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Mr. Glenn Lee Godwin

Mr. Glenn Lee Godwin, 81, went home to be with his Lord on Monday, December 5, 2011, at Anson Community Hospital.

Obituaries

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011, at New Home Baptist Church with Dr. Tommy Ross and Dr. Robert Wensil officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

The family will greet friends Wednesday evening from 5 until 8 p.m. at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro and other times at the home.

Glenn was born August 26, 1930, in Union County, a son of the late Broadus Franklin and Eula Vivian Helms Godwin. He worked with Gaye Chevrolet in Marshville for 26 years, starting out as a mechanic and ultimately working in auto body repair. In 1991 he opened his own business, Godwin's Body Shop,

retiring later in 2001. He was a faithful member of New Home Baptist Church and was active and supportive of the ministries of the church, and especially the brotherhood. Glenn was a loving husband, father, Papa and Poppy. His greatest joys came when all of his family was gathered in the home with him and Doris. He could be experiencing a bad day and when his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren showed up, the day miraculously became much better. Spending time gardening and riding his tractor also brought him great pleasure. He certainly was a devoted family man.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Doris Purser Godwin of the home; his children, Johnnie (Lynn) Edwards of Peachland, Glenda (Mark) Hammonds and Doug (Melanie) Godwin,

both of Polkton; his grandchildren, Ritchie (Donna) Edwards of Monroe, Kirk (Kimberly) Edwards, Anna Hammonds and Zachary Wallace, all of Polkton, Mark (Holly) Hammonds of Wadesboro and Caroline (Avery) Harrington of Morven; his great-grandchildren, Racheal, Katherine, Luke, Madelyn, Brady, Jon, Brooke, Olivia, Emily, A.J., Reece and Lily; and his sister, Wanda Carpenter of Peachland.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Linus Godwin.

Memorials may be made to New Home Baptist Church, 1617 New Home Church Rd., Peachland, NC 28133.

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

NCREN Could Have Significant Impact on Anson County

Right now, the only physical signs of what's coming are four orange-ribboned stakes behind the chapel on South Piedmont Community College's L.L. Polk Campus and the daily sightings of crews burying cable along U.S. 74. The impact on SPCC and Anson County, however, could be significant.

The cable that's being buried along U.S. 74 is fiber-optic cable that will extend from Charlotte to Wilmington as the South Central corridor for the North Carolina Research and Education Network, or NCREN. SPCC has granted an easement to MCNC (nonprofit Microelectronics Center of North Carolina, which operates NCREN) to have a hut placed on campus to serve as the hub for the network in Anson County.

According to www.mcnc.org, NCREN "connects teachers, students and partners to collaborate, discover, create, share and apply knowledge. The fiber-optic infrastructure provides Internet, video, audio, data and computing network services to all 16 of North Carolina's public institutions that grant baccalaureate degrees, as well as the N.C. School of Science and Math. In addition, constituents include Duke University, Wake Forest University and most of the state's private universities and colleges, state government, regional community networking initiatives such as WinstonNet and ERC Broadband, and many of the state's medical and research institutions. NCREN also provides access to national and international research networks, including Internet2 and the National LambdaRail, enabling global research and collaboration."

For SPCC, it will also mean faster Internet service on the L.L. Polk Campus. "Right now, we have 100 megabytes worth of bandwidth to the street," Vice President of Information Services Ernest Simons said. "That will grow to 100 gigabytes (102,400 megabytes) out to the street."

Also right now, all transactions on the Internet from the L.L. Polk Campus or Lockhart-Taylor Center travel through a server on the Old Charlotte Highway Campus in Monroe. This network will eliminate the need for that setup, which alone will save the college \$4,000 to \$8,000 a month, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services John DeVitto said.

"It's going to make it faster to do things here," DeVitto said. "Once it's up and running, you're not going to see (the Internet) be slow anymore. It fits in with the infrastructure we're doing with Wi-Fi hot spots and such. We have added a lot more hot spots around campus - all three locations - and once we get the system hooked up, it will be even faster using the Wi-Fi. Any way we want to get out, whether it's through desktop or laptop or you want to get out through your iPad or whatever, it gives us a lot more ways to move data. And transmissions will be much faster."

When MCNC was applying for federal grants, it approached the N.C. Community College System to see if anyone was interested in hosting, DeVitto said. SPCC was among the first to get its application in. "Part of their grant process was to show they were getting all these easements as matching funds," Simons said. "It won't cost us anything. This access is what we get in return for the easement."

The hut that will go behind the chapel will be a prefabricated concrete structure measuring 20 feet by 40 feet. MCNC employees will be the only ones who have access to it, DeVitto said.

The hut will serve as a hub for MCNC service for Anson County residents who want to hook into the network. This is part of MCNC's mission to bring high-speed Internet service to underserved rural areas throughout the state.

"The big boys will not bring real high-speed connections into a community where they cannot make a profit," Simons said. "They're trying to close this technology divide out in the rural areas. With the increase we've had in online courses over the last few years, students cannot take advantage of what we offer online because in rural communities they don't have access to the Internet. That's why we went to a satellite connection on the Career Cruiser, because we could not rely on Internet access out in the county."

Neither DeVitto nor Simons is sure when the hut will arrive or when the college will be online on the network. An interactive map on the MCNC website predicts a completion date of the 182.8-mile South Central corridor sometime from April to July 2012.

Originally, crews contracted by MCNC started in the mountains and in Wilmington and started working toward the middle of the state. Since then, more crews have been hired and are working some of the middle sections, DeVitto said. The work is being funded by economic stimulus money from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BIOP), part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009.

"You won't see much until it really gets operational," DeVitto said. "Once it gets operational, you're going to see a faster, speedy delivery on your data and especially Internet transmissions."

For more information about MCNC and NCREN, visit www.mcnc.org.

Do You Need a Coat?

The Faith-Based Center of Hope has begun their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program. They have distributed coats to several of the churches and schools in Anson County.

To donate coats or to request a coat, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412 or Ester Lindsey at 704-848-8452.

New Beginnings Christmas Party

The New Beginnings cancer support group will hold a Christmas party in Anson Community Hospital's sunroom on Monday, December 19 at 6 p.m. (use the back entrance). Guests are asked to bring finger foods and a \$5 gift suitable for a man or woman.

COUNTY TAX REMINDER

Anson County property taxes are due now. Delinquency, interest and fees for the 2011 tax year will begin January 5th, 2012. To ensure against any added expense, please pay your property taxes before the above date.

For those who itemize income tax and use county taxes paid as a deduction, please note that payments must be received by December 30, 2011.

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