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Obituaries

Mrs. Margie H. Newton

Mrs. Margie H. Newton 90, passed away November 25, 2018, at Brian Center of Monroe.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday the November 27, 2018, at Deep Springs Baptist Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Newton was born in Anson County on December 12, 1927, to the late A. Z. and Susie Griffin High. In addition to her parents, she was preceded

in death by her son David Newton.

She is survived by her husband of over 65 years, Mr. Lewis J. Newton; her three daughters, Peggy Newton Little (Jamie) of Peachland, Cathy Newton Autrey (Steve) of Monroe and Sylvia A. Newton of Charlotte; her brother A. Z. High, Jr. (Dorothy) of Charlotte; grandchildren, Dana Little Ward, Nathan Little and Brittany Smith; and five great-grandchildren.

Morgan & Son Funeral Home of Marshville was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at morganandsonfuneralhome.com.

Arts Council Annual Meeting is December 11

The public is invited to the Anson County Arts Council's Annual Meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, December 11, from 6 to 7 p.m. Holiday refreshments will be served.

The Arts Council office is located at 110 South Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro, next door to the Ansonia. The telephone number is 704-694-4950.



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The Monroe Expressway Opens A New Era Of Opportunity (And Expectations) For Anson County

By John Marek, Anson County Economic Development Director: At half-past ten on this crisp, sunny morning, Tuesday, November 27th, 2018, North Carolina Secretary of Transportation James Trogon cut a scarlet ribbon and a caravan of VIP vehicles began the 18 mile trip from Stallings to Marshville on the newly-christened Monroe Expressway. Just a few minutes earlier, state and county officials offered words of both relief and excitement that the road project, 30+ years in the making, was finally coming to a successful conclusion.

Each of the speakers shared their own personal "Monroe Bypass" story, mostly centered around the near-mythical nature of the road and the belief by many that it would never actually be built. My story dates to the months just prior to my moving to North Carolina. While still living in Ohio, I had forwarded my resume to several Charlotte-area companies over the summer and fall of 1994. Right after Thanksgiving, I was invited to interview with an Indian Trail-based company that supplied cast aluminum components to the automotive industry. During the interview, the subject of traffic and the accessibility of the fairly remote plant came up, and the owner of the company assured me that a bypass around Monroe would be opening in the next few years. I would up taking a different job and that "next few years" became two decades.

One of the speakers at the event suggested that studies have predicted the population of Wingate and Marshville will more than triple over the next 10 years as the result of the Expressway, and if the economic impact of other major new roads in the state are any example, that may be a conservative estimate. Expressway-driven growth in Anson County may not be as immediate, especially now that the failure of the alcohol referendum has placed us at a significant disadvantage for attracting retail, restaurant and residential developers to the Peachland area, but it will come. Companies like AMI, KFC and Bojangles have already invested heavily in the county in anticipation of the new traffic patterns, and it won't take long for that first wave of adventurous suburban commuters to figure out that Peachland is a new frontier offering low land costs, an award-winning elementary school and scenic natural vistas less than an hour drive from Uptown Charlotte.

Bowman Senior High Class of 1968 Meeting

The last meeting to finalize plans for the historic Bowman Senior High School Class of 1968's 50th class reunion will be held this Saturday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library. The library is located at 120 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro. For additional information please contact Dr. Josephine Leak Harris at jharr122@ncsu.edu, 919-619-9032.

All classmates are welcome to attend this meeting and help finalize plans.

50+ Club Meeting with Music by Todd Wright and Stan Harward

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday December 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. Todd Wright and Stan Harward will be presenting a program of music for the season as well as other favorites. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this special program.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

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