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Anson 4-H'ers Place in District Competition

Anson County 4-H'ers brought home top honors from district competition at their annual South Central District Activity Day. Over 500 youth and adults attended the event held at Hoke County High School in Raeford, NC. Below are the District level winning presentations won by Anson County 4-H'ers.

- District Gold winner was Keyshawn Tillman- Fruit and Vegetable Use, age category 11-13.
- Na'La Brown, Health and Fitness, age category 14-18. District Science Fair participant winners were
- Quenton Cromartie - Gold age 11-13.
- Cameron Tillman Silver age 11-13.

Keyshawn will go on and compete at state competitions in Raleigh on July 16th. Congratulations to all on a job well done!

Others in attendance from the county were 4-H'er Katherine Brown; 4-H Volunteer Leaders Betty Garris and Carrissima Martin; and parents/relatives Terrance and Natona Brown, Earlene Tillman and Tyrone and Kathy Ingram.

The Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and state and local governments conducts 4-H Programs. 4-H programs focus on the development of life skills for youth. Programs are offered to all youth regardless of sex, race, religion, national origin, or disability.

Pictured are, front: Keyshawn and Cameron Tillman. Back row Na'La Brown, Katherine Brown and Quenton Cromartie.

Letter to the Editor Reflections on Aaron Huneycutt

Dear Editor,
Always a "Daddy's Girl," I went everywhere with him, but my most fond memories were trips to the barber shop in Polkton. Aaron Huneycutt was bigger than life - tall, handsome, always dressed professionally with a necktie, he was my first crush. Back in the day, candy and bubble gum were a treat, but Huneycutt always had something special for me. I especially enjoyed seeing Richard Thomas shine shoes and longed for the day that I could make enough money to have my shoes professionally shined. Each trip was an adventure, something that I looked forward to as much as today's child would look forward to Disney World.

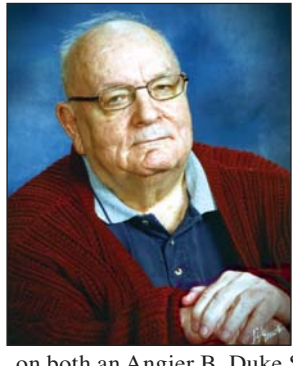
Years pass and I became a preteen and developed my second crush on my next door neighbor, Lane Tucker, who was the most handsome soldier I had ever seen. Very ironic that years later Lane became Huneycutt's son-in-law.

More years pass and Buck Edwards closed his barber shop in Fountain Hill, and my future husband Tommy Alexander choose as his new barber Aaron Huneycutt. After Daddy stopped driving he and Tommy would travel together. This became a special time for them, as they discussed world events, politics, and how Frank Griffin's crops were coming along. This, much like my childhood adventures, became a time that Daddy, who was in his 90's, looked forward to. Huneycutt always welcomed him a firm handshake and a smile. Daddy looked forward to telling me how Huneycutt was doing and who all he got to visit with while waiting for Tommy to get his haircut.

More years pass and its June 1, 2016. There stood Huneycutt, tall, handsome, professionally dressed with a necktie, celebrating not only his retirement but his 87th birthday. Frank Griffin and others from that great generation were there to wish him well. As I shared the events with my co-worker Mike Preslar who grew up behind the barber shop, he had the same wonderful memories of "Huney-bee" that I have.

Aaron Huneycutt may have thought his life was that of a humble barber, but he was much more than that. He served as a fine example of a Christian man, husband, father, friend to all he served. And today as in the 60's he is bigger than life to me.

Wishing him health and peace as he enters his retirement years!
Polly Floyd Alexander



Frederick O'Neil Jones

Frederick O'Neil Jones, better known to all as Neil Jones, passed away on Saturday, June 4, 2016, at Union County Hospice with his loving family at his bedside. He is survived by son Matt Jones of Wadesboro; daughter Holly Jones of Asheville; son-in-law Bob Falls of Asheville; and granddaughter Gabriela Jones of Asheville. Also surviving are former spouses, Diana Burge of Asheboro and Linda Jones of Wadesboro, who both remained Neil's friends and confidantes until his death. He also leaves behind four dear stepchildren, Paige Taylor of Raleigh, Ellen Huntley of Norwood, John Dossier of Charlotte and Katherine Hoover of Raleigh.

Neil, the son of Jake and Margaret Jones, was born July 23, 1936. He grew up in Charlotte and graduated from Central High School. He attended Duke University on both an Angier B. Duke Scholarship and NROTC scholarship, graduating in 1958. Upon graduation, he entered the US Navy serving 1958-1961 as a Lieutenant. He then temporarily shirked his Blue Devil ways and attended UNC-Chapel Hill law school as a Van Hecke Scholar, graduating in 1964.

