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Obituaries

family. Her parents, sisters, brothers, grandparents and great-grandmother were with her for the Christening.

There will be no other services planned.

Lillian is a daughter of Adam Cline Pope and Ginger Drye Pope; she has older sisters and brothers, Adaline, Maeby, Ross and Hawkins; her grandparents are Teresa Pope (Fleet Lee), Betty and Dudley Whitley and Terry Drye and her great-grandmother is Margie Drye.

If desired, the family suggests memorials be made to Calvary Episcopal Church, Children's Ministry, 308 E. Wade St., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Jesus said, suffer the little children and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Infant Lillian Brielle Pope

On Friday, April 5, 2019, Lillian Brielle Pope was born, and, following a short span of time, she was escorted by the angels from the arms of her earthly parents to the arms of her Heavenly Father.

Lillian was christened in a private service by Father Tim Hushion of Calvary Episcopal Church assisted by Chip Long, followed by a service of prayers for the repose of her soul and her

Governor Roy Cooper Proclaims April 2019 Alcohol Awareness Month

Statewide organization urges parents and teens to take the pledge to stop underage drinking

To raise awareness of the risks underage drinking poses to young people in North Carolina and across the country, Governor Roy Cooper proclaimed April 2019 as Alcohol Awareness Month.

"Underage drinking jeopardizes young people's health and safety and puts lives at risk," Gov. Cooper said. "It's important that people know the dangers of alcohol and that families talk honestly and directly about underage drinking."

According to research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, underage drinking can cause problems in school, changes in brain development and increased risk of suicide. Underage drinking remains a serious problem in North Carolina. In a 2015 survey of middle and high school students in North Carolina, 94 percent of respondents said underage drinking is a problem among their friends and classmates.

Under Gov. Cooper's leadership, Talk It Out NC is working to curb underage drinking. Talk It Out NC encourages parents and teens to stop underage drinking by pledging to maintain open lines of communication, create honest dialog about peer pressure, acknowledge the negative physical effects of alcohol on young brains and discuss the consequences of driving drunk.

"Conversations about alcohol may be difficult to start, but these conversations could save lives," said Chairman A. D. "Zander" Guy of the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

National Alcohol Awareness Month was established in 1987 to increase understanding of alcohol addiction and its causes, as well as to share information about recovery and treatment options.

"Alcohol Awareness Month can be a conversation starter for families," said Jim Van Hecke, Deputy Director of Education and Outreach for the NC ABC Commission. "It can also serve as a reminder for communities to work toward collaborative solutions to prevent underage drinking."

About Talk It Out NC The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission launched the Talk It Out NC campaign in 2014. The goal of the multimedia awareness campaign is to reduce underage drinking by encouraging conversations between parents and their children. Talk It Out NC offers resources for parents who need guidance talking to their children about the dangers of underage drinking. Visit talkitoutnc.org to get the conversation started.

Services for Consumers - Health Insurance

The North Carolina Department of Insurance (NC DOIE) understands that choosing an insurance policy can be confusing. There are a lot of things to consider when selecting an insurance policy - will your doctor accept your insurance? How do I know what is covered? Do I have to use certain hospitals? Where do I get insurance? Once you start to use your insurance, there are other things that you may start to consider as well, such as - how much money will I have to pay? What if I have trouble getting my treatment covered or what if I'm denied?

The North Carolina Department of Insurance can help you with your health insurance questions and concerns. Their staff can help you:

- File a written complaint if you are not happy with an action taken by your insurance company
 - Understand your rights and responsibilities regarding health insurance coverage
 - File a medical appeal with your insurance company
 - Request an external review if your claim was denied
- How can the NC DOI help you? Call them toll-free at 855-408-1212.

Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge Youth Fishing Rodeo is Saturday

The Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge will hold their annual Youth Fishing Rodeo this Saturday, April 27 on Sullivan Pond at the Refuge. This event is free and lots of fun for all ages. It will be held from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The pond has been stocked with 400 catfish! There will be prizes for the biggest fish, smallest fish and most fish caught. Kids 15 and under may enter the rodeo, but all ages are invited to participate.

