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# Obituaries

## Mrs Margaret Mae Gathings Curry

Mrs Margaret Mae Gathings Curry, formerly of Lilesville, died Monday, May 21, 2018, at the age of 93.

Services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2018, by the graveside in Forestville United Methodist Church Cemetery in Lilesville. A reception and gathering will follow in the church fellowship hall after the service.

Mrs. Curry was in care of the late John Jack Gathings and Dora Virginia Rushing of Anson County.

She is survived by one son, Henry Curry III of Hope Mills, NC; one daughter, Brenda Curry of Ft. Mill, SC; three grandchildren, Henry J Curry, Karoline Garcia and Todd Edwards; and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in the name of Margaret Barbour to Hospice & Palliative Care, Palmetto Region, 7600 Little Ave., Charlotte NC 28226.

The arrangements are

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

## Mrs. Lois Erma Paxton Maness

Mrs. Lois Erma Paxton Maness, 93, passed away Thursday, May 24, 2018, at Ambassador Rehabilitation and Healthcare in Wadesboro.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 26, 2018, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Buddy Smith and Rev. Sydney Pratt officiating. Interment followed in Eastview Cemetery.

Lois was born January 10, 1925, in Cleveland County, NC, a daughter of the late William Green Paxton and the late Mary Alphe Parker Paxton.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Rev. Charlie "Red" Maness; brothers and sisters, Palmer, Edwin, James, Thomas, Hugh, George, Carrie, Rachel, Grace, Frances and Lucille; her sister, Sarah Hyatt of Polkton; a foster daughter, Bonnie (Rev. Sydney) Pratt of Morven; foster grandchildren, Paul (Michelle) Pratt of Morven and Brandon (Audrey) Lisenby of

Whiteville and Amanda Stocks of Nakina; foster great-grandchildren, Summer, Autumn, Winter, Katie, Kyle and Katelyn; a special niece, Phyllis (Darrell) Dawkins of Wadesboro; and a special friend, Lib Crooke of Peachland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shining Light Free Will Baptist Church, c/o Bobbie Sasser 321 Richmond Road, Rockingham, NC.

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

## Toys for Tots 2018 Campaign In Full Force

**Fundraiser event planned for June 29 at Lockhart-Taylor Center**

Anson County Toys for Tots 2018 Campaign is open and accepting toys and monetary donations at Gumby's in Lilesville and Harvest Ministries Outreach Center in Wadesboro. Apostle Tim Adams and Pastor Steve Adams have graciously opened their doors and allowed Toys for Tots to conduct the campaign at their facility.

Toys for Tots will host a 'Christmas in July' fundraiser on Friday, June 29 at Lockhart-Taylor Center. They are having a 'Senior Prom' beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Lacy's Uptown and through the Toys for Tots Executive Board members. You can also donate at the door during the event.

Vancine Sturdivant, Anson County Toys for Tots Coordinator, will attend the Coordinator's Training Conference in September at the National Conference Center, Washington, DC.

"Our primary goal is to give our youth and their parents joy and hope, especially the less fortunate," Sturdivant said. "Toys for Tots began in 1947 and is the largest non-profit organization in the United States."

This is the eighth Toys for Tots campaign held in Anson County. Each year the needs of our less fortunate grow. And, each year through the generosity of Anson County citizens we are able to continue putting smiles on the faces of the children of this great county.

Sturdivant continued, "We are asking all businesses, churches, organizations, town halls...everyone to please come. We need your support. We want to thank Superintendent Michael Freeman and the Anson County School Board for working with us to make sure every child in need gets an application. Lilesville Fire Chief Marty K. Morton has stated that not only will the Lilesville Fire Department be a toy drop-off location this year, they will also be available to deliver toys to families again this year in conjunction with Lilesville Police Chief Bobby Gallimore. And, Mr. Robbie Hill and Mr. Danny Pearson, thank you for your generous monetary donations.

Tickets are available at the following locations: Lacy's in uptown Wadesboro (Carol & Carl Gibson); Showtime Tattoo Parlor (William "Bugga" Sturdivant); Department of Social Services (Tammy Moore); Anson County Child Support (Priscilla Little); Anson County Schools (Kam McDonald); Grace Senior Center (Dr. Bernice Bennett & Wanda Talbert); Harvest Ministries Outreach Center (Pastor Steve Adams); T's & T's Daycare Center (Annie Chris Parsons); and Anson County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff Landric Reid).

