

Obituaries

Mr. Albert "Ab" Lee Carter

In the early morning hours of February 26, 2021, following a brief illness, Ab Carter quietly drew his last breath on Earth and immediately drew his first fresh breath on Heaven.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro, with burial in Anson Memorial Park.

Born on February 11, 1949, "Little Ab" was the second of four children and the only son. He grew up in Wadesboro hunting, fishing, playing baseball, taking piano lessons (at least until his first recital and then announced, "I'm done!"), was a member of the Boy Scouts, and somewhere in there, managed to go to school and graduated from Wadesboro High School in 1967 where he was a proud member of "The Marching 100." Shortly thereafter he joined the US Navy and was stationed for most of his four years of service in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii "USS Bonefish." After discharge from the Navy he

aboard the nuclear submarine "USS Bonefish." After discharge from the Navy he attended Anson Tech for a degree in Business.

Ab was a lifetime member of First Baptist Church in Wadesboro.

His knowledge of lumber, combined with his gift of "gab" led him to a long career in sales and he retired from US Lumber after more than 30 years of service. His wicked sense of humor and love of laughter made him quite the entertainer.

Ab loved college football and we all knew not to call him on Saturdays at whatever time his team, the Clemson Tigers, were playing.

His passion was family, and his joy was seeing others succeed.

He was a loving son, husband, father, "brutha," protector, mentor, friend and encourager. He has left a void that only Heaven will someday fill.

Left to grieve the loss and cherish the memories are his wife of 37 years, Karen Hildreth Carter, sons Jarrett Brower Carter and Truston Lee Carter, all of Easley, SC; his sisters, Ellen Carter Styers (David) of Kannapolis, NC and Lydia Robin Carter Yancey of Concord, NC; his protector and constant companion "Skidmore;" and his brothers by choice, Frankie Cranford and Billy Edwards of Wadesboro, and his brothers of Easley, Frankie Hunt and Fred N.C. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, cousins and many, many friends.

Ab was predeceased by his parents, his son Matthew Albert Carter, his sister Eugenia Carter Watson and his beloved Aunt Louise Gardner. Also preceding him in death was his brother by choice, Paul Mitchell of Greer, SC.

Memorial donations may be made to Pruitt Health Hospice, 301 Halton Road, Unit B, Greenville SC 29607 or a charity of one's choice.

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

SPCC Small Business Center to Lead the 2021 '53 Ideas Pitch Competition'

Competition provides access to capital and training resources to advance equity through entrepreneurship one idea at a time.

South Piedmont Community College's Small Business Center is excited to announce it will lead the 2021 "53 Ideas Pitch Competition" supported by Fifth Third Bank. The pitch competition addresses income inequality and equity through entrepreneurship by providing access to capital, training resources, and social connections to help anyone with an idea turn it into a viable business. The top prize winner of the competition will receive \$10,000 in seed money for a start-up business.

"Last year we opened the spigot and ideas came pouring in across the 10-county region," said Renee Hode, director, small business and entrepreneurship, South Piedmont Community College's regional director for the NC 53 Ideas Pitch Competition.

The community's incredible response to the 53 Ideas pitch network clearly attracted a-typical entrepreneurs. "Contestants did not mirror the historical demographics of entrepreneurs," said Hode. More than half of the participants were women, more than half were minorities and by income level, the majority of were women, less than \$50,000 a year.

"This reinforced the reality that people are seeking capital to bring their ideas to life, but have difficulty finding it," said Hode. "We know businesses start with great ideas and if we can provide resources to nurture and grow those ideas, our community will thrive," said Hode.

Studies show that four out of five entrepreneurs do not access bank loans or venture capital. Instead, their sources of funding are personal network, generational wealth or connections to networks. Not everyone has equal access to these types of funding opportunities. The 53 Ideas Pitch Competition exists to help lessen this inequality in entrepreneurship.

"We are committed to supporting entrepreneurship across Charlotte and throughout North Carolina," said Joel Dancy, Vice President, Community & Economic Development, Mid-Atlantic Region, Fifth Third Bank. "We are very excited to again be supporting the 53 Ideas Pitch Competition because it not only helps in the short term with access to capital for the winners but also in the long term through financial education for all participants."

The "53 Ideas Pitch Competition" is an open call for business ideas from residents across the region. Individuals will have 53 seconds to pitch their idea in the form of a video submission that may be uploaded to 53ideas.com. For open, inclusive access, if someone has an idea but does not have the technology to submit an entry they can visit the small business center at South Piedmont's Tyson Family Center for Technology in Monroe to access a computer to enter the competition.

Judges will review the submissions through the first round ending June 9 and select the top 53 pitches. Top entrants will receive a \$50 award as well as the opportunity to advance in the competition. Training and coaching on pitching, financing, forecasting, and general business will be available to every participant, even if they do not make the top 53. These free resources will be offered by Small Business Centers located at community colleges throughout the southwest region, including Central Piedmont, Cleveland, Gaston, Mitchell, Rowan-Cabarrus, South Piedmont, and Stanly.

