

Obituaries



Thomas "Tom" Steed Trout

Thomas "Tom" Steed Trout died at his home in the South Toe Community of Yancey County, North Carolina on Tuesday, July 30, 2019. He was 71. A native of Findlay, Ohio, Tom was the oldest son of the late Thomas James Trout and Mary Jean Schlosser Trout.

In 1974, Tom moved to the South Toe River Valley of North Carolina where he began his career as a mason, specializing in European-style, wood-fired masonry heaters. A founding member of the Masonry Heater Association of North America and renowned for his skill and artistry, Tom often traveled to Europe and Japan to build stoves and pizza ovens, and to lead workshops. Though he designed and constructed many fireplaces and chimneys for customers across western North Carolina and the U.S., the ones Tom built for his friends and family in the South Toe Community are his most important, not only for the warmth they'll continue to provide, but for the stories and memories they'll forever inspire.

Naturally outgoing, Tom never met a stranger. He coached many youth sports teams, hosted pizza parties at his Heater House and the Celso Community Center, and enjoyed cooking, yoga, live music and traveling with his family. In recent years, Tom developed a passion for pétanque, a French lawn bowling game, that he played with close friends at his home on Sunday afternoons.

Tom attended Bowling Green University in Ohio, where he met his wife Brenda Phetteplace. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he was also a member of Veterans for Peace, a global organization comprised of military veterans working to create a culture of peace throughout the world. In 2016 and 2017, Tom participated in Sam's Ride for Peace, a 350-mile bike ride from Raleigh, North Carolina to Washington D.C. advocating for the end of war and violent conflict. Other endeavors of peace included a 2017 sailboat trip on the west coast of the U.S. and multiple returns to Vietnam.

Tom was preceded in death by his youngest brother, Peter Trout. Surviving are his loving wife of 44 years, Brenda Lee Phetteplace; son, Gus Trout of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; daughter, Zoe Trout and husband Jacob Biba, of Asheville, North Carolina; grandson, Theodore "Iggy" Biba, of Asheville; brother, Duncan Trout, of New Taipei City, Taiwan; and two sisters-in-law.

A pizza party with live music and pétanque games celebrating Tom's life will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Veterans for Peace at 1404 North Broadway, St. Louis, MO, 63102. To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.

School Walk by Moms in Prayer on Saturday, August 17

Yancey County's 5th Annual Public School Prayer Walk will take place on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 9 a.m. This will be a time for our communities to join together and pray for our schools.

Parents, teachers, students and community members are all encouraged to attend.

The Prayer Walk will begin at the Yancey County School Board office with prayer for the leaders of the school system. The individual school walks will immediately follow around 9:30 a.m. There will be a Prayer Captain at each Yancey County School to lead the prayer walks.

For more information, contact Jessica Duncan at 284-2359. The group will host an information session about Moms in Prayer after the prayer walk at 11 a.m. at the Yancey Baptist Association office on West Main Street. Refreshments will

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF YANCEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ROAD NAMING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE YANCEY COUNTY ADDRESSING COORDINATOR

Please take notice that Yancey County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Courtroom of the Yancey County Courthouse pursuant to NCGS 153A-239.1. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a road naming recommendation from the Yancey County Addressing Coordinator. The subject road is the section which begins off of SR 1427 and runs west back towards the town of Burnsville and ends in a cul de sac and was sectioned out for the road-widening project. The subject road must be renamed due to a) two different roads having the same name; b) GPS Emergency Location and Response; c) for addressing purposes and parcel deliveries; d) for businesses to be able to update pamphlets, letterheads, etc. After multiple conversations and negotiations between the Yancey County Addressing Coordinator and persons owning the adjacent properties, no agreement could be made on a road name. Due to the sense of urgency in naming the road, the Yancey County Addressing Coordinator is invoking 2.25 (B) ROAD NAMING PROCEDURES FOR PRIVATE ROADS AND PUBLIC ROADS of the Yancey County Addressing and Road Naming Ordinance. The Yancey County Addressing Coordinator is recommending that the subject road be named Mercy Street.

This, the 7th day of August 2019.

