

Lorri Burns Bennett Certified as a National Certified Administrative Law Judge

Bennett also elected as Southeast Region Representative for the National Association of Hearing Officials



Anson County native Lorri Burns Bennett has certified as a National Certified Administrative Law Judge in December 2023 and has been elected to serve as the 2014-2016 Southeast Region Representative for the National Association of Hearing Officials for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

She is the daughter of Kermith "Billy" and Martha Burns of the Burnsville Community, the mother of Kermisha and Kimyada Jackson, and grandmother of one grandson, Levi.

Lorri is a 1995 graduate of Anson Senior High School. Her educational journey began with her obtaining her associate degree in Business Administration from South Piedmont Community College, bachelor's degree from Pfeiffer University and a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from SC State University.

Lorri has worked for the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) for twelve years, beginning her career in March 2011. Her previous positions with SCDC include Program Assistance (2011-2012), Intensive Supervision Officer (2012-2014), Intensive Supervision Officer II (2014-2015) where she supervised staff in six counties, and Administrative Review Coordinator (Parole Hearing Official) (2015-2023), where Lorri has led the development and implementation of the revocation process for youthful offenders who are supervised under the Division of Young Offender Parole & Reentry Services.

Lorri was promoted to Manager of Administrative Hearings in September 2023. In this position, she manages and directs staff responsible for governing parole violations and revocation hearings for youthful offenders. Lorri also made history when she became President of The South Carolina Probation and Parole Association (2022-2023), being the first person from SCDC to hold an executive position within the association and to become President. While serving as President of the South Carolina Probation and Parole Association, Lorri also volunteered to serve as the State Secretary for South Carolina Correctional Association (2023). She also serves on the Community Corrections Committee with American Correctional Association.

Her additional professional memberships include National Association of University Women (NAUW), SC Law Enforcement Officers Association, SC Gang Investigation Association, and Palmetto State Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Eastview Cemetery Update

Donations are encouraged from those with family buried there and any other donors

Eastview Cemetery is located on Old Lilesville Road in Wadesboro. There is ongoing work to maintain and improve the cemetery, both by hired professionals and by dedicated volunteers. Presented below is a letter from Ken Caulder, an Eastview Trustee:

Dear Friends,
On behalf of the trustees of Eastview Cemetery, I greet you from beautiful Wadesboro.

There has been some restructuring of the Trustees for Eastview Cemetery and we have taken on a few small projects to help beautify the cemetery. During 2023 we have had the brick entrances and wrought iron gates pressure washed and painted, along with the brownstone walls in the oldest section of the cemetery. All of the steps and handrails have been pressure washed and painted. As you are aware, there is much to do at Eastview.

We have made arrangements with the lawn care service to mow the cemetery every three weeks during the summer months to get on a more realistic schedule to maintain the grounds in a more pleasing manner. Adam Pope is now responsible for the lawn care, and he has committed to keeping things in a better state and more timely manner than was possible to be done in the past with previous arrangements with lawn care companies.

A pine tree fell in one section and needed to be removed, which made us aware of other old and damaged pine trees in the same area, also in need of being removed. We contracted with Mr. Pope to clean up the fallen tree, remove the other necessary trees and to clear the bank of unwanted growth. This is in the southernmost area through the main drive in the cemetery.

The cemetery has no signage. We have investigated purchasing a sign for the cemetery stating "Eastview Cemetery Circa 1805." Based on information from the Historical Society, it is believed the first grave was placed in the cemetery in 1805. This will be a minimal cost compared to the larger projects we have ahead of us.

In a meeting in 2020 the trustees agreed unanimously to make repairs necessary to the roadways in the cemetery. Prior to finding this information, we asked for bids from two different paving companies about paving the roadways in the cemetery. This would be, of course, the largest cost to the cemetery trust. We anticipate a campaign to raise funds for this project.

Due to the lack of interest and communication in the past, the current trustees feel it necessary to reach out to the families we have contact information for and make them aware of our efforts and the need for financial support. We all have the best interest of the cemetery in mind and at heart, and the trustees want it to be as well maintained as possible from here on out.

With that being said, we need your help. Contributions in any amount, whether one time or recurring, will have influence in helping maintain the beauty and dignity of the cemetery.

