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and mother-in-law, Micky and Linda Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham or to Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Wadesboro.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

\$1.438 Million Grant for Wadesboro

The North Carolina Department of Commerce awarded 20 Community Development Block Grant - Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) fund requests to 20 local governments totaling \$25.8 million. The requests will provide housing and public improvements for low- and moderate-income North Carolinians.

The Town of Wadesboro was awarded \$1,438,382. In a release, the Town stated that the grant will be used to revitalize homes for senior citizens to ensure that they have safe, accessible and comfortable homes. Some of the stated improvements include: home repairs and renovations to improve safety and accessibility; energy efficiency upgrades to reduce utility costs; and support services to help seniors navigate the revitalization process.

“We’ve continued to make major investments in North Carolina communities that need support with affordable housing,” said Governor Roy Cooper. “These neighborhood revitalization grants will help rural communities improve economic prosperity for all of their residents.”

The CDBG-NR program offers non-entitlement municipalities and counties the opportunity to tailor community development projects to address the specific and most critical needs of their communities.

Communities were awarded additional funds above the initial amount they requested if they were impacted by the devastation of Hurricane Helene. This storm damaged, and in some cases eliminated, a significant amount of housing and major infrastructure in many of our communities.

“Families impacted by the devastation of Helene will especially benefit from this federal funding as they work to recover and rebuild,” said N.C. Commerce Secretary Machel Baker Sanders. “The storm further highlighted the critical need for safe and affordable housing, and these funds will help close the gap a little more.”

This round of funding includes 20 projects receiving CDBG-NR awards up to \$4,000,000. Some communities impacted by the hurricane were awarded grants above the typical grant award of \$950,000.

“In 2024, the Community Development Block Grant program awarded grants totaling \$51.6 million that will support economic development, housing, and neighborhood revitalization projects,” said Kenny Flowers, Assistant Secretary for Rural Economic Development. “This program and the related funding provide critical resources to our most economically distressed communities and helps build a foundation for their long-term economic development and neighborhood revitalization efforts.”

The CDBG program is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program administered in part by the N.C. Commerce Rural Economic Development Division. Since 2017, more than \$355 million CDBG grants have been awarded in North Carolina to enhance the vitality of communities by providing adequate housing, suitable living environments, infrastructure development, and expanding economic opportunities. The State must ensure that at least 70 percent of its CDBG grant funds are used for activities and projects that serve households of low- and moderate-income.

For more information visit the N.C. Commerce’s Rural Economic Development Division webpage: [commerce.nc.gov/rural-economic-development](http://commerce.nc.gov/rural-economic-development).

Anson County Health Department  
is Here for You and Your Family

The Anson County Health Department provides clinical care services aimed at helping each Anson County resident achieve better health and well-being. They provide the following services:

- Acute care & sick visits
- Reproductive health
- Annual physicals, PAP smear, and counseling for people age 21+
- College physicals
- Sports physicals for people age 12+
- Immunizations for children and adults
- Laboratory testing
- WIC (women, infants, and children)
- Communicable disease screening and treatment

Call today, 704-694-5188, to make your appointment. The Health Department is located at 110 West Ashe Street in Wadesboro. They’re on Facebook and the website is: [www.co.anson.nc.us/164/Health-Department](http://www.co.anson.nc.us/164/Health-Department).

On Friday, January 3, 2025, Rev. David Thomas Parrish, 64, passed away peacefully at Atrium Cabarrus in Concord to be with his Lord and Savior. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Ricky Marsh, Rev. Johnny Johnson and Rev. Charles Tyler officiating.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home and other times at the home.

David was born in Scotland County, NC on December 16, 1960, and was a son of the late Rev. Dr. Thomas Maynard Parrish and the late Mary Elizabeth Curtis Parrish. He was a graduate of Anson High School and Blue Mountain Christian University where he received a bachelor’s degree and also attended Free Will Baptist Bible College. He also served in the North Carolina National Guard.

He taught Social Studies with Anson County Schools at Anson Middle School and Anson High School.

Ordained into gospel ministry through the Free Will Baptist Church, he pastored New Life Free Will Baptist Church in Mississippi, Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Wadesboro, and currently New Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham.