Neil and his family moved to Wadesboro in 1964 where he began practicing law with respected attorney and statesman Pat Taylor. Upon arriving in Anson County, he quickly found his true home. There was no greater advocate for Anson County than Neil Jones. He was involved in many civic projects over his 52 years of residence. A sampling of his service includes serving as WadesboroTown Attorney from 1968-1973, County Commissioner from 2002-2006 and Sandhills Mental Health Board member 2007-2012. He was proud to be a resident in the oldest home in Anson County that dated before the Civil War. In his last days he spoke about wanting his county to "do things right" and made sure he got the latest Anson County Recreation shirt delivered to him at the Ambassador.

Keenly interested in politics, he was a life-long Democrat although he collected a lot of Republican friends along the way. He served in the North Carolina State Senate from 1970-1972. His proudest accomplishment as a State Senator was spearheading the effort to develop the North Carolina Emergency Medical Care System, which he championed into creation and was Chair of the Emergency Medical Care Commission from 1974-1980. His final political accomplishment came as a staunch advocate for his daughter Holly Jones' candidacy for Lt Governor. He was extremely proud that Holly won Anson County in the March Democratic primary.

Neil had a long history of dealing with substance abuse. For decades he tried to use his addiction to help others find sobriety. He cherished his AA community, knowing that these friends were among his most intimate and devoted. As Chairman of the Substance Abuse Commission for the NC Department of Corrections (1986-1992), he was the champion for the creation of the DART program (Drug Alcohol Rehabilitation Treatment), which continues to this day.

Many will remember him as a boisterous story-teller, and indeed he saw this as his greatest God-given capacity. He enjoyed participating in plays and especially playing Winston Churchill, but he did not need a stage to engage an audience.

He also loved reading, especially histories concerning the Revolutionary War and Civil War. Recently he worked with others to establish historical markers for a forgotten Civil War battlefield in Anson County. Up until his illness, he was contributing to an article for the NC Historical Review about this discovery. Among his other passions were sports, with a special devotion to the Atlanta Braves, Washington Redskins, Duke Blue Devils and UNC Tarheels. He also loved classical music and was listening to Chopin at the time of his passing.

Neil Jones was a lifelong fighter for those without resources and he worked hard to build relationships across race and class. He was a long-time member and past Sunday School teacher at First Presbyterian Church, Wadesboro, where his memorial service is planned for Monday, June 27, 2016, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Anson County Council on Alcoholism, 2177 Country Club Rd, Wadesboro, NC 28170, to sponsor individuals seeking rehabilitation. The greatest contribution that can be offered to the family are stories about their dad. They can be sent to Dhjnwc@gmail.com The ultimate tribute to the ultimate storyteller of Anson County.



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Pictured above, from left are, front: Kelly Gaddy, Business Office Manager; Donna Carter, Director of Nursing; Janette Horne, Unit Manager; Marie Lindsey, Housekeeping Director. Back: Leanna Lee, Admissions Director; Susan Steagall, Social Services Director; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Director of Nursing; Brittany Gaddy, Assistant Activities Director; Richard Ellickson, Administrator

AMBASSADOR HEALTH & REHAB OF WADESBORO TAKES ON NEW NAME AS AMBASSADOR REHABILITATION AND HEALTHCARE CENTER!

Ambassador Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center is eager to announce its name change and unveil its new logo and tagline which is 'A New Approach to Care.' Our new identity clearly defines our center and the organization as a whole. It has been a busy and exciting time while undergoing a rebranding process at our center and company-wide at Orianna Health Systems, formerly known as Covenant Dove. We appreciate your continued confidence and support in the organization.

The decision to rebrand is rooted in our understanding that in this day and age where it has become increasingly difficult to receive a personalized level of care, Orianna Health Systems is committed to a holistic, patient-focused care model that aims to surpass our patients' needs and expectations with empathy, compassion, dignity and integrity. We strive to be the provider of choice, and the employer of choice, for today and into the future, attracting and retaining the best and brightest for an even better tomorrow.

The rebranding efforts shape many enhancements we will be working towards in the coming months. As we continue to evolve, we remain committed to the company's guiding principle: provide the highest level of quality and compassionate care. During this exciting time, you will see our center infuse this message into signage, communications and marketing efforts. Another result of our rebrand will be to overhaul our website and informational pieces to meet the specific needs of our customers while communicating our new identity.

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