

Obituaries

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Mr. Benjamin Michael "Mikey" Tyson

On Saturday, December 9, 2023, Mr. Benjamin Michael "Mikey" Tyson, 73, passed away peacefully at his home.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Ricky Marsh officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park with military honors.

The family greeted friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Wednesday.

Mikey was born September 21, 1950, in Anson County, and was a son of Benjamin Leak Tyson and Betty Lou Horne Tyson. He was a 1968 graduate of Bowman High School. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having served during the Vietnam War.

Mikey worked for a number of years with Dick Brooks Honda in Albemarle and later owned and operated Tyson's Used Cars in Norwood.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Jessica Gales Tyson; his children, Eric Raymond Tyson (Jean) of Mint Hill, Ashley Louise Tyson (Kenneth) of Albemarle, Ashley Nicole Ellington (Brandon) of Wilmington and Lauren Alyssa Mankin of Calabash; his grandchildren, Trace, Vincent, Tate, Sebastian and Cheyenne; his parents, Ben and Betty Tyson of Wadesboro; his sisters, Teresa Ray (Rodney) of Wadesboro and Melanie Phillips (Billy Ray) of Burnsville; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

Mikey enjoyed fishing and collecting coins. He also enjoyed time spent at Lake Tillery and at the beach. He found much happiness just being on the water.

He will be remembered for being a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend. A very charming, kind and generous man, he was also proud to have served in the United States Marines.

Mikey was preceded in death by a son, Michael Shane Tyson, his brother Derwin Tyson; his paternal grandparents, Caudle and Irene Tyson and his maternal grandparents, Hamp and Anna Dabbs with whom he shared a special relationship.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to the local veteran's organization of the donor's choice.

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

Holiday Shopping Tips from Anson County Sheriff Scott Howell

Shopping in stores Taking advantage of the holiday sales is a great way to find good deals, but remember the bad guys are looking for ways to take advantage of the shopping frenzy that happens this time of year. When out shopping don't let your wallet or purse be an easy target for theft. Keep it close to your body to make it more difficult for thieves to steal. Remember, back pockets are very easy targets for pick pockets. Also, carry only one credit or debit card to use on your shopping trip. If a thief strikes you will only have to cancel one card. This minimizes the opportunity for fraud. If paying cash only take it out when the cashier asks for payment and avoid "flaunting" cash for others to see.

Finally, always be aware of your surroundings, and especially stay alert while you are in or around your vehicle. Always lock your vehicle. Never leave anything out in the open in case thieves are doing their "window shopping" in the parking lot! Only park in well lit areas. Be sure to look around your vehicle before approaching it.

Online shopping Different dangers lurk for online shoppers. Only shop on websites that start with "https" not just "http" to help ensure your payment information is not compromised. Never give your bank account information online. Use a credit card so the card issuer can help you if fraud happens. Connect safely and shop only through a trusted wi-fi connection. Don't let scammers and thieves steal your holiday cheer. Keep in mind a few simple tips that can keep you, your valuables, and your bank account safe, no matter how you choose to shop this holiday season. *By Sheriff Scott Howell*

Anson Schools Sports Update

AHS

Anson High School Boys Varsity Basketball

• Tuesday, December 5 - **AHS lost to North Stanly 93-75.**

Leading players: Jayden Little 35 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 5 steals; Nyzir Harrington 8 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals; Emmanuel Sturdivant 11 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals; Jaqualin Liles 7 points, 6 rebounds.

Tough game as we did not get enough defensive stops and got beat in defensive transition. We know we can score, it is just about a commitment to playing defense.

• Thursday, December 7 - **AHS beat Chesterfield 63-56.**

Leading players: Jayden Little 29 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists, 5 steals; Amari Ingram 11 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals; Jaqualin Liles 8 points, 8 rebounds.

The guys did a really good job of coming back on 2 separate occasions and executed down the stretch to get the win. Got great efforts from all who played and the bench was in the game. We continue to get better every day it is really fun to coach this group of young men.

Anson High School Junior Varsity Basketball

• Tuesday, Dec. 5 - **AHS lost to North Stanly 28-27.**

Leading players: Taviane Robinson 4 points, 9 rebounds; Xytarion Ledbetter 11 points, 4 steals.

Our young JV team learned that you cannot wait until the 2nd half to start playing. This is a really good group and fun to coach & watch play. They are getting better every day.

