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Mrs. Frances Taylor Bowman

Mrs. Frances Taylor Bowman, 85, died Friday,

July 8, 2016, at her home in Lilesville.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, July 10, 2016, at Lilesville United Methodist Church with Rev. Kaye Fry officiating. Interment follow in Anson Memorial Park.

Frances was born November 16, 1930, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Samuel Jones Taylor and Virginia Mills Helms Taylor. She was a graduate of Burnsville High School, and worked many years in the garment manufacturing business before her retirement. Following her retirement she worked a couple of years with Dollar General. She was a life-long member of Lilesville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her granddaughters, Jamie (Matt)

Power of Wadesboro and Jodi Lynn Bowman of Polkton; her great-grandchildren, Asher Powell and Khloie Jones; her siblings, Jerry (Susie) Taylor of Peachland, James (Helen) Taylor of Polkton, Flossie Vaughn of Dunn, NC and George Taylor of Peachland.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Charles King Bowman, her son Charles King Bowman, II, and her sister Rachel Broome.

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the in-home caregivers, Katie Winfree, Amber Winfree, Lisa Thomas, Michele Simmons, Melissa Crotts, Regina Coward and to Hospice of Richmond

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Richmond County, 1119 US Hwy 1 North, Rockingham, NC 28380 or Lilesville United Methodist Church, PO Box 452, Lilesville, NC 28091.

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

Mr. Johnnie Otis Short

Mr. Johnnie Otis Short, 56, departed his life July 1, 2016, at Hospice of Union County in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 7, 2016, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Henry

Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in Lilesville.

Otis was born March 23, 1960, in Thomasville, NC to the late James and Fannie L. Short. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother Ronnie Short.

Otis attended Bowman High School, and later attended Job Corps for a short period of time. He worked many years for Ricky Gatewood and enjoyed mechanic work

Otis leaves to cherish his memories two brothers, James (Juanita) Short of Lilesville and Willie (Beatrice) Short of Marshville; three sisters, Teresa Short and fiancé Timmy Harris of Wadesboro, Phyllis (Bruce) Betsill of Spartanburg, SC

and Fannie (Dee) Crump of the home; nine nieces, Ashley, Tay, Trena, Kandice, Stephanie, Rose, Farrah, Levenia and Tameka; five nephews, Marcus, Stacy, Jarvis, Kris, and Jeremy; nine aunts; two uncles; and a host of cousins and friends.

The family of Johnnie Otis Short would like to express their sincere appreciation for the many kind acts of sympathy shared with them during their time of bereavement. You showed so much love that can never be forgotten. You helped lift a burden and for that we say thank you. A special thank you to Linda Hough for your willingness to take on such a task, to you we say thank you.

Anson Students Named to Wingate University President's List

The following Anson County students were named to the Wingate University President's List for the 2016 spring semester:

- Breyanna Baker, Wadesboro
- Kari Griggs, Peachland
- Gennifer Jones, Wadesboro

The President's List at Wingate University comprises undergraduate students who earned a grade point average during the semester of at least a 3.80 with no grade below a C in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Wingate University, consistently ranked as a top-10 "best value" in the South by U.S. News & World Report, serves more than 3,100 students on three campuses in Wingate, Charlotte and Hendersonville, N.C. Founded in 1896, the University offers 34 undergraduate majors, 34 minors and career concentrations, and nine pre-professional programs; master's degrees in accounting, business, education, sport management and physician assistant studies; and doctorates in education, pharmacy and physical therapy. With a 15-to-1 student/teacher ratio, Wingate students gain the tools and support needed to excel in academics and apply that learning toward an extraordinary career and life.

Energy Efficiency Improvement Potential High in Rural Communities and Farms

USDA-funded energy assessments provide assistance

The NC Clean Energy Technology Center (NCCETC) at North Carolina State University announced its award of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Energy for America Program, or REAP award of \$49,787 to facilitate up to 14 energy efficiency audits over the next two years.

According to a white paper written by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, 'farmers have many expenses, including chemicals like fertilizers and pesticides, farm labor, and seed, as well as energy expenses like lighting and diesel fuel for farm equipment.' By applying energy efficiency improvements, farmers, including all agricultural producers and rural businesses alike, may increase their potential for profits.

Energy efficiency improvements are traditionally one of the most effective means to reduce costs and potential impacts to the environment. The USDA REAP program makes experts accessible to agricultural producers as well as rural areas that often see higher costs in fixed expenses like utility bills and shipping costs.

The NC Clean Energy Technology Center is currently accepting applications from agricultural producers and rural small businesses across the state, interested in increasing their energy efficiency and reducing costs through improvements. Experts from the Center will do an on-site audit to determine how energy is currently being used and prepare a report detailing the most cost effective upgrades. Applicants are asked to provide 25 percent of the cost of the audit. Funding for projects, including loans, may also be available through the USDA REAP program for implementation. An online application and program information are available. Visit www.rd.usda.gov.

About REAP: Since 2008, the Rural Energy for America Program, has provided almost \$300 million in grants and guaranteed \$228 million in loan capital for energy efficiency and renewable energy development in rural areas. Farmers and rural businesses have used REAP funding to replace irrigation motors and grain dryers, install solar panels, purchase and install wind turbines, and make energy efficiency upgrades. The program helps increase American energy independence by increasing the private sector supply of renewable energy and decreasing the demand for energy through energy efficiency improvements. Over time, these investments can also help lower energy costs for small businesses and agricultural producers.

About the NC Clean Energy Technology Center: The N.C. Clean Energy Technology Center, as part of the College of Engineering at North Carolina State University, advances a sustainable energy economy by educating, demonstrating and providing support for clean energy technologies, practices and policies. It serves as a resource for innovative, green energy technologies through technology demonstration, technical assistance, outreach and training. For more information about the N.C. Clean Energy Technology Center, visit www.nccleantech.ncsu.edu. Twitter: @NCCleanTech.

Basic Oil Painting Class - Winter Moonlight

The Cheraw Arts Commission is offering a Basic Oil Painting class in July. Participants will paint an 8 x 10 depiction of a night scene with moonlight- Winter Moonlight. Beth Maier will provide instruction on Tuesday, July 26 at the Cheraw Community Center, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class is suitable for beginner or intermediate painters - teens & adults.

The \$25 registration fee includes all supplies. Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843-537-8420 ext 12 to register and for additional information.

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center Offers Computer Skills Classes for Adults

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center offers computer skills classes for adults. Classes are tailored for beginners or intermediate students.

If you are interested please contact BRLC to register. They are located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. The telephone number is 704-826-8737.

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