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Obituaries

Mrs. Laura Taft Blalock

Mrs. Laura Taft Blalock, 93, passed away on December 27, 2019.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2020, in the chapel at First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro.

Mrs. Blalock was born in Wadesboro, the daughter of the late Laura Virginia and Marshall Daniel Taft. She was predeceased by her husband David

Blalock and brothers, Dan and Bill Taft.

Mrs. Blalock was a graduate of Wadesboro High School, and attended Greensboro College and Duke University. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Wadesboro.

Survivors include her son David Blalock, Jr. (Nancy); granddaughter Lauren Blalock Sefton (Eric); and great grandson Connor Blalock Sefton.

The family would like to express their deep appreciation to the staff and caretakers at Summit Place of North Myrtle Beach and MSA Hospice for the wonderful care give to Mrs.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to MSA Hospice, 4685 Hwy 17 S. Bypass, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Mrs. Willie Faye Moore Tice

Mrs. Willie Faye Moore Tice, 88, died Monday, January 6, 2020, at her home in Lilesville.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Donnie Helms officiating. Interment will follow at Anson Memorial Park. The family will greet friends

at the funeral home prior to the service beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Willie Faye was born April 23, 1931, in Chesterfield, SC, a daughter of the late Willie and Clara Griggs Moore. She was a longtime employee of the West Knitting Corp. which later became Reeves, and then Dawson Manufacturing. She enjoyed gardening, canning, freezing and pickling her produce from the garden and then sharing with her family and friends. She was a dedicated member of North Wadesboro Baptist Church for most of her life.

Survivors include her

husband of 68 years, Billy Tice of the home; a daughter, Ellen Tice Goodwin (Lonnie) of Wadesboro; a son, Donald E. Tice (Sherry Ponds) of Lilesville; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Willie Faye was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Lynn Tice.

Memorials may be made to North Wadesboro Baptist Church, PO Box 1388, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

The health department is providing a free educational session on cervical cancer on Thursday, January 30, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Feel free join.

January has arrived, a month where so many around have made New Year resolutions that are soon to be broken. This year, the Anson County Health Department encourages every woman to make a well-women exam the one resolution to keep.

The American Social Health Association (ASHA) and the National Cervical Cancer Coalition (NCCC) has named January Cervical Health Awareness Month. This is a special month where women encourage women to get screened for cervical cancer and receive the human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine if they are eligible.

Cervical cancer is the 3rd leading cause of death amongst women in the United States and affects nearly 12,000 women a year in the U.S. alone. All women are at risk for cancer, however it occurs more often in women 30 and older. According to the statistics presented in 2014 from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Hispanic women had the highest rate of getting cervical cancer followed by black, white, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaskan Native women. Reports also revealed that black women are more likely to die from cervical cancer. According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), in 2018 about 13,240 new cases of aggressive cervical cancer will be diagnosed and about 4,170 women will die from the disease.

Most cervical cancer is caused by human papilloma virus (HPV). HPV is a group of 150 or more related viruses and is contracted through sexual intercourse. Some types of HPV can cause genital warts, while high-risk HPV types are linked to cervical cell changes that lead to cervical cancer if not detected early. More than 70 percent of cervical cancer cases come from high risk HPV types. The CDC recommends all boys and girls get the HPV vaccine by age 12. The vaccine is available through the age of 26 to prevent the virus and cervical cancer.

To prevent and detect cervical cancer, a Pap test is recommended every 3 years for women between the ages of 21-60. A Pap test can find cell changes to the cervix caused by HPV. HPV tests find the virus and help healthcare providers know which women are at highest risk for cervical cancer. An abnormal Pap test may require a detailed follow-up.

The Anson County Health Department provides the HPV vaccine to both boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 26 and accepts most major insurances. Young uninsured women under the age of 19 can receive the vaccine free of charge. The Health Department also provides the Pap test.

The health department is located at 110 Ashe Street in Wadesboro. For more information about the HPV vaccination please call (704) 694-5188.

For overall information contact Dinikia Savage at the Anson County Health Department at (704) 994-3342. The Health Department is on Facebook at Anson County Health Department.

N.C. REAL ID

Beginning October 1, 2020, federal agencies will enforce the REAL ID Act, which requires a REAL ID, U.S. passport or another federally approved identification to board commercial flights and enter secure federal buildings.

The N.C. REAL ID is a REAL ID Act-compliant driver license that is just like a traditional license or ID but has a star at the top. Driver licenses and IDs without a gold star are noted "Not for Federal Identification."

N.C. REAL ID Is Completely Optional You do not need an N.C. REAL ID driver license or identification card to do any of the following: Drive, Vote, Apply for or receive federal benefits (e.g., Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, etc.), Enter a federal facility that does not require an ID (e.g., a post office), Access a hospital or receive life-saving services, or Participate in law enforcement proceedings or investigations (e.g., serve on a federal jury, testify in federal court, etc.)

