

The Foster Parent and Caregiver Support Group will be held at the Anson County Department of Social Services, located at 118 North Washington Street in Wadesboro, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Resources and refreshments will be provided free. Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995 or by email at connectionsfsf@gmail.com to register.



Mr. William B. "Billy" Lee

Mr. William B. "Billy" Lee, 69, was finally and completely transformed from of all his earthly imperfections into a perfect being on Friday, May 24, 2019, while a patient at Atrium Health University City in Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at Lilesville Baptist Church with Rev. Teddy Lawson and Rev. Randy Swaringen officiating. Interment followed in the Lilesville Cemetery.

Billy was born in Anson County on May 1, 1950, the younger of two boys born to Robert Hudson Lee and Elizabeth Dawkins Lee. He graduated from Bowman High School, and worked for a short while at Commercial Products, Inc. Billy then got on with the Town of Wadesboro's Water Department where he was lucky enough to work for Jake Hanna. Billy learned a great deal from Mr. Hanna over the years. Following Mr. Hanna's retirement, Billy was promoted to the Water Superintendent, a position he would hold until he was forced to retire on a disability. Through the years Billy also enjoyed pouring and finishing concrete as a diversion from his water department duties.

Billy was a lifetime member of Lilesville Baptist Church where he attended the J. C. Hicks Sunday School class and served on many church committees including the Deacon Board, House & Grounds, Visual Aids, Offering Steward, and the Lord's Supper. Billy also enjoyed serving his community as a capable volunteer fireman for over twenty years.

Billy always had a tender spot for animals, and even though he currently had no dogs of his own, he dearly loved Stephen and Kevin's dogs, Max and Willow. He also enjoyed bird watching, especially the Purple Martins.

Billy was a loving husband, father, and "PaPa" to his family which includes his wife of 48 years, Linda Diggs Lee of the home; two sons, Stephen (Leslie) Lee and Kevin (Kelly) Lee, all of Lilesville; and six grandchildren, Parker, Mason, Kristen, Scarlett, Kolby and Kaine.

Also surviving is Billy's brother and his family, Robert Harrison "Bobby" Lee (Carol) of Lugoff, SC; his oldest son, Shane (Bonnie) Lee and their children, Savannah Lee and Marissa (Scott) Christian and their child, Eastyn; and Bobby's youngest son, Brian (Jill) Lee and their child, Abby; and Billy's extended Lee and Diggs families.

Memorials may be made to Lilesville Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 305, Lilesville, NC 28091 or to the Anson Rescue Squad, 208 E. Morgan Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Madison Brook Stovall and Alan Dale McRae Earn Scholarships

On Tuesday, May 7 Ronnie Mills, President of Anson County Farm Bureau, presented the winners of the Anson County Farm Bureau Scholarship program. Madison Brooke Stovall received \$1,000 as well as Alan Dale McRae II (not pictured).

Farm Bureau is very proud of the students chosen and wishes them the best on furthering their education."

Madison is pictured above with Ronnie Mills.



M'Layah Smith Crowned Little Miss Las Amigas 2019

The Morven Chapter of Las Amigas held it's thirty-first annual Little Miss Las Amigas Pageant on Saturday, May 18 at Morven Elementary School in Morven. Quantelya Johnson served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the event which had the theme "Pink and Orchid: It's Showtime!"

Nine young ladies were introduced, first in black t-shirts with a star and black jeans, dancing to "Stop in the Name of Love!" by the Supremes. Later each contestant wore beautiful pink and orchid gowns in the formal introductions. Other highlights of the ceremonies included the recognition of the 2018 Little Miss Las Amigas Queen, Miss Kimberly Clark.



M'Layah Smith was crowned the 2019 winner. She is the five year old daughter of Ms. Mauricia Copeland and Mr. Clifton Smith of Lilesville. She was sponsored in the pageant by Mrs. Joletha Little. The first place runner up was Chemil Sellers, Chemil is the five-year old daughter of Shyanne Sellers of Wadesboro. She was sponsored by Ms. Johnie M. Pettiford. The second place runner up was Yazzmine Simon who is the eleven-year old daughter of Jazzmine Simon and Michael Smith of Wadesboro. Yazzmine was sponsored in the pageant by Ms. Shunee McRae.