After the training period, the top 53 entrants will participate in a closed virtual pitch event, where the judges will narrow the field down to 10. The top 10 will receive \$250 each and go on to compete on a virtual stage for the top awards: first place receives \$10,000, second place earns \$5,000, and third place receives \$2,500 in seed funding to help turn their ideas into a viable business.

To learn more about the "53 Ideas Pitch Competition" or to upload a video submission by the May 31 deadline, visit 53ideas.com.

Community Outreach Offers Household Items on Saturday

The Lamb of God Church in Wadesboro will hold a Community Outreach Event on Saturday, April 24 at 10 a.m. This will be a drive-in service, and they will be giving out free household items and paper products on a first come, first served basis.

The event will be held at 118 West Wade Street in Wadesboro.

If you would like to donate or volunteer for the event, please call 843-623-3777. The website is www.logomchurch.com.



TOWN OF MORVEN

Town Clerk Position Available

Salary Range \$20,000 to \$25,000

Applications are available at Morven Town Hall Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Nature of Work: Work responsibilities for the Morven Town Clerk include the preparation and maintenance of all Council records and other official municipal documents. Record various documents and vital statistics. Work involves extensive public contact in collecting various files and providing information. Work is performed in accordance with the charter, ordinances and general law, and requires initiative, judgement and ability to work effectively and independently with the public and other officials.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Attends Town Council meetings, prepares agenda, order and minutes of the proceedings and maintains, indexes and preserves all permanent Council and other Town records.
- Validates official documents; oversees posting of official notices, ordinances, and advertisements; records papers with the federal, state and county governments as needed; swears in municipal officials as necessary.
- Acts as the custodian of the official Town Seal.
- Maintains a public information service, and, in response to reasonable requests, furnishes information and material concerning the Town government.
- Accounts for all public monies received by him/her in such manner as the Treasurer may prescribe.
- Performs all duties and exercises all powers incumbent upon or invested in Town Clerks by state law.
- Prepares agenda, mails notifications, advertises, and attends meetings of the Board of Appeals; prepares and distributes minutes of Board of Appeal meetings.
- Acts as, or arranges for, a clerk for all municipal boards and committee meetings.
- Sets up and maintains a records retention and destruction system for the Municipal Center.
- Updates Charter, Code and Ordinances as necessary.

Additional Requirements of Work: Thorough knowledge and understanding of the state statutes relating to the duties and responsibilities of Town Clerks • Thorough knowledge of modern office procedures, practices and equipment • Ability to rapidly acquire and assimilate knowledge of the provisions of the Town Charter, Town ordinances, and state regulations relating to operation of the office and the Town government, with ability to communicate same to office staff, other Town officials and the public • Knowledge of bookkeeping • Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other Town officials, employees and the general public • Proficiency in the use of computers • Ability to organize and maintain records and prepare reports.

Education, Experience and Training: Associate Degree in Business or a High School Diploma with a minimum of three years of experience in record management and/or experience in municipal government; or any equivalent combination of education and experience • Considerable experience in clerical work of a responsible nature, including experience with public contact; accounting, business education, office procedures, Quickbooks and other computer programs. Should also be capable of being a certified Town Clerk.

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FEDERAL PROJECT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Anson County School System annually receives funds from the Federal Government through the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction sanctioned for assistance in meeting the needs of economically disadvantaged students, technology learning needs of students, children with special needs and for children in local institutions for neglected or delinquent children. The school system is in the process of reapplying for these funds and amending these programs.

These programs include Title I (Compensatory Education/ESEA Basic Education Program), Title II (Improving Teacher Quality), Title II, Part D (Enhancing Education through Technology), Title V (Abstinence Education Program), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project.

The above named projects are presently being amended and/or renewed. The projects describe the special education, media and technology, compensatory education programs that Anson County Schools proposes for Federal funding for the 2021-22 school year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments and/or revisions to these projects and make comments/requests concerning the implementation of these Federal Programs. All comments will be considered prior to submission of these amended projects to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The projects are open to the public for review and comments during the week of May 3 – May 7, 2021 in the offices of Marty Godwin - Assistant Superintendent, Jennifer Collard - Executive Administrator of Curriculum, Dr. Mary Ratliff - Administrator of Student Services, and Lynn Gardelle - Administrator of the Exceptional Children Program, located at 320 Camden Road, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Participation in programs receiving the Federal funds will require supervision by appropriate school personnel as delegated by the school system's Superintendent and/or his designee.

Private schools wishing to participate in the planning phase should notify the Anson County School System of their wishes to participate. Please call the office of Jennifer Collard, Executive Administrator of Curriculum, at (704)694-4417, extension 1603. Private schools please notify the school system of your existence.

There will be a planning meeting with interested stakeholders on May 10, 2021 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. This meeting is to address the federal program plans for the 2021-2022 school year. The meeting will be held in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center at the School Board Office and is located off White Store Road. Please address questions to the offices of Marty Godwin – Assistant Superintendent at (704) 694-4417, extension 1100, Jennifer Collard – Executive Administrator of Curriculum at (704) 694-4417, extension 1603, Dr. Mary Ratliff - Administrator of Student Services, (704) 694-4417, extension 1904, and Lynn Gardelle – Administrator of the Exceptional Children Program, (704) 694-4417, extension 1700.

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