An N.C. REAL ID, however, might be helpful for anyone who frequently: Boards a commercial airplane, Visits nuclear sites, Visits military bases, and/or Visits federal courthouses, federal prisons or other federal facilities

An individual without an N.C. REAL ID or U.S. passport will still be able to board flights or make visits to the facilities mentioned above, but they will have to provide additional documentation with their traditional license or ID.

Getting an N.C. REAL ID Even though the federal law is not effective until October 1, 2020, anyone can get an N.C. REAL ID now. To do so, visit an N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles driver license office with the required acceptable documentation:

- One document (with full name) proving identity and date of birth
- One document (with full name and full Social Security Number) confirming Social Security number
- Two documents (with current physical address) proving North Carolina residency
- For non-U.S. citizens, one document (with full name) proving legal presence/lawful status
- If applicable, one or more documents verifying any name change

More information is available at www.ncdot.gov/dmv/license-id
What to Expect for Your REAL ID Visit The N.C. REAL ID will make it more convenient to board a commercial airplane if you don't have a passport or visit a military base or other federal facility, but it isn't required and won't be needed until October 2020.

If you're headed to a N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles driver license office to get yours, here is a list of things to expect during your first visit:

- If you did not schedule an appointment, be prepared to wait a bit longer as there are more people visiting the office for their first REAL ID, too.
- Your identity and residency documents will be reviewed at check-in.
- You will take a vision test.
- You will take a new photo.
- You will receive a temporary identification certificate or a temporary driving certificate to use until you receive the actual card in the mail.
- Your temporary ID or license will not have a star, but the actual card will include the star when mailed to you.

Other Details to Know

- Your first N.C. REAL ID cannot be obtained online. It can only be issued at a driver license office, where required documents will be scanned and permanently stored, as required under federal law, in your NCDMV record.
- Getting an N.C. REAL ID driver license or ID card costs the same as getting any other license or ID for the first time, and the process is similar.
- If you get an N.C. REAL ID outside of the renewal period, the cost is \$13 – the same as a duplicate license or ID card. You will have to take a new photo, but no tests are required.
- The cost is the same as a renewal, if the REAL ID is obtained within six months of expiration. You will have to take a vision test and take a new photo.
- Applying for a North Carolina driver license or ID card will cancel any licenses or ID cards from other states through the State-to-State Verification program.

Atrium Health Revises Visitation Policy

Effective at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, Atrium Health is restricting hospital access for visitors 12 years old and under at all of its greater Charlotte area in-patient hospitals. The tighter restrictions are a result of the growing prevalence of flu cases in the region.

Atrium Health is joining Wake Forest Baptist Health, Caromont Health, Cone Health, Novant Health and Randolph Health in implementing the restrictions at the same date and time to prevent confusion among the public. This unified response also helps better control the spread of flu throughout the region.

Atrium Health hospitals affected by the tighter visitation policy are: Atrium Health's Carolinas Medical Center, Atrium Health's Levine Children's Hospital, Atrium Health's Levine Cancer Institute, Atrium Health Cabarrus, Atrium Health Mercy, a facility of Carolinas Medical Center, Atrium Health Pineville, Atrium Health Union, Atrium Health University City, Atrium Health Lincoln, Atrium Health Cleveland, Atrium Health Kings Mountain, Atrium Health Anson, Carolinas HealthCare System Blue Ridge, Atrium Health Stanly, Atrium Health Behavioral Health Charlotte, Atrium Health Behavioral Health Davidson, Carolinas Rehabilitation-Charlotte, Carolinas Rehabilitation-NorthEast, Carolinas Rehabilitation-Mt. Holly and Atrium Health Pineville Rehabilitation Hospital.

Atrium Health is also asking individuals of all ages who are experiencing flu-like symptoms to help control the spread of the illness by not visiting patients in the hospital while ill with flu like symptoms. Symptoms of flu include: fever, headaches/body aches/pain, cough or sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, chills, fatigue, nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea.

If extraordinary circumstances require an individual with flu-like symptoms to visit a hospital patient, the visitor will be asked to wear a surgical mask to protect themselves and others.

To reduce your risk of getting the flu, Atrium Health recommends frequent hand washing with soap or use of an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, not touching eyes, nose or mouth with hands, covering your cough/sneeze, and getting a flu shot.

Most people with the flu have mild illness and do not need medical care. If you have flu-like symptoms, in most cases you should stay home and avoid contact with other people. Flu sufferers should rest, drink fluids and take ibuprofen or acetaminophen to reduce minor pain or fever.

If you are concerned about the severity of your symptoms, contact your healthcare provider or start a video visit or eVisit. The emergency department should only be used for people who are very sick, such as those with difficulty breathing, chest pain, confusion, severe vomiting or signs of dehydration.



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Notice of Regular Meeting January 14 WADESBORO HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Board of Commissioners of the Wadesboro Housing Authority meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

The meeting is held at 1 p.m. at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Wadesboro.

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