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**Mrs. Gayle  
Lookabill Hildreth**

Mrs. Gayle Lookabill Hildreth, 55, died Friday, January 24, 2020, as the result of an automobile accident.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29,

2020, at Deep Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Perko officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Gayle was born June 5, 1964, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Fred William Lookabill and the late Kathryn Paige Wilson Lookabill. She had worked several years for Dr. Ernest Forbes Veterinary Hospital in Wadesboro and later for Anson County Health Department.

She was a longtime member of Deep Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving are husband Tim Hildreth; her children, Cody Hildreth (Jane), Brad Hildreth and Raylen Hildreth, all of Wadesboro; her granddaughter Kaydynn; and her brother Ray Lookabill of Wadesboro.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made on behalf of the the Hildreth Family to Leavitt Funeral Home, P.O. Box 274, Wadesboro, NC 28170 to assist with expenses.

The arrangements were attended First Baptist Church in Wadesboro. She graduated high school in Florida, received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1984, and her Juris Doctor from the West Virginia School of Law in 1987. Following Law School Lisa worked as a Law Clerk for the law firm, Sharpe and Buckner in Rockingham and later as attorney in private practice. In 1989 she accepted employment as an Assistant District Attorney in the 20A Prosecutorial District, Carroll Lowder, District Attorney. After Lowder's retirement Lisa continued to work in the District Attorney's office as a Senior Assistant District Attorney under Kenneth Huneycutt, District Attorney. In her work with the District Attorney's office she prosecuted cases in Anson, Union, Stanly, Richmond and Moore Counties.

**The Honorable  
Lisa Dam Thacker**

The Honorable Lisa Dam Thacker, 57, died Saturday, January 25, 2020.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2020, at First Baptist Church, Wadesboro with Dr. Harry Workman officiating. Interment will follow in Eastview Cemetery. The family will greet friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro.

Lisa was born August 31, 1962, in Polk County, FL, a daughter of the late Dr. Michael E. Dam and the late Mary Paciotti Dam.

She and her family are members of Wingate Baptist Church and formerly

In 1998 she was appointed by the Governor to serve as a District Court Judge in the 20A Judicial District, which included, Anson, Richmond, Union, and Stanly counties. In 2009 Lisa was appointed to the position of Chief District Court Judge. She served this position honorably until 2014. When the districts were redrawn in 2015 she was switched to District 16A which added Scotland and Hoke counties. In 2016 she retired from the 16A Judicial District after devoting 18 years to the bench.

Surviving are her husband Todd Thacker; her daughter Caroline Thacker; her aunt Pat Utrie; and her puppies, Bruno and Ginger, and cat Whodini who were her children too.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter Elisabeth East Thacker and her sister Dr. Trudi M. Dam, DVM.

Lisa enjoyed scrapbooking, and that was largely done as a means of documenting memories with her daughter and their family times. Although her accomplishments in her career were great, she was most proud of being Caroline's mom. She supported her in all she aspired to do, and was certainly Caroline's greatest fan.

Her family is very grateful for the many acts of love and kindness shown to them during this time and it will never be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Wingate Baptist Church, P.O. Box 339 Wingate, NC 28174.

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

**Letter to the Editor**

**Harvest Ministries Pastor Steve Adams on Tragic Shooting Death of Malik Byrd**

In writing about the shooting of two teenagers which resulted in the death of Malik Byrd last week, like all of us in Anson County - we are continuing to pray for and support the families who have experienced pain and tragedy that few can comprehend. What is vital for all at this juncture is to do whatever we can as fellow Anson County citizens to work to bring peace to those who are hurting due to this senseless violence.

In addition, I would ask that it is reiterated that there was NOT a shooting and/or any violence on the Harvest Ministries Outreach Center basketball court. I was at outside at Harvest on Martin Luther King day from around lunch time to about 4:00 p.m., and many young men (which is common) were on the court playing basketball with no hint of any altercation or issue. Also, local volunteer coach Jamozio Burch was present supervising to ensure safety. I appreciate Coach Mozi and his commitment to our youth. Later, it was shared that a vehicle pulled up and words were exchanged (those who were arguing never even played a game) - and as law enforcement reported - one vehicle followed another - and shots were fired off of White Store Road.

Each month hundreds of youth and families use the recreation area at Harvest as a safe place to have fun and fellowship. It has been a resource to our children and youth who do not have a gym or regular facility they can utilize here in the county. Many county residents and others gave financially to allow the court to be paved, cleaned and used as a community asset for the citizens of Anson County. In addition, Harvest has adults on campus at all times to keep a check on the safety of those who frequent the area. The Wadesboro Police Department and Anson County Sheriff's Department have been active and present through routine checks to ensure safety of everyone.

