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# Obituaries

2015, at Ambassador Health and Rehab.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 19, 2015, at Fall Branch Baptist Church with Rev. Bill Whitlow officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Marie was born in Cumberland County on December 11, 1929, a daughter of the late Ernest Harvey Pait and Mary Elizabeth McRae. She worked in textiles, retiring from Gilead Manufacturing.

Survivors include her sister Jane Turpin of Stanly; her nieces and nephews, including Carol Ann Herring-McDaniel

and a special caregiver, Cassie Cox.

In addition to her parents, Marie was preceded in death by her husband, John Hough and her son, Kenneth "Kenny" A. Hough.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

**Mr. Rodney Dean Sikes**

Mr. Rodney Dean Sikes, 50, passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at his home in Peachland surrounded by his loving family.

Graveside services were

held on Saturday, November 21, 2015, in the Mineral Springs Baptist Church Cemetery in Polkton.

Rodney was born in Union County on February 2, 1965, a son of Phyllis Jowers Sikes and the late Max Ray Sikes. He graduated from Bowman High School in 1983. In 1994 he went to work with his father-in-law Joe Estridge at Estridge Lock and Key. Rodney proved to have a knack for the trade and was soon a licensed locksmith himself.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Angela Estridge Sikes of the home; a daughter, Ashley (Jeremy) Tarlton of Peachland; a son, Jarrod Sikes of Peachland; granddaughter Bailey Rae Tarlton; his

mother, Phyllis Sikes of Peachland; brother Ricky (Denise) Sikes of Peachland; sister Regina Sikes and her fiancé Rick of Waxhaw; niece Pamela Hanson; great-nephew Jordan; stepmother Sherry Sikes; and his mother-in-law, Ruth Estridge.

Memorials may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1893, Memphis, TN 38101-9950 or to the Bailey Rae Tarlton Educational Fund, c/o Leavitt Funeral Home, PO Box 274, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

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## Letter to the Editor Remember the Senior Citizens in Your Life

Dear Editor,

Since the holidays are coming up, I would like to remind people of the senior citizens. For the past five years I have been legally blind. I'd like to remind Anson County of the elderly and home bound people. Also, there are nursing homes as well as private homes. People assume that the elderly are being taken care of by their children, but that is not necessarily the case. Children are so busy with their own lives that they sometimes don't take time with their parents. Fortunately I have caregivers from a health care agency who are compassionate, caring and helpful in my well being. They are the only people I see on a daily basis for weeks at a time.

I appreciate Bayada for the caring and thoughtful caregivers and the excellent service they have provided for me. Thank you.

Lois S. Smith

## Raffle in Support of the Anson County Animal Shelter

Help support the Anson County Animal Shelter by purchasing a raffle ticket. There are prizes from several businesses in Anson County, Bojangles, IGA, KFC, Lady Bug Restaurant, Lacy's, H.W. Little & Company, Tractor Supply and La Foga. One ticket costs \$1 or you can get 6 tickets for \$5. The drawing will be held on December 31.

Tickets can be purchased at the Animal Shelter or at the Anson County Health Department. For more information call 704-994-2738 or 704-694-5188.

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## Compare Health Insurance Plans During the Open Enrollment Period

Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin reminds North Carolinians who purchase individual health insurance coverage to take advantage of the open enrollment period to compare plans and choose coverage. The open enrollment period for 2016 coverage began on November 1 and ends January 31, 2016. In order to have coverage effective January 1, 2016, you must enroll by December 15, 2015.

"I encourage people to take action during the open enrollment period," Goodwin said. "Look at your options and decide if it's in your best interest to keep the plan you had last year, switch to another plan or change insurance companies."

If you do not get health coverage through your employer or Medicare, you can buy coverage in the individual market on the federal exchange at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov). The exchange also determines if you are eligible for any subsidies, cost-sharing reductions or coverage through Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program.

If you purchased individual health insurance last year, you will be auto-enrolled in the same or similar plan unless you select a different plan. However, you should still verify your information, confirm your subsidy eligibility and look at the available policies. There may be a new option that is less expensive or better suits your needs. When choosing a plan, it's also important to check to see which medical providers (physicians, hospitals, labs, pharmacies, etc.) you may visit to receive covered care.

You may also purchase individual coverage off the exchange through an agent or broker or directly from an insurance company, but you will not be eligible for subsidies.

If you have questions about health insurance, contact the North Carolina Department of Insurance at 855-408-1212 or learn more at [www.ncdoi.com](http://www.ncdoi.com). For questions related directly to enrollment through the federal exchange, contact 1-800-318-2596 or visit [www.healthcare.gov/contact-us](http://www.healthcare.gov/contact-us).

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### NOTICE OF DISCHARGE OF UNTREATED WASTEWATER



Due to heavy rain and flooding, the City of Monroe had a discharge of untreated wastewater from three locations in the wastewater collection system on November 19, 2015. There was also a spill on November 21, 2015 due to a large ball of rags obstructing flow and causing a manhole to overflow. The related spill information is as follows:

Location	Cause	Volume (Gallons)	Tributary
Phifer St	Heavy Rains	3,750	Bearskin Creek
Highway 207	Heavy Rains	23,400	Richardson Creek
Joes Branch / Walkup Ave	Heavy Rains	60,000	Richardson Creek
Lake Lee - Behind Lakeview Subdivision	Illicit Rags	18,000	Richardson Creek

Bearskin Creek and Richardson Creek are in the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin.

The City of Monroe is making a substantial investment in time, money and manpower to stay in full compliance with the state standards and repair and rehabilitate older areas of the Monroe wastewater system to eliminate spills similar to these. Citizens can help by promptly reporting any suspected sewer overflow or problem to the City's Water Resource Department at 704-282-4610

## The Best Christmas Pageant Ever Opens at the Ansonia Theatre December 10

The Ansonia Theatre is proud to present *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, opening Thursday, December 10 and running through Sunday, December 20. This children's classic is based on the short story by Barbara Robinson and will be directed by Tommy Wooten. The cast features over 50 members from all over the region, and this play is sure to be a favorite among theatre goers.

Due to popular demand, Thursday night performances have been added to accommodate as many people as possible. Tickets are \$15 and are on sale now. Groups rates are available for parties of 10 or more at \$12 each. Show times are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Call the Anson County Arts Council at 704-694-4950 or visit [www.ansoniateatre.com](http://www.ansoniateatre.com) for tickets. Don't miss this show!

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