Sonya Morgan /s/ Board Clerk Yancey County Board of Commissioners Published August 7, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Kathleen B. Whitehead of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of November, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 7th day of August, 2019.

Jamie Whitehead Jr. 112 Autumn Lane Burnsville, NC 28714 Published August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019

Gospel Concert at Bear Creek Baptist Church Sun. Aug. 25

The Edwards Family from Burnsville will host a gospel concert at Bear Creek Baptist Church on Sunday August 25, at 10:45 a.m. The church is located at 327 Bear Creek Church Road in Bakersville, NC. Everyone is welcome.

Volunteers needed

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals weekdays from 10:30 to noon. Call the Senior Center at 682-6011.

LEGAL NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR UPSET BIDS

PURSUANT TO the terms and provisions of NCGS 160A-269 Yancey County has received an offer to purchase those lands located in Yancey County, North Carolina, more particularly described as follows:

BEING those 2 tracts of land located in the Town of Burnsville, Burnsville Township, Yancey County, North Carolina, more particularly described in a deed dated 17 January, 1978 from the Blue Ridge Hospital System, Inc. to Yancey County, recorded at Yancey County Deed Book 171, Page 167, to which reference is hereby made as if incorporated herein, so as to include, without limitation, those lands commonly known as "The Old Yancey Hospital".

The Yancey County Board of County Commissioners may accept said offer. Pursuant to the above referenced statute Yancey County is now publishing notice of said offer, which said offer has been accompanied with a deposit in the amount of \$3,133.10, which said deposit has been made with Yancey County.

The real property which is subject to the offer is that property more particularly described herein above.

The amount of the offer made for the purchase of the said property is \$62,661.90 cash or certified funds, pursuant to the terms of an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property, a copy of which is on file with, and may be obtained from, the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners for Yancey County.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that within ten (10) days of the date of this publication any person may raise the bid price by not less than 10% of the first \$1,000.00 of the original bid price of \$62,661.90 and 5% of the remainder. If the bid is raised the bidder shall deposit with the Clerk to the Board of the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners 5% of the increased bid and the said Clerk shall re-advertise the offer at the increased bid amount. This procedure shall be repeated until no further qualifying upset bids are received, at which time the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners may accept the offer and sell the property to the highest bidder, or may at any time reject any and all offers including this offer.

This the 7th day of August, 2019.

Sonya Morgan /s/ Clerk to the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners Published August 7, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF YANCEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF NEW DALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RE-FINANCE AGREEMENT

Please take notice that Yancey County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Courtroom of the Yancey County Courthouse. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comment on New Dale Volunteer Fire Department (the "Fire Department") entering into an agreement with United Community Bank in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$499,000 to re-finance the fire house located at 98 River Walk Drive, Burnsville, NC 28714 (the "Fire House") and to purchase certain equipment for the Fire Department that will be located at the Fire House.

This, the 7th day of August 2019.

Sonya Morgan /s/ Board Clerk Yancey County Board of Commissioners Published August 7, 2019

Times Journal Deadline

Noon on Friday for Wednesday's publication. Located at 22 North Main Street. Phone 828-682-2120.

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Joseph Atwell Maxwell of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of October, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 31st day of July, 2019.

Stephen Paul Maxwell 925 Blue Rock Road Burnsville, NC 28714 Published July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Shelba Jean Boone Stanley of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of October, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 31st day of July, 2019.

Thomas Michael Boone 730 Bearwallow Road Burnsville, NC 28714 Published July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of Arthur J. Benson of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of October, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 24th day of July, 2019.

Leah Metzler 436 Greenhedge Drive Lanchastner, PA 17603 Mark Benson 29 Green Hill Road Goldens Bridge, NY 10526 July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Please take notice that on July 17, 2019, writ of possession was posted at 50 Woodland Hills, Apt # 303 in Burnsville, NC. As of July 17, 2019 the property will be held for thirty (30) days and if not claimed, sold to benefit affordable housing programs. If you have a legal or beneficial interest in the property belonging to the entity named herein, you may obtain information concerning the property being held, present proof of your claim and establish your legal right to receive the property by contacting the Yancey County Field Office of Northwestern Regional Housing Authority at (828) 682-2216 no later than the close of business on August 17, 2019. Published July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Doris Honeycutt of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of November, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 7th day of August, 2019.