Other pageant contestants were Jasariah Deberry, Di'Mazziah C. Hilllian, Da'Shaunti Hall, Jamariah Symone Marshall, Kimora McClinton and Alyssa Miller.

Each year the Little Miss Las Amigas pageant provides an opportunity for young ladies in the county to show their pride in an elegant way to the world. Funds collected during the pageant are used to provide scholarships to area students. Las Amigas has given more than \$35,000 in scholarships in their thirty two years of service in Anson County.

Chapter President Elizabeth Kersey expressed her sincere gratitude to the parents, contestants, and all of the members of the Morven Chapter of Las Amigas for the commitment and hard work helped to ensure the success of the 2019 Little Miss Las Amigas Pageant.

The Morven Chapter of Las Amigas is a local, nonprofit group that provides educational and other social activities designed to improve the Anson county community. There are twelve members: Elizabeth Kersey, President; Pat McCoy, Vice-President; Winnie Bennett, Recording Secretary; Marilynn Bennett, Financial Secretary; Joletha Little, Treasurer; Johnie Pettiford, Corresponding Secretary; Judy Simon, Chaplain, Beulah Pratt; Samantha Douglas; Shunee McRae; Arnette Taylor and Kristen Mims.

Pictured above are, from left 1st Runner Up Chemil Sellers, 2019 Little Ms. Las Amigas Queen M'Layah Smith, 2nd Runner Up Yazzmine Simon.

Woman Sues Walmart After Fall in Wadesboro Store

Jacqueline Reid filed a lawsuit against Walmart after slipping on blueberries and falling on the floor in the Wadesboro store. Her lawsuit claims that Reid has suffered unbearable pain as a result of the fall. The incident took place in 2016, and the lawsuit was filed in Anson County Superior Court in November 2018. The lawsuit seeks at least \$75,000 in damages.

According to the lawsuit Reid was walking through the produce section when she "suddenly and without warning slipped and fell backwards." Workers in the store helped her to her feet, and she saw blueberries "covering the floor" where she'd slipped and fallen. The lawsuit stated that soon after the fall, Reid "began to experience unbearable pain and sought medical treatment."

Reid's lawsuit claims that Walmart "should have reasonably known of the fruit and berries on the floor in its Wal-Mart Supercenter, thereby creating a hazardous condition to patrons."

In February 2019 Walmart lawyers filed a motion for the case to be dismissed. Although they acknowledged that Reid fell in the store, they claimed that she was negligent. The reasons they stated were because she failed to do the following: Use reasonable care for her own safety, observe the area in which she was placing her feet, walk in a safe and reasonable manner, keep a proper lookout in her path of travel, wear proper footwear to protect herself from injury, and observe berries on the floor and walked onto the berries.

Walmart lawyers requested that the lawsuit be transferred to federal court. Court records show that on May 23 the lawsuit was reassigned to US Magistrate Judge David Keesler in Charlotte.



Congratulations to the New Graduates from the Family Planning Clinic of Anson County Health Department.

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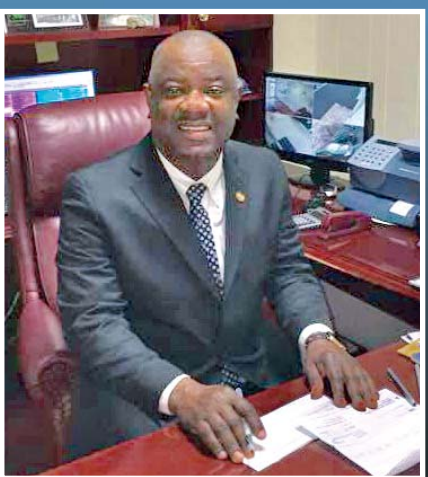
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Writers' Club Welcomes New Members

The Anson County Writers' Club meets on the fourth Sunday of each month, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, except in July and December. All meetings are open to the public. New members of all ages are welcome.

For more information call Sandy Bruney at 704-694-5211.