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# Obituaries

2018, at his home.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018m in the Deep Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Carl was born in Anson County on May 2, 1932, a son of the late Carl Lacy Ratliff and the late Sara Burch Ratliff. He was a US Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, and worked constructing electric power grid lines.

Survivors include two sons, Carl Ratliff of Ft. Myers, FL and Eddie Ratliff of Charlotte; two granddaughters, Kaylynn Ratliff and Joslynn Lily Ratliff; a brother, Bill (Betty Jean)

Ratliff of Wadesboro; and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Goins of Winston-Salem. In addition to his parents, Carl was preceded in death by his wife Kay West Ratliff and a sister, Susan R. Brown.

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

**Mr. William Wayne Morton, Sr.**

Mr. William Wayne Morton, Sr., 76, died Monday, June 25, 2018, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at Fall Branch Baptist Church with Rev. Arnold Jackson and Rev.

Robert Morton (Linda) of Fork, SC; his grandchildren, Courtney Morton, Amber Morton and Austin Morton, all of Lilesville and Laython Morton of Fork; his brother and sisters, Tommy Morton (Teresa) and Sue McElroy, all of Lilesville, Barbara (Bill) Thantham of Clyde and Doris Mauldin of Norwood; a special niece, Angie Martin of Lilesville; and Elizabeth Morton of Lilesville who Wayne loved like a daughter. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Helen Threadgill

Also surviving are his Burr family, M. A. Burr (Evelyn) of Easley, SC, L. W. Burr of Lexington, David "Tad" Burr and Lil-

lie Morton (Roy Steeler), all of Lilesville, Frank Burr (Carolyn) of Burlington and Mary Evans of Wadesboro.

Among Wayne's favorite pastimes were fishing, racing and old cars.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Fall Branch Baptist Church, 2248 Ingram Mountain Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091.

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## Wildlife Commission Requests Help in Reporting Wild Turkey Observations

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is seeking public assistance in reporting observations of wild turkeys this summer. Through Aug. 31, wild turkey sightings by volunteers and Commission staff will be recorded and submitted to management biologists. Observation information gives an indication of annual wild turkey productivity, gobble carryover and other population trends - all of which help the Commission manage the state's turkey population.

To participate, new volunteers should use the online survey link at [www.ncpaws.org](http://www.ncpaws.org). For the first time this season, participants can enter their observations online in the field from any smart phone or small-screen device.

After new volunteers submit observations, the Commission will automatically contact them the following year to provide an opportunity to participate again. In 2017, more than 1,200 people helped with the survey, reporting their observations of more than 35,000 turkeys. Many volunteer observers are members of the National Wild Turkey Federation - a valued partner of the Wildlife Commission in the reintroduction of the wild turkey in North Carolina.

Before the 1970s, wild turkeys were scarce in North Carolina, with only about 2,000 birds statewide. Today, there are more than 265,000 birds from the mountains to the coast, and wild turkeys are one of North Carolina's most popular game animals. Survey summaries from 2003 to 2017 are available online at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org), as well as up-to-date turkey harvest summaries in North Carolina.

For more information or to participate in the wild turkey summer observation survey, contact Upland Game Bird Biologist Chris Kreh at 336-386-0892 or email [chris.kreh@ncwildlife.org](mailto:chris.kreh@ncwildlife.org).

## Atrium Health Investing into Over 7,500 Teammates with Minimum Wage Increase

**Minimum wage increased to \$12.50 by Atrium Health to lead industry in this region**

On Thursday, June 28 Atrium Health announced it is increasing its minimum wage to \$12.50 per hour, ensuring Atrium Health is not just competitive among top large employers, but also industry-leading in the Charlotte region. This increase from \$11.50 per hour to \$12.50 will take effect on July 22, 2018. In addition, teammates who are currently in the \$12.50 per hour pay range will receive an increase to maintain pay differentiation. This represents an investment into the lives and families of more than 7,500 employees.