He enjoyed time shared with his family and especially his grandchildren. He was an avid fisherman and looked forward to fishing trips with his family and friends. An excellent cook, he was well known for making barbeque, banana puddings, and smoking meats for the residents at Meadowview Terrace.

He was also an avid sports fan, enjoyed baseball, softball, watching wrestling, Atlanta Braves and the Tarheels.

Those who are left to cherish his memory are his wife Betty Kester Parrish; his children, Matthew Parrish (Lauren) and Stephanie Kepley (Dillon). all of Pontotoc, MS; his stepdaughter, Tori Kester of Rockingham; his grandchildren, Landon, Madison, and Molly Parrish and Mary Olivia and Kylie Kepley; his brother Rev. Tony Parrish (Kay) of Greenville; his stepmother, Jennie Parrish of Chesterfield, SC; and his sister-in-law and brothers-in-law, Shelley Lampley (Richard) of Hamlet and Stephen Smith (Fred Pratt) of Rockingham.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Bill Parrish and by his father-in-law

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)  
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES  
TOWN OF MORVEN

Water & Sewer System Asset Management Plans

January 3, 2025

The Town of Morven has received an Asset Inventory Assessment Award from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ). The proposed project will develop a system-wide “Asset Inventory and Assessment” (AIA) of the Town of Morven’s “WATER SYSTEM”, including supply, treatment, distribution and storage. The project will also assess the Town’s “SEWER SYSTEM”, including collection, pumping and treatment.

This project will enable the Town to identify and prioritize critical water and sewer capital projects and strategically and efficiently direct funds to implement these projects. This will prevent the Town from needlessly spending construction funds for projects that may not be a priority or have little impact addressing identified issues. By accurately inventorying and assessing all areas of the water and sewer systems, the Town can locate the areas in the worst condition and maximize every dollar spent. The selected engineering firm will support the Town

Scope of Work:

The “Water Assessment” will include the following:

- Supply system inspection / assessment
- Treatment system inspection / assessment
- Storage tank inspection / assessment
- Distribution line inspection / assessment

The “Sewer Assessment” will include the following:

- Collection system inspection / assessment
- Pumping system inspection / assessment
- Treatment system inspection / assessment

Other services include:

- Mapping of assets including GIS mapping
- Asset databases
- Asset Inventory
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Asset Management Plan
- Rate Study

During the course of this project, both the Town of Morven and the North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure (NCDWI) will be provided regular updates as to this project’s progress. At a minimum, all parties will provide updates every other month. Additionally, project deliverables, both in draft and final form, will be provided to NCDWI.

Engineering Firms are to submit their qualifications for the “Asset Inventory and Assessment Project by 12:00 p.m., February 3, 2025 to:

Corinthia Lewis-Lemon, Clerk

Town of Morven

P.O. Box 295

301 Main Street

Morven, NC 28119

Also attached are submittal requirements and evaluation materials.

*This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Corinthia Lewis-Lemon, at 704-851-9321 or at P.O. Box 295, 301 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, pongase en contacto Corinthia Lewis-Lemon al 704-851-9321 o en P.O. Box 295, 301 Main Street, Morven, NC 28119 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.*

Tim Watkins, Mayor

RFQ submissions must include at a minimum:

• Individual or Firm Information: Firm’s legal name, address, email, and telephone number, the principal(s) of the firm and their experience and qualifications;

• Water and Sewer System Experience: The specialized experience and technical competence of the staff to be assigned to the project with respect to water system improvements or related work, description of firm’s prior experience, including any similar projects, size of community, location, total construction cost, and names of local officials knowledgeable regarding the firm’s performance on related work. Include at least five references within the past five years;

• Firm Capacity and Capability: The capacity and capability of the firm to perform the work in question, including specialized services, within the period of the grant, the past record of performance of the firm with respect to such factors as control of costs, quality of work, and ability to meet schedules; description of firm’s current work activities, and firm’s anticipated availability during the term of the project;

• The proposed work plan and schedule for activities to be performed; and

5. Documentation of compliance with state and federal debarment/eligibility requirements.

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