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Mr. Joe Everett "Eb" Driggers

Mr. Joe Everett "Eb" Driggers, 77, died Tuesday, August 16, 2011, at Carolinas Medical Center Union in Monroe. Funeral services were held

Obituaries

on Friday, August 19, 2011, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Jimmy Knotts and Rev. Chris Jackson officiating.

Eb was born December 30, 1933, in Anson County, a son of the late Colon and Fronnie Horne Driggers. He was retired from Wade Manufacturing. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Korean Conflict.

Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Ellen Wagner Driggers of the home; his daughter, Jodie Lynn Driggers of Wadesboro; his step-son, Hartmut Wagner of Germany; step-granddaughter, Jiska Wagner also of Germany; his brothers and sisters, Charles Driggers of Phenix, AZ, Leroy Driggers of Lawton, OK, Alex Driggers, Juanita Hildreth and Loretta Oliver, all

of Wadesboro and Jenny Thomas of Norwood. He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Driggers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Mr. Joe Miller Estridge

Mr. Joe Miller Estridge, 75, of Ansonville, passed away Friday morning, August 19, 2011, at his home.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, August 21, 2011, at Concord United Methodist Church Cemetery. Rev. Robert Burr and Rev. Aubrey Whitley officiated.

Mr. Estridge was born February 25, 1936, to the late Bowman and Kathleen

Handly Estridge. He was owner and operator of Estridge Lock & Key. He had previously owned Ansonville General Store for 27 years. In addition, he was the Mayor of Ansonville for 34 years and was currently serving on the town council. He was a 20 year retired chief of the Ansonville Fire Department. He was a former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Anson Technical College, former chairman of The Smith Trust; he served on the Board of Directors of BB&T, and Piney Point Golf and Country Club. He was a member of Ansonville United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Ruth Whitley Estridge of the home; a son, Joe "Joey" Estridge, Jr. (Missy) of Ansonville; a daughter, Angela Ruth Sikes (Rodney) of Peachland; a brother, John Estridge of Naples, Florida; three sisters, Martha Cornforth (Keith) of

Minden, Nevada, Kay Deskin of Carson City, Nevada and Judy Allen (Hamp) of Florence, SC; three grandchildren, Ashley Tarlton (Jeremy), Jarrod Sikes and Karlee Jo Estridge.

The family request memorials to Ansonville Fire

Dept & Rescue Squad, P. O. Box 337, Ansonville, NC 28007 and/or Ansonville United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 398, Ansonville, NC 28007.

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Community Theater Update and Audition Dates for "A Christmas Carol"

David Ariail has agreed to direct a Christmas Community Theatre production sponsored by the Anson County Arts Council. They will be presenting *A Christmas Carol*, the renowned story of Ebenezer Scrooge, adapted for the stage by theatre director, Ariail. There are roles for ten men, nine women, six teenage actors, and six children, ages 7-10 (which includes the role of Tiny Tim). Auditions will be held Monday through Wednesday, October 10 through 12, at the Ansonia Theatre, located at 110 South Rutherford Street. Auditions will begin at 7:30 p.m. No knowledge of the play or experience is necessary to audition or to work with the production. Auditions include a reading from the script. The play will be presented six times, December 8, 9 & 11 (matinee), and December 15-17.

This will not be the first production Ariail has directed in Wadesboro. In 1973 he was North Carolina's Playwright-In-Residence and was assigned to what was once known as Anson Technical Institute (now SPCC). He met Mary Louise and Hal Little who wanted to have a performance area to stage small productions and within months the basement of the Anson County library was converted, and Ariail directed the plays *Our Town* and *Harvey* before moving to his next assignment in Lenoir, NC. He was founder and director of the Richmond Community Theatre in Rockingham for thirty years before retiring in 2007.

"This is a large cast production," said Ariail. "It requires a lot of people to produce this show at a very busy time of year. There has already been a lot of interest in the production and I hope that all of those who have wanted to see it will volunteer to make it happen."

Mr. Ariail already has a list of interested volunteers (those of you who came to the meeting, plus others who contacted the Arts Council) and has met with some of you. He will work with the Arts Council in completing some preliminary tasks prior to auditions. Several of you who have expressed an interest may be called in to give assistance, and some of the areas will not be involved until after auditions.

The Express will keep you informed of progress, and those on the group list will be sent emails from the Arts Council. If you know someone who needs to be added to the "group list," let him or her know to contact the Arts Council (704-694-4950). Ariail suggests that anyone interested in the areas of carpentry, painting, sewing, make-up, props, lighting or sound stop by the theatre during the audition hours. Some of you are already working in those areas.

This play will be presented numerous times, with tickets required, and the Arts Council would clearly like to draw in people from other areas. The Arts Council does need to hear from anyone wanting to volunteer in matters concerning publicity, promotion, thoughts on radio, TV, or making connections outside the county...and financial support. So if you have thoughts, contact them. The sooner a developed plan is in place, the better.

First on the update list are auditions. Don't forget to come prepared on Monday, October 10, through Wednesday, October 12. You may be Anson County's next big star!

By Melanie Lyon

Applications Sought for Mini-Grants to Benefit Youth Groups

The N.C. Youth Advisory Council of the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office in the Department of Administration is accepting applications for mini-grants available to youth groups to conduct community projects. The application deadline is 5 p.m. on September 30.

Up to \$6,292 is available to North Carolina organizations composed of young people, ages 13 to 18, which implement programs to benefit their peers. The mini-grants will range from \$100 to up to \$500 each.

Examples of projects that have received funding since the program started in 1977 include after-school tutorial programs, purchases of recreational equipment and orchestral music, an alcohol-free graduation celebration and books for children in a hospital critical care unit. Requests for cost of food, entertainment, travel and salaries will not qualify for funding.

The State Youth Council and the Youth Advisory Council will meet in November to review applications for awards and will announce recipients in December.

For regulations or to download an application, visit www.doa.state.nc.us/yai/councils-minigrant.aspx or contact Cynthia Giles of the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office at 919-807-4400.

What Should You Do with Your Gas Hog

In a release from Cars4Charities: The economy continues to struggle and gas prices remain high. The cost to fill up the gas tank in an average car is over \$60. If that is breaking your budget, there are two things you can do about it. You can either try to improve your gas mileage or replace you car with a fuel efficient one.

To improve your cars gas mileage, make sure your tires are properly inflated. Under inflated tires can cost you up to 2 mpg. Then, replace your air filter regularly and put in new spark plugs every 30,000 miles. The smoother your car runs, the better its gas mileage. Remove anything from your car you do not really need. The more weight in your car, the more gas it will use. Also, remove your roof rack when you are not using it and put a bed cover on your pickup truck. This will reduce drag and give you 2 or 3 more mpg.

Of course, the ultimate gas saver is to slow down. The faster you drive, the more gas your car will use.

If you get a fuel efficient car, you have to figure out what to do with the gas guzzler. The dealership won't want it because there is no demand for them. It will be difficult to sell privately for the same reason. You can sell it for parts at a junk yard, or you can donate your car to charity. Cars4Charities will gladly take your gas guzzler. In return, you will get a tax deduction of the amount they sell it for or \$500 whichever is more. They have hundreds of charities that can be helped by your car donation. For details, please go to www.cars4charities.org or call 866-448-3487.

AA Offers a Helping Hand

In a release from the local Alcoholics Anonymous group: If you want to drink that's your business, if you want to stop we can help. Call Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) at 704-826-7378.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the AA Building located at 2111 Country Club Road in Wadesboro, next door to Heritage Hills Assisted Living Center.

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