Even with every precaution, and every measure to provide safety for our community, trouble can happen. However, we as a people, as a community, as those of Faith - must continue to work diligently to provide resources, opportunities and programs for our youth and families. We are not defined by disaster - we are defined by how we respond and react. Now, more than ever, we all must look inside ourselves, our resources, and our influence to work together to do our part to detour and diminish terrible acts and violence from our county- This is not our normal - and we should never allow it to be!

While we may not ever fully understand why things occur, why loss and pain is experienced- we can trust in the faith of our creator that HE will be with us in ALL times...especially in times of turmoil...

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Let us continue to hold up the families of those who are mourning and have lost so much. Let us be there for them both now and in the future. And, may we always remember the scripture - 1 Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift - use it to serve each other."

Anson is worth it! Steve Adams, Pastor, Harvest Ministries Outreach Center

**Planting Forages for Wildlife**

This article is by Extension Agent Kinsey Everhart. It is presented in two parts, this week and next: Destruction of wildlife habitats has made populations of many animals decline. Whether you are a hunter or just enjoy observing wildlife, you may have an interest in planting forage for them. Generally, the best method to increase wildlife populations is to improve the habitat. First by increasing the amount of cover and second improving the year-round food supply. Many forage crops can help accomplish these purposes, but it is important to understand both plant and wildlife habit and behaviors. This week I will discuss the animal behaviors and next week I will go in-depth on individual plants.

**Deer** A whitetail deer buck will range about 640 acres of land and a doe will range about half of that. They like a varied diet consisting of items including twigs, acorns, fruits, weeds, grasses, and legumes. They prefer a high percentage of shrubs and trees in their diet, but will graze large amounts of lush forage when other feed is in short supply. Early summer is the time fawns are normally born. The highest nutritional requirements of does is in early lactation. Rebreeding of does, body weights of deer in the winter, and antler development are affected by nutrition during the summer and fall. It is extremely likely for protein to be deficient at this time. Winter annuals species are planted in a mixture to provide a long grazing period, plus much of their growth occurs during hunting season, attracting deer. Food plots should be 1-5 acres in predominately forested areas. Plots should be long and narrow, as opposed to square, in a sunny area close to woods to provide escape cover. Perennial legumes commonly planted for deer: red clover, white clover, and alfalfa. Warm season annuals commonly planted for deer: soybeans, cowpea, and American jointvetch.

**Doves** Although some mourning doves stay in much of the south all year, the dove is basically a migratory bird. Millions fly through the South each fall and spring. Non-migrating doves will fly up to 12 miles to reach a feeding field. Doves can be attracted with food plots, but it may be difficult to hold them in a given area. They tend to abruptly abandon one feeding area for another. A good approach is to plant a small food plot of 2 or more acres in early spring to feed local doves during summer, then make a larger planting in mid-to late spring to attract migratory doves. Doves are poor scratchers and will not dig up buried seed. They prefer their food lying out in the open on relatively bare ground. Commonly planted species for dove: browntop millet, proso millet, and sunflower.

**Ducks** With the exception of some wood ducks that remain in the South throughout the year, ducks are migratory birds. Food plots are commonly used to attract migrating ducks. Good plants for ducks in flooding areas are Japanese millet, corn, and grain sorghum. In other areas, browntop millet can be used.

**Rabbits** Food supply is critical to maintain high population. Winter is the time when food supplies are of most concern, any type of green winter plant is a good choice for food plots. Food plots should be planted in narrow strip, approximately 10 feet wide, close to a thicket or other area that provides cover. Commonly planted species for rabbits: clovers, small grains, and ryegrass.

**Wild Turkey** Turkeys range over a wider area than deer and eat a varied diet consisting of insects, seeds, and green leaves. Commonly planted species for turkey: Chufa, corn, soybean, cowpea, and any type or mixture of winter annuals.

Before planting, it is important to follow recommended planting procedures when establishing a wildlife crop. Otherwise, results are likely to be disappointing. Fertilization and liming should be according to soil test recommendations. If you need assistance in determining what plants will work for you, need assistance soil testing, or need more information on wildlife food plots contact Kinsey Everhart at the Anson County Cooperative Extension Office by phone at (704) 694-2415 or by email at [kinsey\\_everhart@ncsu.edu](mailto:kinsey_everhart@ncsu.edu).

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