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God in His infinite wisdom called Nicholas Leanders Tyson to his heavenly home on May 21, 2022. Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 29, 2022, at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Nicholas (Jamie Foxx) was born on May 28, 1982, in Wadesboro. He was the son of Minnie Lisa Tyson and Charles Anthony Tyson. Nicholas attended Anson County School Systems where he graduated from Anson Senior High School in 2000. He was employed at McDonald's for many years where he was able to spread his infectious personality throughout the entire Anson County, while also serving his world-famous sweet tea. Nicholas dedicated his life to Christ at a young age and was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Ansonville. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother Mary Pearl McLendon and maternal grandfathers, James Jim Clark and Booker Sturdivant, Sr. and three maternal uncles, Steve Clark, Eddie Clark and Horace Clark. Nicholas leaves to cherish his loving memories: his mother Minnie Tyson of the home; his father Charles Tyson of Wadesboro; his twin sister Nicole Tyson of the home; his sister Stephanie Taylor (Justin) of the home; his brother Cadaron Tyson of the home; his sister Salena Tyson; his brother Andre' Tyson of Raleigh; his sister Brittany Tyson of Fayetteville; his grandmother Ruth Hutchinson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; niece Madysin; eleven nephews, Sean, Jamison, Patrick, Cadaron, Kiyon, Jamias, Aiden, Zadarion, Jerrius, Chanze and Kameryn; and two great-nieces, Ma'Kiyah & Mahogani. He will also be fondly remembered by a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends Little Joe and Terry of the Kennedy Center and the Anson community.

Our beloved Nick touched lives in many ways. He will always be remembered for his endearing personality and love for all people. Patrons from all walks of life and many different places have been impacted by him and his legacy will live on and be cherished always.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18

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

Recent Drownings Reinforce the Importance of Life Jackets

National Safe Boating Week, as proclaimed by Governor Roy Cooper, is May 21 – 27 and officials with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission say that safety should be a top priority when recreating on water. The agency has responded to numerous boating incidents that resulted in drownings in the past few weeks. These incidents may have been avoided if life jackets were worn.

"We cannot stress how important it is for you to wear a personal flotation device, or PFD, while boating, whether it be recreating, swimming or fishing," said Capitan Branden Jones with the Wildlife Commission. "In 2021, 23 people lost their lives on North Carolina waters; 16 of them were not wearing a life vest. PFDs save lives, but they won't work if you don't wear them."

New and novice boaters are urged to take the following precautions to ensure friends and family remain safe on the water:

- Wear a life jacket or Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) at all times. Put your life jacket on prior to entering the boat and make sure its snug, yet comfortable, and will not move above the chin or ears when lifted at the shoulders.
- Appoint a designated driver for the boat. Operating a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal and is just as dangerous as driving a car impaired.
- Assign an adult "Water Watcher" to actively supervise children in or around the water at all times. Young children and people who are not strong swimmers should always be kept within arm's reach.
- Swim only in designated areas. You are less visible to boaters and more vulnerable to accidents. Avoid diving in unfamiliar areas, as there may be hidden structures.
- Throw, don't go. Be prepared to throw a flotation device or use a pole or tree branch to reach someone struggling in the water. Never jump in to save someone because you could go under too.
- Attend a boater safety course. The Wildlife Commission offers an array of boating education classes. If you were born on or after January 1, 1988, you must complete an approved course before operating any vessel propelled by a motor of 10 HP or greater.

Vessel owners should also be aware of a new fire extinguisher law relevant to disposable fire extinguishers with a date of manufacture stamped on the bottle.

"If the date stamp is older than 12 years, it's now considered expired and must be removed from service and replaced with a 5-B or 20-B date stamped extinguisher," Jones said. "Having a serviceable fire extinguisher is an imperative safety measure."

Details about the new fire extinguisher law can be found on the agency's blog (ncwildlife.org/Connect-With-Us/Blog), and additional information about boating laws and safety can be found at ncwildlife.org/boating.

State Giving Children in Need a Record Number of Lifesaving Bicycle Helmets

Polkton and Wadesboro Police Departments received helmets for distribution

A record number of children, 19,900 total, across the state will be receiving lifesaving bicycle helmets through the N.C. Department of Transportation's Bicycle Helmet Initiative, part of ongoing efforts to reduce bicycle injuries and deaths in North Carolina.

NCDOT uses funds from the sale of "Share the Road" specialty license plates to purchase bike helmets that are distributed at local safety events for underprivileged children by government and non-government agencies. A record 256 organizations will receive helmets this year. Helmets will be shipped by the end of May.

Helmets save lives. While less than half of all children typically wear a helmet while biking, they can reduce the risk of severe brain injuries by nearly 90 percent.

In Anson County the Wadesboro and Polkton police departments received helmets. Residents dedicated to bicycle safety in North Carolina have supported this initiative since it began in 2007. Since then, thousands of bicycle helmets have been distributed to children throughout the state.

For more information about the program, visit the NCDOT Bicycle Helmet Initiative webpage, ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/safety/bicycle-helmets.

Town of Lilesville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The proposed 2022-2023 Budget for the Town of Lilesville has been presented to the Board of Commissioners and is available for public inspection in the Town Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There will be a public hearing on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lilesville Fire Department, located at 203 West Wall Street, Lilesville, NC for the purpose of discussing the proposed budget.

Citizens are invited to make written or oral comments.

Lynn B. Whitlock
Clerk to the Board
Finance Officer

TOWN OF ANSONVILLE

PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING

The Town of Ansonville's Town Council will hold a public hearing for the 2022-2023 Budget on June 14, 2022, at 7 p.m. in the Ansonville Town Hall, located at 8778 Highway 52.

Citizens are encouraged to attend and make oral or written comments.

HELP
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Town of Wadesboro Board of Alcoholic Control

FULL-TIME ASSISTANT MANAGER /
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