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Obituaries

Mr. Gene Edward "Ed" Tucker

Mr. Gene Edward "Ed" Tucker, 90, died Friday, January 12, 2018, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, January 14, 2018, at Polkton United Methodist Church. Interment followed in Grifin Cemetery.

Ed was born April 28, 1927, in Anson County, one of seven children born to the late William Brady Tucker and the late Odie Wright Tucker. He was a graduate of Polkton High School. Ed was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during World War II.

He worked for a number of years at Hornwood and as the Electrical Inspector for Anson County. He later became the Building Inspector for Anson County, and later retired as the Maintenance Director for Anson County Schools.

Surviving are his children, Cherry (Freddie) Kirk of Monroe, Linda (Stanley) Brock, Gene (Susan) Tucker and Christa (Monte) Auzenne, all of Polkton; his grandchildren, Bryan (Kristen) Kirk of Carlisle, PA, Michelle Sullivan of Monroe, Michael (Ashley) Kirk of Matthews, Laura (Jeremy) Brooks of Marshville, Melinda (Paolo) Narciso of Charlotte, Stan (Michelle) Brock of Polkton, Carri (Ryan) Decker of Marshville, Will (Lisa) Tucker of Marshville, Brooke (Brad) James of Cherry Grove, SC and McKayla Elizabeth

Tucker of Polkton; 17 grandchildren with 2 on the way; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Lib Thomas Tucker, great-grandson Tucker Dewitt Brock and sisters and brothers, Christine Lane, Louise Anderson, Killian Tucker, Jim Tucker, Charles Tucker and Faire Belle Gaddy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Polkton United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 25, Polkton, NC 28135 or to Griffin Cemetery, c/o Oakdale Baptist Church, 3304 NC 218, Polkton, NC 28135.

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

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McLeod Health Offers Sleep Clinic to Treat Sleep Disorders

As part of a continued commitment to patients from the Midlands to the Coast, McLeod Regional Medical Center has established the McLeod Sleep Clinic to help diagnose and manage sleep disorders in adults 18 and older. At the clinic, patients consult with a sleep specialist to arrange diagnostic tests, determine the appropriate diagnosis and discuss a treatment plan. Should the patient need Durable Medical Equipment, such as a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine, these items will be ordered as needed.

The McLeod Sleep Clinic treats the following sleep disorders: Sleep Apnea (Obstructive and Central), Narcolepsy, Restless Leg Syndrome, Shift Work/Circadian Rhythm Sleep Disorder, REM Behavior Disorder, Sleep Walking, Sleep Talking, and Insomnia. Physician referral is required.

• Obstructive Sleep Apnea - Obstructive Sleep Apnea, a common and serious sleep disorder, affects 20 percent of males and 10 to 15 percent of females. It is characterized by repeated collapse of the pharyngeal airway during sleep, resulting in reduced or complete cessation of airflow despite ongoing breathing efforts.

The risk factors for Obstructive Sleep Apnea include obesity, male gender, aging, daytime sleepiness, systemic hypertension, menopausal status, African American race, Chinese and Indian ancestry. Non-obese individuals are still at risk for Obstructive Sleep Apnea, accounting for 30 percent of patients who have the disorder.

Most patients with Obstructive Sleep Apnea come to the attention of their physician because they are complaining of daytime sleepiness, or the bed partner reports loud snoring, gasping, snorting, or interruptions in breathing while sleeping. Other associated symptoms of Obstructive Sleep Apnea are irritability, awakening with dry mouth, awakening with a sensation of gasping, lack of concentration, morning headaches, impotence, frequent urination at night and depression.

Daytime sleepiness may go unnoticed because it is usually chronic. The patient may admit to consistently falling asleep while reading, watching television or even driving. While snoring is common with obstructive sleep apnea, not all people who snore have the disorder.

Untreated, sleep apnea can cause high blood pressure and other cardiovascular disease, memory problems, and weight gain. Moreover, untreated sleep apnea may be responsible for job impairment and motor vehicle crashes. Fortunately, sleep apnea can be diagnosed and treated.

Polysomnography (sleep study) is the gold standard diagnostic test when it is performed overnight in a sleep laboratory with a technologist in attendance. In certain circumstances when the patient is diagnosed with Obstructive Sleep Apnea, the treatment, usually CPAP, can be started on the same night to determine the right pressure for the patient. Sometimes another study is needed to determine that pressure. In some patients, the diagnostic evaluation may be performed at home without a technician in attendance.

Although CPAP is the standard treatment for Obstructive Sleep Apnea, the sleep specialist can sometimes advise other alternatives, such as oral appliances and surgery. Also, in obese patients, weight reduction and exercise are advised.

For more information about the McLeod Sleep Clinic, call (843) 777-5827.

Chamber of Commerce Presents Business Expo

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce presents the second annual Business Expo at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center on Tuesday, March 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. The full-service expo will offer the latest products, services and technologies by local and regional companies. Businesses will sell products and exhibit services. Attendees will find more than 35 businesses locally and regionally.

"There are various reasons why we, as the chamber, decided to start these annual expos, the main reason is to expose and connect the small businesses and organizations of Anson County," said Shelby Emrich, Chamber President and CEO. "The local area has so many hidden gems and unique businesses that attendees will be able to discover at the Expo. Our last expo brought more than 150 attendees, and we are looking to double that number. We will be giving away several door prizes (no purchase necessary) throughout the evening."

Admission is free. The center is on the Wadesboro Campus of South Piedmont Community College, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro.

Paid registrations must be received no later than March 1. Space is limited. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

For more expo information email the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at info@ansoncountychamber.org or call 704-694-4181. An exhibitor registration form can be found by visiting www.ansoncountychamber.org/business-expo.

Wildlife Commission Seeks Public Comment on Draft Coyote Management Plan

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission is seeking public comment through February 9 on its draft Coyote Management Plan. Comments can be submitted by email to coyotemgmtplan@ncwildlife.org or mailed to NC Wildlife Resources Commission, Coyote Management Plan, MSC 1722, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1722.

The agency developed the 177-page plan at the request of the NC General Assembly to address the impacts of coyotes in North Carolina and the threats that coyotes may pose to citizens, industries, and populations of native wildlife species in the state.

The draft Coyote Management Plan provides biological information on coyotes in North Carolina, identifies concerns about coyotes, outlines the challenges of coyote control and provides strategies to minimize impacts of coyotes. The plan also outlines statutory changes that will improve coyote management, identifies known knowledge gaps and research needs and recommends new biological and social strategies to address coyote management issues.

The final plan, which will include public feedback, will be presented to the Wildlife Commissioners for their approval at their February 22 business meeting.

TOWN OF WADESBORO JOB OPENING



TOWN MANAGER

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The ideal candidate will have considerable experience working in local government and be an energetic leader with excellent communication skills, strong interpersonal characteristics, excellent planning and decision-making abilities, a problem-solver, an excellent financial manager, and be a tactful community representative. Required bachelor's degree in public administration or related field, MPA preferred, and considerable experience.

Salary Dependent on qualifications.

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Attn: Interim Town Manager, PO Box 697, Wadesboro, NC 28170

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Position is open until filled but applicants should apply by February 21, 2018 to ensure full consideration.

To view the full job advertisement please visit:

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