It is our hope you will see fit to help Eastview Cemetery. If you can contribute, please contact Ken Caulder at Leavitt Funeral Home, 704-694-2524. The mailing address is: Eastview Cemetery Fund, PO Box 274, Wadesboro NC 28170

The Artistry of Puzzle Purses Class in February

The Cheraw Arts Commission is featuring "The Artistry of Puzzle Purses" on Thursday, February 8. Participants will create both Puzzle Purses and Wax Seal Stamps. Puzzle Purses date back to the 1700's as one could exchange "Valentines" by folding paper with written messages. This folded token of love was especially popular during the Victorian time.

Cost for the class is \$25 with all supplies provided for creating these decorated Valentine purses. Instructor for the class is Ella Prevatte who is currently an intern with the Cheraw Arts Commission. The class will be held at Cypress Music Hall - 1 Village Park Cheraw from 6-8pm. Pre-registration is encouraged to assist in providing supplies. Call the Cheraw Arts Commission 843.537.8420 x 12 to register and for additional information.



Mrs. Lina Howell Sikes

Mrs. Lina Howell Sikes, 80, of Ansonville, passed away Friday morning, January 19, 2024 at her home.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 22, 2024, at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Norwood with Pastor J. D. Moffett officiating. Burial followed in Red Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family received friends at Edwards Funeral Home on Sunday evening, January 21, 2024.

Lina was born February 6, 1943, in Anson County to the late Edward Jones and Eddie Lee Threadgill Howell. She graduated in 1961, the first graduating class of Anson High School. She owned and operated Ansonville Nursery for several years and enjoyed her time as a waitress at Western Sizzlin in Wadesboro. She attended Concord Methodist Church during her younger years and later joined Red Hill Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Gerald Covington Sikes; brothers, Donald, Edward and Robert Howell; and her sisters, Rebecca Sells and Matilda Hinson.

Lina is survived by her husband Bobby Hill Sikes of the home; daughters, Ronda Beachum (Tracy) of Ansonville and Susan Hill of Ansonville; nine grandchildren, Kristy Campbell (Justin), Travis Beachum, Anna Capel (Arthur), Trent Beachum, Trey Galliher, David Love, Gracie Love, Emma Love and Sarah Love; two great-grandchildren, Skylar and Gage Campbell; sister, Audrey Moore of Rockingham; and many nephews and nieces, Michael, Scott, Sheila, Sandra, Shelby, Kenzia, Crystal, Wendy, Trey and Ann.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AN AIR PERMIT APPLICATION FOR Anson Gas Producers, LLC

Anson Gas Producers, LLC has applied to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality for the operation of a gas-to-energy facility at:

786 Dozer Drive
Polkton, NC 28135
Anson County

Anson Gas Producers, LLC's application was reviewed by the Division of Air Quality, Raleigh Central Office to determine compliance with the requirements of the North Carolina Environment Management Commission air pollution regulations. The results of that review led to the preliminary determination that the project could be approved, and the Division of Air Quality permit could be issued, if certain permit conditions are met.

This notice serves as a Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity for Public Comment for this proposal. The public hearing will be held at the Anson County Courthouse on February 27, 2024, at 6:00 pm located at 114 North Greene Street in Wadesboro. In the event of inclement weather and the needed postponement of the hearing, March 12, 2024, will act as the replacement date. A copy of all data and the application submitted by Anson Gas Producers, LLC and other material used by the Division of Air Quality in making this preliminary determination are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

NC DEQ
Division of Air Quality
Air Permits Section
217 West Jones Street, Suite 4000
Raleigh, NC 27603

or
Fayetteville Regional Office
Systel Building
225 Green Street, Suite 714
Fayetteville, NC 28301-5094

Information on the permit application and staff review are available by writing or calling:

Mark J. Cuilla, EIT, CPM
NC DEQ
Division of Air Quality
1641 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641
Telephone: 919-707-8400

Interested persons are invited to review these materials and submit written comments to Mark Cuilla at the above address or to present oral or written comments at the Public Hearing. Persons wishing to present oral comments at the hearing should prepare their presentation to be three minutes or less. For those who are unable to attend, comments can also be submitted by email to daq.publiccomments@deq.nc.gov with the subject line "AnsonGas.22A". You may also leave a voicemail comment at 919-707-8726. Comments will be accepted until March 1, 2024, at 5 p.m.

Mark J. Cuilla, EIT, CPM, Chief, Permitting Section
Division of Air Quality, NCDEQ

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