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Mr. William Thomas Hildreth

Mr. William Thomas Hildreth, 62, died Friday, October 28, 2011, at Hospice of Union County in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, October 30, 2011, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Jimmy Knotts and Rev. Tommy McKenzie officiating. Interment followed in Olivet United Methodist Church Cemetery in Lilesville.

He was born July 10, 1949, in Anson County, a son of Elsie Lockler Hildreth

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and the late William Baxter Hildreth. He had worked for many years in textiles.

Surviving are his mother, Elsie of the home; his brother and sisters, Kenny (Cecile) Hildreth of Lilesville, Susan Hunt of Monroe and Sandra (Steve) Tatro of Tradesville, SC; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Services of Anson County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

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

Mrs. Roxie Louise Pendergraft Taylor

Mrs. Roxie Louise Pendergraft Taylor, 82, died Thursday, October 27, 2011, at her home.

There was a celebration of her life at her home on Sunday, October 30, 2011. A graveside service followed in the Williams Family Cemetery.

Roxie was born in Jonesville, VA on April 9,

1929, a daughter of the late William and Fannie Potett Pendergraft. She was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are her children, Glenda (Bob) Haggerty of Lilesville, Johnny Taylor of Pennington Gap, VA, Andrew (Hope) Taylor, Debbie Taylor, Frankie (Vicky) Taylor and Janie Evans, all of Jonesville, VA and Star (Charles) Elkins of Gordonsville, VA; her grandchildren, Sue (Neil) Williams, with whom she made her home, of Lilesville, Tina Muse of Wadesboro, Richard (Stephanie) Atkinson of Cape Coral, FL, Glenda (Greg) Cellini of Cochranville, PA, Veronica (Doug) Ritter of Carney's Point, NJ, Marsha Rizzo of New Castle, DE, Sarah Sumpter, Sarah Taylor, Sophie Taylor, Jackie (Chris) Neff and Sammie Evans, all of Jonesville, VA, Jada (Bryan) Keller, Charles J. Elkins, Brittany (Derek) Elkins and Jill Elkins, all of Gordonsville, VA; her great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; and her best-friend, Phyllis McLendon.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert Taylor; her daughter-in-law, Hope Taylor; her grandson-in-law, Joseph Rizzo and her sisters and brothers, Bernice Moore, Betty Davis and Billy and Burl Pendergraft.

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

Mai Yang

Mai Yang, 86, died Thursday, October 20, 2011, in Minnesota.

The Hmong funeral customs will begin on Friday, November 4, 2011, at 7 a.m. at Leavitt Funeral Home until the burial on Sunday, November 6, 2011, at 12 p.m. in the Vuc-Vang Cemetery in Polkton.

Mai was born in Laos on January 1, 1925, a daughter of the late Yongchue Yang and Mee Lee.

Surviving are her children, Yongying (Der Thao) Vue, Naochao (Yia Lor) Vue, Tou (Maihua Yang) Vue, Nijajlong (Paj Moua) Vue, Youa (Chiasher Yang) Vue, See (Cher Yang) Vue; 55 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Kage Vue, her children, Nhiahoua Vue, Chou Vue, Ger Vue, Yer Vue and her brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

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Beyond the Color Purple - The Ansonia Speaks

In a release from the Arts Council: On Thursday evening, November 3, the community will have the opportunity to observe the results of "project based learning" as practiced at Anson New Technology High School. All Ansonians are invited to share this experience, which celebrates the history of our county, including the challenges, changes, nostalgic remembrances and hopes for the future. For nearly two months the students have been working on this production along with EbzB Productions. The Anson County Arts Council together with EbzB Productions developed the idea to combine the art of listening and writing, with experience in theatre and performing art. Part of the goal was to include an understanding of the significance of the historic theatre. This project was partially funded by the NC Arts Council and the NC Department of Cultural Resources through an Artist in Residence grant written by the Anson County Arts Council.

The project started with the entire student body and staff attending a professional production of "War Bonds," a perfect example of an historic narrative. Next students were coached on developing questions to focus on Anson's own history, then selecting and interviewing long time residents. Guiding the students, mostly members of the state history classes, were David Zum Brunnen and Selena Eberhart, the actors who wrote and have performed War Bonds across the country and on PBS. Many of the interviews were held and filmed on the stage of the Ansonia. The next step, accomplished by the creative writing class, was to compile the interviews into a script. On November 1, through 3, the students, along with the actors, will design simple props and sets, decide what lights and music will be involved, and practice being on the stage. A group of 20 students will become the voices of the Anson residents and even the voice of the Ansonia Theatre itself. The hope is that many of the citizens, even those not interviewed, will hear their own reflections and experience their own acknowledgement of what Anson County has been and the challenges that face us now. The most exciting part of the script is the idea of all coming together and moving forward with renewed energy. The project has given many of the students the opportunity to connect with other generations. It has involved them with multiple community and civic organizations. Many of them have shown a lot of interest in becoming more involved in the arts. They are excited and proud to be one of the first groups to use the "beautiful theatre". It has been rewarding to have them bring parents and friends to see the facility.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come watch the performance of the original play, "Beyond the Color Purple—bring Anson Back," to be held on Thursday, November 3, at 7 p.m. in the Ansonia Theatre. It is free to the public. The Arts Council and the students of Anson New Tech would like to invite all those interviewed and all the school personnel at the central office and other schools.

Silent Auction Will Benefit Ansonia Theatre

The Anson County Arts Council's Silent Auction Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 5th. As the Arts Council's main fundraiser of the year it is important that everyone attend. It will be held at Twin Valley Country Club from 6 until 10 p.m. with all proceeds benefiting the Ansonia Theatre.

A variety of art, including original paintings in oil, watercolor, and acrylic, along with woodworking, baskets, birdhouses, handmade and decorative items, jewelry, and gift certificates for both merchandise and services, will be available in both the silent and live auctions that night. The Arts Council is still seeking donations, so the list of items will continue to grow.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available in Wadesboro at the Arts Council, Fancy Crafts, and Lacy's.

Tickets include admission to the event, heavy hors d'oeuvres by Beth Rogers and Kathy Thompson, wine, beer, and live entertainment. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

"This is our only major fundraiser of the year, and it's particularly important because proceeds will go entirely toward events at the Ansonia Theatre," said Arts Council treasurer Catherine Crandell.

Come out for a fun evening as you support the Arts Council and the Ansonia Theatre. Buy a ticket to the Silent Auction and get ready to bid! Info at 704-694-4950.

Community Forum

Anson County Schools will hold a Community Forum on Thursday, November 17th. The event will take place in the Ingram Room at the Lockhart-Taylor Center at 6:30 p.m.

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