Patricia A. Fox 34 Sugar Park Drive Hendersonville, NC 28792 Published August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Douglas Gilley of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of October, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 17th day of July, 2019.

Kim Smith 1301 James Farm Road Hickory, NC 28602 Published July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2019



The AMY Wellness Foundation, a public charity dedicated to improving the health and well-being of our community, has announced their first inaugural grant cycle. AMY Wellness Foundation is thrilled to accept applications starting August 1st through September 15th. The application can be found online at www.amywellnessfoundation.org.

through the course of its six-month tenure, AMY Wellness Foundation has been working diligently to set policies and procedures aligned with public charity best practices. The Foundation is dedicated to serving Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey counties through addressing "Social Determinants of Health" – factors and barriers that influence people's health and well-being.

In preparation of its first grant cycle, the AMY Wellness Foundation Grants Review Committee studied needs assessment data, health impact factors, and facilitated listening sessions with 30 organizations throughout the three-county region. The information learned was used to inform the Foundations first grant cycle, however, the drive to collect more knowledge continues. The Foundation will hold ongoing listening sessions to expand its knowledge and learn the highest areas of needs our communities face.

The AMY Wellness Foundation encourages organizations to submit applications regardless of their attendance at past listening sessions. Guidance and consult will be provided by a third party to encourage success of organizations who apply. Organizations can attend a grant writing workshop on either August 27th or September 9th to learn more about the Foundations grant application. Any organization who is interested in attending can email the Foundation directly at, info@amywellnessfoundation.org for more information. Using evidence-based practices, the following social determinants of health have been identified as funding needs for the Foundations first grant cycle;

- Housing • Food Insecurity • Education • Economic Stability • Access to Health Care
- Interpersonal Violence and Toxic Stress

AMY Wellness Foundation is looking specifically for high-quality projects providing outcomes to benefit the residents in our three counties in these areas:

Housing

- Housing needs are complex in our rural area, particularly with affordability and quality of the housing stock. In order to shape the most effective investments in this area, consider applying for our planning grant to develop a housing coalition to study increasing the availability of safe, high quality affordable housing in Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties. Please only apply for this planning grant if your organization currently works in the scope of housing services and can convene other relevant decision-makers for new solutions.

Food Insecurity

- Increasing access to healthy food for food insecure individuals
- Providing nutrition education
- Demonstrably increasing the stock of healthy food in the community

Education

- Increasing preschool enrollment including nonprofit projects supporting preschool costs for families in need
- Increasing the availability of "school out" programs, such as programs providing care for school age children during snow days, after school, and/or summers
- Community outreach providing parents with parenting classes, nutrition classes, and classes focusing on the importance of education
- Mentorship for youth
- Providing pro-social teen activities

Poverty and Economic Stability

- Entrepreneur support for participants start or grow their own businesses
- A planning grant to form a collaborative of community stakeholders with the goal of increasing the number of residents working at living wage jobs. Please only apply for this grant if your organization has relevant experience in living wage job development and convening relevant stakeholders.

Access to Health Care

- Increasing the number of health care, dental, and mental health care providers
- Providing school-based health initiatives
- Providing health screenings to uninsured or under-insured residents

Interpersonal Violence, Toxic Stress, and Social Cohesion

- Projects that address domestic violence, interpersonal violence, elder abuse, child abuse or neglect, or bullying.

Special Interest Category:

- Transportation. This has been identified as a primary need in our region which impacts all of the social determinants of health. We are looking to fund initiatives with either unique solutions and/or current efforts to provide transportation, since we not have a public transportation system.

The AMY Wellness Foundation aims to improve the health and well-being of Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey counties.

The following areas fall outside the AMY Wellness Foundation scope of support:

- Grants to Individuals
- Political purposes, including lobbying
- Out-of-area projects or organizations
- Grants prohibited by IRS regulations