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Obituaries

Mrs. Mary Teal Baker

Mrs. Mary Teal Baker, 88, died Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at Cheraw Healthcare, Inc., in Cheraw. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 17, 2012, in the Chesterfield Baptist Church with Rev. Lee Coyle officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Mary was born in High Point, NC on January 4, 1924, a daughter of the late Stephen Wilson and Cornelia

Adams Teal. She graduated from Chesterfield High School. She was retired from the Duff-Norton Co. and also was a retired hairdresser.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John Henry Baker; her son, Charles Henry Baker; and her sister, Ruth Teal Threatt. Survivors include her nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Chesterfield Baptist Church, 207 E. Main St., Chesterfield, SC 29709.

Leavitt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

Miss Ruby Elizabeth "Sis" Grant

Miss Ruby Elizabeth "Sis" Grant, 86, died Saturday, August 11, 2012, at Lillie Bennett Nursing Center.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 16, 2012, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

"Sis" was born August 31, 1925, in Anson County, a daughter of the late James Robert Grant and Flossie Price Grant. In addition to her parents, she was

preceded in death by her brothers, David Warren Grant and Billy Grant.

She was retired from Little Cotton Manufacturing and was the last person who lived in one of the homes provided by the Little Family. She was a member of Southside Baptist Church.

She will be remembered for her gentle and humble spirit and her loving endearing friendship.

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

Town of McFarlan

Rescheduled September Meeting

The September meeting will be held on Monday, September 10 at 7pm

Dentists Warn Against Oral Piercing

It's back to school season and with a new school year comes new temptations for young students. Among them: Oral piercing.

"Many teenagers, especially those entering a new school or social environment, seek acceptance," says Dr. Nona Breeland, a Chapel Hill endodontist and former president of the N.C. Dental Society. Some young people resort to popular but potentially dangerous practices, including piercing of the tongue, lips, cheek or uvula (the tiny tissue that hangs down in the back of the throat).

"Some suffer no ill effects, but piercing carries huge risk. "The mouth's moist environment is home to large numbers of breeding bacteria and is an ideal place for infection," says Dr. Breeland.

"Oral piercing carries a risk of endocarditis, an inflammation of the heart valves or tissues. Bacteria can enter the bloodstream through the piercing site in the mouth and travel to the heart, where it can establish itself," warns Dr. Breeland. "This is a risk for people with heart conditions and, in the worst of cases, can result in death."

An oral piercing also can interfere with speech, chewing or swallowing. That may seem like a mere inconvenience until you consider that it may cause:

- Excessive drooling
- Infection, pain and swelling
- Chipped or cracked teeth
- Injuries to the gums
- Damage to fillings
- Increased saliva flow
- Hypersensitivity to metals
- Scar tissue
- Nerve damage

"Harmful effects can occur during the piercing, soon after, or even long after the procedure," says Dr. Breeland.

It's also possible to puncture a nerve during a tongue piercing. "If this happens, patients may experience a numb

tongue. This nerve damage may be temporary, but can be permanent. The injured nerve may affect your sense of taste or how you move your mouth. And damage to the tongue's blood vessels can cause serious blood loss."

In addition, piercing jewelry can sometimes cause allergic responses to the pierced site. "If an individual has a piercing, he or she should consult a dentist and practice good oral hygiene to reduce the presence of bacteria and infections in the mouth," says Dr. Breeland. "Regular dental checkups are a must."

Dr. Breeland says that dentists in North Carolina see serious oral problems caused by piercing in free Missions of Mercy (NCMOM) dental clinics put on by volunteer dentists who treat the underserved. "Unfortunately, many patients who come to MOM events, especially the working poor with limited or no access to regular dental care, end up with runaway infections in the mouth that have spread to other parts of the body."

The best advice, says Dr. Breeland, is to avoid oral piercing in the first place. "Otherwise, it poses a tremendous risk which is a tough trade-off to be cool or appear fashionable."

For additional information on oral piercing, visit www.ncdental.org or www.ada.org.

The N.C. Dental Society represents 3,500 dentists throughout North Carolina. The NCDS encourages improvement of the oral health of the public, promotes the art and science of dentistry, sustains high standards of professional competence and practice, and represents the interests of the members of the dental profession and the public which it serves.

TOWN OF LILESVILLE

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Applications Sought for Mini-Grants to Benefit Youth Groups

The NC Youth Advisory Council of the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office in the Department of Administration is accepting applications for mini-grants available to youth groups associated with nonprofits or governmental agencies to conduct community projects. The application deadline is 5 p.m. October 5.

Up to \$6,292 is available to North Carolina organizations composed of young people, ages 13 to 18, which implement programs to benefit their peers. The mini-grants will range from \$100 to up to \$500 each.

Examples of projects that have received funding since the program started in 1977 include after-school tutorial programs, purchases of recreational equipment and orchestral music, an alcohol-free graduation celebration and books for children in a hospital critical care unit. Requests for cost of food, entertainment, travel and salaries will not qualify for funding.

The State Youth Council and the Youth Advisory Council will meet in November to review applications for awards and will announce recipients in December.

For regulations or to download an application, visit www.doa.state.nc.us/yaio/councils-minigrant.aspx or contact Cynthia Giles of the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office at 919-807-4400.

School Board Meeting Monday, August 27

The Anson County School Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, August 27th at the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a closed session. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited to participate.

UWI Farmer's Market on the Square Every Thursday

Come to Square in Wadesboro every Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. for the Uptown Wadesboro Farmer's Market for your chance to purchase fresh, locally produced foods.

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Farmers Market Open Wednesdays and Saturdays

The Anson County Farmers Market on Highway 52 South in Wadesboro is open every Wednesday and Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. until November 10.

Be sure to go out and find great deals on delicious and nutritious locally grown produce. You will have fresh veges and also support area farmers. It's a Win-Win!

Anson County Parks & Recreation Fall Registration

From now through August 31 Anson County Parks and Recreation will be holding registration for the following sports:

- Fall Football for 3rd & 4th grade and 5th & 6th grade
- Cheerleader for 3rd through 6th grade
- Girls Fast Pitch Softball for ages 4 to 18
- Youth Baseball for 9 & 10 years old and 11 & 12 years old
- Coach Pitch Baseball for ages 7 to 10
- Tee Ball for ages 4 to 6
- Micro Soccer for ages 3 to 4
- Youth Soccer for K through 12th grade

The costs for all programs are \$25 except Youth Tackle Football and Youth Flag Football which cost \$30. Cheerleading costs \$18.

For Youth Football you must have a physical and bring that paperwork along with a copy of your birth certificate.

You may come to Little Park to register Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The deadline to register is Friday, August 31. For more information call 704-694-5868.

Registration will also take place from 3 to 5 p.m. at these schools:

- Tuesday, August 28 at Wadesboro Elementary & Wadesboro Primary Schools
- Wednesday, August 29 at Peachland-Polkton and Ansonville Elementary Schools
- Thursday, August 30 at Lilesville Elementary School Baseball Field & Morven Elementary School

50+ Club Meeting Features Musical Program

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club will meet September 10 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Joe Dutton will be the guest, entertaining with his delightful music. Please to come join in the fun for this event.

For more information please call 704-694-5177.

Medicare Seminar at Grace Senior Center

There will be a "Welcome to Medicare" seminar held at Grace Senior Center on Friday, August 31 at 1 p.m. for those individuals interested in information concerning Medicare. If you are interested please call the center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information.

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