• Thursday, Dec. 7 - **Anson beat Chesterfield 29-19.**

Leading players: Teasean Harris 7 points, 4 assists; Xytarion Ledbetter 8 points, 3 steals.

Really good bounce back game by the guys. They were ready to play from the start and it showed.

Anson High School Girls Varsity Basketball

• Tuesday, December 5 - **AHS lost to North Stanly High School 53-25**

• Thursday, December 7 - **AHS lost to Chesterfield High School 58-28**

• Friday, December 8 - **AHS lost to Montgomery Central 59-10**

Anson High School Girls JV Basketball

• Thursday, December 7 - **AHS lost to Chesterfield High School 23-13**

Anson High School Track

• Tuesday, December 12 - AHS competed at home against the Rocky River Conference teams - **Girls 2nd Place, Boys 5th Place.**

Highlights: Elijah Sellers 1st triple jump, 2nd long jump, 4th 55-meter dash, 3rd 300-meter dash; Johntavius Booker 1st 55-meter hurdles, 4th 300-meter dash; Dylan Johnson 2nd shot put; Janiyah Maxwell 1st long jump, 3rd 55-meter dash, 3rd 300-meter dash; Janiaya Maxwell 1st triple jump, 3rd long jump; Trinity Sellers 2nd triple jump, 6th 55-meter dash; Carley Powell 2nd 55-meter hurdles; Pashunce Maxwell 1st shot put; Ariel Wall 2nd shot put; Jamilia Sturdivant 3rd shot put; Jakhiya Davis 5th long jump; Alyssa Campbell 6th long jump; 4x200 team meter relay 2nd - Janiyah Maxwell, Trinity Seller, Janiaya Maxwell, Alyssa Campbell.

NC Wildlife Commission

Tannenbaum Shooting Challenge!

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission is holding a target shooting challenge through the month of December at the John Lentz Hunter Education Complex in Ellerbe.

Participants will shoot at 10 holiday themed targets at 100 yards. Targets will only be shot once, and participants will be allowed 18 shots to hit all 10 targets. Shooters may participate in the Tannenbaum challenge once per day (as many days as they wish through December) until they complete the challenge. If the shooter has completed the challenge successfully, and staff has verified the target, the shooter will be awarded a hat and a patch.

More information is available at ncwildlife.org/Outdoor-Activities/Shooting-Ranges/John-Lentz-Hunter-Education-Complex.

Merry Christmas



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TOWN OF MORVEN Housing Rehabilitation Construction Services "GENERAL CONTRACTOR SOLICITATION"

The Town of Morven recently received \$750,000 from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division to provide housing rehabilitation services for approximately (12) low/moderate income, owner occupied single-family properties. All properties are located within the Town of Morven. The Town of Morven is soliciting the services of qualified, licensed General Contractors / firms to complete the housing construction activities.

PURPOSE: The County's purpose in issuing this notice is to ensure qualified, licensed general contractors are made aware of this program and are provided an opportunity bid on the project. Prior to bidding interested contractors must complete a "Contractor Application" and be approved by the Town of Morven.

GENERAL SCOPE OF ANTICIPATED SERVICES: The Town proposes to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to approximately twelve (12) qualified residential properties. Services may include but are not limited to:

- Removal of interior walls / Electrical system upgrades / Plumbing system upgrade / Install new HVAC units / Insulate floors, walls, ceilings / Repair defective floors systems (sills, joists, piers) / Install new siding / Install new doors and windows / Install new bath and kitchen cabinets and fixtures / Install new roof / roof system

Copies of Contractor applications can be obtained at: Selected contractors will be issued Copies of the Work Write-Up / Bid Specifications. Please contact James Luster, Community / Economic Development Coordinator at 704-458-3106 or jluster@centralina.org to obtain a copy of the contractor application or if you have additional questions

SUBMISSIONS: All "completed" applications must be submitted to:

James Luster, Project Administrator, Centralina Regional Council
Morven Town Hall
301 East Main Street
Morven, NC 28119
704-458-3106 / jluster@centralina.org

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact (Corinthia Lewis-Lemon, Clerk) at (704-851-9321) or at (301 E. Main Street, Morven, NC 28119) for accommodations for this request.

Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con (Corinthia Lewis-Lemon, Clerk) al (704-851-9321) o en (301 E. Main Street, Morven, NC 28119) de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

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