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# Obituaries

## Mrs. Peggy Gregory Pegram

Mrs. Peggy Gregory Pegram, 71, died Friday, May 18, 2018, at her home. Funeral services were held on Monday, May 21, 2018, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Peggy was born November 26, 1946, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Charles Julian Gregory and the late Evelyn Adams Gregory. She worked for many years in textiles and later helped her daughters with their chil-

dren. Surviving are her daughters, Tina (Johnny) Lee of Ellerbe and Sandy (Todd) Stogner of Lilesville; her grandchildren, Taylor (Jeremy Bowers) Lee, Bryson (Brooke Wilson) Stogner and Logan (Karla Benitez) Lee; her great-grandchildren, Trenton and Cailee; her sister Barbara Greene of Wadesboro; her sisters-in-law, Linda (Tootsie) Ratliff of Lilesville and Diane (Wayne) Marks of Albemarle; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Preston Pegram and her brothers, Darrell Gregory and Charles "Buddy"

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

## Mrs. Katherine Gail Mercer Osborne

Mrs. Katherine Gail Mercer Osborne, age 60, of Polkton passed away on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at CMC Main in Charlotte.

A Celebration of Life for Gail will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at Peachland United Methodist Church, officiated by Reverend Angel Christ. The family will receive friends after the

service.

Gail was born on February 18, 1956, in Mecklenburg County, NC, a daughter of Ruth F. Mercer and the late John Traywick Mercer.

She was a licensed nurse practitioner who also enjoyed her work as a sales representative in retail. Gail was very active in church and believed in being a positive influence in every child's life. She was a tutor at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School and also a Girl Scout leader.

Survivors include her daughter Amy Marie Osborne; her son Christopher Traywick Mercer; her mother Ruth F. Mercer; her brother James David Mer-

cer; her niece Paige Mercer; her nephew Tyler Mercer (Courtney); and her grandchildren, Zachary, Jaylin, Miracle and Jackie.

In addition to her father, Gail was also preceded in death by her sister Rebecca Brown and her brother Vernon Mercer.

Although flowers are appreciated, the family requests that memorials in Gail's honor be sent to the Peachland Lamplighters, P.O. Box 330, Peachland, NC 28133.

Davis Funeral Service of Monroe is honored to be serving the family of Mrs. Osborne. An online guest register book is available to view and sign at [www.davisfuneralservice.com](http://www.davisfuneralservice.com).

## Be Prepared Before, During and After the Storm

### Hurricane season begins June 1st

The 2018 Hurricane season begins June 1 and runs through November 30 and Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey wants all residents to be prepared in order to minimize potential losses in the event of a damaging storm. "We can't do anything to control the weather, but we can prepare for it," said Commissioner Causey. "Researchers predict this season to be very active with the potential for eight hurricanes and 15 tropical storms. Residents need to take action now so they won't be sorry later."

Here are five tips that can help residents prepare for the onslaught of inclement weather that often accompanies hurricane season:

- Make sure you have adequate insurance coverage. Know exactly what your insurance policy covers. Homeowners policies do not cover flooding. You can only purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program. However, there is typically a 30-day waiting period before flood policies take effect so don't wait until a storm is approaching to purchase coverage. If you live in a rental property, your landlord's insurance only covers the building. None of your personal belongings are insured unless you purchase your own renter's policy.
- Compile important documents. Gather important paperwork, including insurance policies, medical records, and prescriptions. Be prepared to bring copies with you if you are forced to evacuate your home.
- Create a home inventory. Go room to room in your home and write down the brand name, description, estimated value and date of purchase of items in your home. It is also helpful to compile receipts, appraisal documents and serial numbers. Take videos or photographs of your belongings. Store your home inventory and related documents in a safe, easily-accessible place online, on your smartphone, on your computer or in a fire-proof box or safe deposit box.
- Identify potential hazards around your home. Hanging tree branches, loose shingles, patio furniture and other outdoor objects can cause damage or injuries in a storm. Make repairs or secure large objects to reduce the threat.
- Review contact information. Make sure you have up-to-date contact information for your insurance agent and insurance company and make sure they have accurate contact information to reach you.

You can learn more about preparing for a hurricane or disaster at [www.nchurriclaims.com](http://www.nchurriclaims.com) or by calling the N.C. Department of Insurance toll free at 855-408-1212.

## Home Fire Sprinklers Put Out Fires, Save Lives

With the concern of the rapidly rising rate of fire fatalities in North Carolina, the Department of Insurance (NCDIOI), which houses the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and Safe Kids NC, along with the NC Fire Sprinkler Coalition, recently demonstrated how home fire sprinklers can save lives, are better for the environment, and help keep firefighters safe.

On Saturday, May 19th at the Got to Be N.C. Festival held at the N.C. State Fairgrounds, NCDIOI and OSFM hosted Home Fire Sprinkler Day and set on fire two rooms – the first with sprinklers, the other without. The live burn event helped to raise awareness of the growing dangers of home fires and the life-saving benefits of installing fire sprinklers in new homes.