Fishing rods, tackle and bait will be available if you do not have your own. Also, Refuge staff and volunteers will be available to work with participants on their fishing skills. So, come on out for this great outdoor event and help celebrate an eventful national pastime.

A hot dog lunch will be provided by the Friends of the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge following the fishing activities at 11 a.m. Other goodies will also be provided!

Adults may stay and fish after 12:00 noon.

The Pee Dee NWR is located 3 miles south of Ansonville, at 5770 Highway 52 North. Call 704-694-4424 for more information.

Forgivable Loans Available for Criminal Justice Education

Deadline to apply is April 30

This past summer the N.C. Criminal Justice Fellows Program (CJFP) was passed by the North Carolina legislature. The mission of the Criminal Justice Fellows Program is to recruit talented high school seniors and graduates into the criminal justice profession. Each year this program will fund fellowships for high school seniors and graduates in eligible counties who have exhibited high academic achievement, a history of service to the school and community, and a desire to serve the state of N.C. in a field within the criminal justice profession.

Anson County is one of the 65 eligible counties.

The Criminal Justice Fellows Program will provide forgivable educational loans for high school seniors and graduates in eligible counties who agree to enter a criminal justice profession in an eligible county in N.C. This fellowship will fund an Applied Associate Degree in Criminal Justice or Committee approved related field of study, from any North Carolina Community college. Students who receive the educational loan would have 5 years to repay, though it would be forgiven if they enter and remain in a criminal justice profession within N.C. for 4 years in an eligible county.

The types of jobs that the fellows can go into include: state and local sworn law-enforcement officers, state correctional officers, sworn sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, detention officers, state juvenile justice officers, and telecommunicators under the direct supervision of a law enforcement agency and other correctional officers maintained by local governments and juvenile justice agencies.

One hundred fellowships will be awarded each year, and the first class will begin in the fall of 2019. The closing date for the application for the Criminal Justice Fellows Program is April 30, 2019.

Full eligibility requirements, forms and a FAQ are available at: ncdoj.gov. Click "About DOJ" then "Law Enforcement Training and Standards" and "Criminal Justice Fellows." You can also call (919) 662-4609.

Wadesboro Lions Club and Captain D's Spirit Night

On Thursday, May 2 the Wadesboro Lions Club will participate in Captain D's Spirit Night. Support your Wadesboro Lions Club by dining with Captain D's. (Drive-through or dine-in)

If you use their drive-through, tell the order taker you want to support the Lions Club. This will not add anything to your meal cost, but will allow the Lions to receive a donation from Captain D's.

If you dine-in you will have an opportunity, for a small donation, to win a free meal or fries or fish sandwich and several other items.

All proceeds benefit the blind and visually impaired in Wadesboro and Anson County.

For information about the different projects of the Wadesboro Lions Club call Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

Bad Art Program!

Free event for young adults, 20s and 30s, to have fun while creating awful art!

The Hampton B. Allen Library is excited to announce it's the first program for individuals in their 20s and 30s! The theme for the program will be "Bad Art!" This fun event will be held on Saturday, May 11, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Make the craziest and tackiest art you can think of while enjoying a no pressure atmosphere with your peers. The only requirement: Leave your good taste at home...and let your silliness flow.

If you're interested, call the library at 704-694-5177 to reserve your free spot. The library is located at 120 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

Senior Citizen Prom is May 24

Come and enjoy the Fabulous Fifties Senior Citizen Prom, to celebrate Older Americans Month. Come dressed in you fifties best...and eat, dance and have fun! All Anson County seniors are invited to join in the fun on Friday, May 24 for the Grace Senior Center Senior Citizen Prom. It will take place at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, from 7 to 9 p.m. The event is free, free, free!!!

Call Mary Jones to register at 704-694-6616.

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