.S. tax system to enhance American competitiveness. This includes lowering the corporate tax rate from 35% to 28%, and reforming the tax code to make tax filing simpler for small businesses and entrepreneurs so that they can focus on growing their businesses rather than filling out tax returns.

Please be sure to stay tuned to what the SBA is doing to assist small business, helping them start, grow and creating an economy built to last. Follow us on Twitter #SBASoutheast and on Face Book, SBA Southeast or contact one of the SBA's District Offices located in every state by visiting www.sba.gov.

Free Movie is Secretariat

A free movie, *Secretariat*, will be shown in the Little Theatre at the Hampton B. Allen Library at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 26. This is a Disney movie based on a true story. It stars Diane Lane and John Malkovich. Please make plans to attend and bring a friend.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call the library at 704-694-5177.

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Parks and Rec Registrations

Registration runs through March 28 for Parks and Recreation Micro Soccer (3 & 4 years old), Youth Soccer (K to 12th grade), Tee Ball (4 to 6 years old), and Coach Pitch (7 to 10 years old). The cost is \$25 for each program.

You may come to Little Park to register Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. or come to area schools on these dates:

- Monday, March 26, 3 to 5 p.m. at Wadesboro Elementary School Gym and Wadesboro Primary School
- Tuesday, March 27, 3 to 5 p.m. at Peachland and Ansonville Elementary Schools
- Wednesday, March 28, 3 to 5 p.m. at Lilesville Elementary School Baseball Field and Morven Elementary School

The deadline to register is Wednesday, March 28. For information contact Wanda Chappell at 704-694-5868 or Wendell Small at 704 694-5751.

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