"Today's new houses are built with lightweight construction, open designs and are filled with synthetic furnishings," said Commissioner Causey who also serves as the State Fire Marshal. "When these homes burn, they fail fast, and that environment places firefighters at risk from fire as well as toxins that lead to disease. Sprinklers can put out that fire and save lives before most departments are even dispatched," Causey added.

### Facts about home fire sprinklers

- Since 2009, the installation of fire sprinklers has been required for new construction of homes by all U.S. model building codes. California, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and hundreds of U.S. communities have adopted this requirement. Challenges to adoption exist in many other states.
- Fire sprinkler installation in homes lags behind installation in other properties with lower fire death rates, such as schools, hospitals, and hotels. They lag in part due to myths, confusion, and opposition by some groups.
- Modern home fire sprinklers are inexpensive to install (\$1.35 per sprinklered square foot nationally – NFPA).
- Fire sprinklers reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by 80 percent, and reduce the risk of property damage by 70 percent (NFPA).
- Because the sprinkler responds to the fire automatically and while it is still small, it controls the fire until the fire department arrives, slowing the spread of heat and poisonous smoke.
- Home fire sprinklers give residents more time to escape a fire safely. That prevents injuries and saves lives.
- The sprinkler controls fire damage and confines it. That protects lives as well as surrounding rooms, limiting property damage.
- Responding firefighters work in far less dangerous conditions when a home fire is controlled by a fire sprinkler.
- Fire sprinklers are usually supplied by the household water main. A tank and pump can be used where needed. They can be used in any climate. As with other plumbing, the piping is hidden behind walls and ceilings. Sprinkler covers can be used to conceal sprinklers.
- Home fire sprinklers operate individually. In a fire, the sprinkler closest to it activates. In the vast majority of home fires just one sprinkler is needed to control the flames.
- Sprinklers are activated by the high temperature of a fire – typically between 135-165°F. Cooking fumes or signaling smoke alarms cannot activate sprinklers.
- Home fire sprinklers are designed to flow between 10-25 gallons of water per minute, 10-15 times less water flow than fire department hoses, with far less pressure.

For more information about home fire sprinklers and fire safety, visit the OSFM website, [www.ncdoi.com/OSFM](http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM).

## Richmond Community College

### Announces Honor Lists for Spring Semester

Richmond Community College (RCC) has announced its honor lists for the Spring Semester 2018. The President's List identifies students who earn an "A" in all courses and have a 4.0 grade point average while carrying 12 or more semester credit hours (not including developmental courses). The Dean's List identifies students who attain a minimum grade point average of 3.25 and earn no letter grade lower than a "B" while carrying 12 or more semester hours (not including developmental courses). The following Anson County students received recognition for their academic achievements.

**PRESIDENT'S LIST.** Trevor Huneycutt and Brianna Tucker  
**DEAN'S LIST** Chelsea Bryant, Andrevia Grace, Emily Joshi, Christian McCormick, Brittney Spencer and Veraka Sturdivant.

## "Don't Touch That Fawn," Says Wildlife Commission

With fawning season in full swing, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is once again reminding people not to approach, touch or remove any white-tailed deer fawns they encounter over the next few weeks.

From late April through June, white-tailed does across North Carolina are giving birth. Whitetails are a "hider" species, which means the female will hide her fawn in vegetation during the first two or three weeks of its life as she feeds. When left alone fawns have an excellent chance of survival. Dappled and lacking scent, they are well camouflaged in the wild and usually remain undetected by predators. Fawns are also well-equipped to protect themselves. By the time they are 5 days old, they can outrun a human. At 6 to 10 weeks of age, fawns can escape most predators.

"Each year, fawns are taken out of the wild by well-intentioned individuals who mistakenly assume they are orphaned or have been abandoned," said Jon Shaw, the deer biologist for the Commission. "However, it is rare for a doe to abandon her fawn, although she will leave it for hours at a time, she returns periodically to nurse it."

"If you find a fawn, leave it where it is and check on it the following day. If it still there and is bleating loudly, appears cold, weak or thin, or is injured, it might be orphaned. However, do not take it out of the wild, but rather contact a local, permitted fawn rehabilitator. Info is available at [ncwildlife.org](http://ncwildlife.org)."

If a fawn has been removed from the wild, Shaw advises taking the fawn back to where it was found - but only if the fawn has been held for less than 48 hours, the maximum time when a doe usually will return for her fawn. After 48 hours, the fawn should not be returned to the wild but taken to a local, permitted fawn rehabilitator.

With the exception of trained wildlife rehabilitators, most people are ill-equipped to care for a fawn, so their misguided attempts to "save" an abandoned fawn typically do more harm than good, with the majority of captive fawns eventually dying.

Besides being biologically irresponsible to remove a fawn from the wild, it is also illegal. Only certified wildlife rehabilitators have permits to keep white-tailed deer in captivity.

Learn more about white-tailed deer in North Carolina, visit the Commission's white-tailed deer page at [ncwildlife.org](http://ncwildlife.org).

## NOTICE

### Town of Wadesboro Annual Drinking Water Report

The 2017 Annual Drinking Water Report is available at the Wadesboro Town Hall during regular work hours, Monday through Friday.

It can also be accessed at the Town's website: [townofwadesboro.org/public-notice.html](http://townofwadesboro.org/public-notice.html)

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