"Each and every one of our teammates is integral to ensuring our patients receive the very best," says Gene Woods, president and CEO of Atrium Health. "As we continue to work together to improve health, elevate hope and advance healing - for all, this increase represents our ongoing commitment to our team and supports the incredible work they do every single day."

Atrium Health consistently reviews employee wages and benefits each year and makes appropriate adjustments to ensure it remains competitive and well positioned as the region's most comprehensive healthcare provider.

Over the past seven years, Atrium Health has been on a journey to increase its minimum wage well beyond the federal requirement to provide a more reasonable wage for all Atrium Health teammates. Since 2012, Atrium Health has increased its minimum wage by 72.4 percent - taking it from \$7.25 per hour to the upcoming \$12.50 per hour. The last increase was from \$10 per hour to \$11.50 per hour just last year.

"Atrium Health is proud to have one of the most dedicated teams in the region," says Jim Dunn, Chief Human Resources Officer of Atrium Health. "Our teammates consistently go above and beyond for our patients and communities, and we believe this increase not only shows our commitment to our employees and their families, but also our gratitude for the remarkable work they do every single day."

As one of this region's largest employers, with more than 35,000 teammates in the Charlotte region, this increase not only supports Atrium Health teammates, but exemplifies Atrium Health's full commitment to improving economic growth and mobility in Charlotte and the surrounding region.

## Anson County WIC Program Information

The Anson County WIC program provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to health care and community resources to participants. The staff at Anson County WIC is now issuing eWIC cards. All WIC approved stores in Anson County accept the eWIC card. Paper vouchers are no longer issued. WIC is still a nutritional supplemental program for pregnant, postpartum, or breastfeeding women, infants and children under 5 years of age.

Packages for children 1 to 5 and for women include benefits for fresh, canned or frozen fruits and vegetables at WIC approved stores. WIC approved yogurt is also available on many food packages.

To be eligible for WIC you must be an infant or child less than five years of age, a woman who is pregnant, breastfeeding, or have given birth within six months.

Think you may be eligible for WIC? WIC is a nutritional supplemental program for pregnant, postpartum, or breastfeeding women, infants and children under 5 years of age. To be eligible for WIC you must live in North Carolina.

If you receive Medicaid, Work First Families Assistance, or SNAP you automatically meet the income eligibility requirements.

A family may be eligible for WIC based on your household income, even if you do not receive Medicaid, Work First Families Assistance, or SNAP. The following list is income guideline that went into effect July 1, 2018.

- Family of 1 - monthly income \$ 1,872 - weekly income \$ 432
- Family of 2 - monthly income \$ 2,538 - weekly income \$ 586
- Family of 3 - monthly income \$ 3,204 - weekly income \$ 740
- Family of 4 - monthly income \$ 3,870 - weekly income \$ 893
- Family of 5 - monthly income \$ 4,536 - weekly income \$ 1,047
- Family of 6 - monthly income \$ 5,202 - weekly income \$ 1,201
- Family of 7 - monthly income \$ 5,868 - weekly income \$ 1,355
- Family of 8 - monthly income \$ 6,534 - weekly income \$ 1,508

For a family size greater than 8 please call the office for income information. For income based on annual, bi-weekly, or twice a month please call the office.

For more information about WIC or to make an appointment, please call the Anson County Health Department at 704-694-9844, or you can visit the office at 110 Ashe Street in Wadesboro. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### Social-Emotional Behavior Consultant

UCCA is accepting proposals from experienced Early Childhood Education Consultants to support our Head Start staff throughout the 2018-19 program year. Bidders must have extensive knowledge of Social-Emotional Behavior techniques and have experience coaching teachers on curriculum implementation.

Proposals will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2018.

**For more information, contact Elizabeth Teal at [Elizabeth.teal@uccainc.org](mailto:Elizabeth.teal@uccainc.org) or visit our website at [www.uccainc.org](http://www.uccainc.org)**

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