"All executive members have tickets available," concluded Sturdivant. "As the Toys for Tots Coordinator my goal is to bless every family possible and to continue having a successful campaign. This can happen by enhancing the teamwork among the volunteers, our Toys for Tots Board, our donors and the families we come in contact with. Working together as a team we can make this campaign one of our best. We look forward to the opportunity to service others."

Please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412 or Debra Rosebud, Secretary, at 704 695-2963 for information or to make a donation.

## Dancercise Class Offered at Grace Senior Center

Dancercise, which is exercising while dancing, is being offered at Grace Senior Center. Dancercise is a blend of aerobics and dance moves, something that many people find to be lots of fun. Participants enjoy great music and learn actual dance moves. The class being offered is a beginners class. There is no registration and no charge for the class.

The class is ongoing. So, if you didn't make it to the first class there is still plenty of opportunity to join in later. Each month the schedules will be given out with class dates and times.

The Dancercise class is held on Mondays from 1 to 2 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

This class is open to anyone who wants to exercise! For more information and to register call Findy Knotts or Eva Diggs at 704-694-6616. Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.

## Commissioner Causey Urges Youth Athletes to Stay Safe

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey has some sports safety tips to ensure parents, coaches, and kids are well educated on the safest practices.

With summer here, young athletes are stepping onto the playing field with renewed energy and proper preparation and injury prevention are paramount.

"It's important to have the right sports safety protocols in place to ensure the health and welfare of young athletes," said Commissioner Causey. "By properly preparing for practices and competitions, young athletes can excel on the field and stay off the sidelines with potential injuries."

Every year in North Carolina, approximately 200 children die from accidental injuries and another 45,000 visit a doctor's office for treatment of injuries. Safe Kids North Carolina, which is housed under the North Carolina Department of Insurance, works to prevent these injuries in children through education and outreach.

Before taking the field, Safe Kids North Carolina wants to remind everyone of these important sports safety tips:

- Before playing organized sports, make sure your child receives a pre-participation physical exam, or PPE, performed by a doctor, or a nurse practitioner or qualified clinician under the supervision of a physician. Whomever performs the exam, the same practices should be followed including the need for a medical history.
- Bring a water bottle to practice and games. Encourage children to stay well hydrated by drinking plenty of water before, during and after play.
- Stretching before practice and games can release muscle tension and help prevent sports-related injuries, such as muscle tears or sprains.
- Make sure there is time set aside before every practice and game for athletes to warm up properly.
- Take time off from one sport to prevent overuse injuries. It is an opportunity to get stronger and develop skills learned in another sport.
- It's also a good idea for coaches to get certified in first aid and CPR, learn the signs and symptoms of a concussion and help avoid overuse injury by resting players during practices and games.

**About Safe Kids North Carolina.** Safe Kids North Carolina is dedicated to preventing childhood injury, the number one cause of death for children in North Carolina. For more information, contact coordinator Shannon Bullock at 919.647.0081 or [Shannon.Bullock@ncdoi.gov](mailto:Shannon.Bullock@ncdoi.gov).

## Wadesboro Tree Trimming and Limb Removal Guidelines

The Town of Wadesboro provides the service to collect and dispose of tree trimmings and limb removal to the citizens of Wadesboro. The following rules apply:

- The service is intended for homeowners who trim trees and shrubbery on their property by the homeowner. The service is NOT intended for home owners that hire tree surgeons, contractors, etc. to cut trees/limbs and cuttings.
- The Town will NOT remove trees/limbs, etc. from lot clearing operations.
- Please limit the size of limbs to four inches in diameter and six feet long.
- Place the debris near the street, away from power poles or other obstacles. Do not place limbs in the ditches. Do not place debris where it blocks the view of traffic.

For further information or questions please contact Hugh James, Public Services Director, at 704-694-5171.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Anson County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 in the boardroom (Suite 209) of the Anson County Government Center, located at 101 South Greene Street, Wadesboro, N.C. 28170.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments on the new Anson County Department of Social Services (DSS) building design, site plan, cost estimate, and schedule.

As background, the Anson County DSS, in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Moseley Architects, has completed the schematic design, site plan, and cost estimate for the new Anson County DSS building. The Anson County Board of Social Services and the Anson County Board of County Commissioners have approved the building site on county-owned property located west of Anson High School Road, State Road 1259, on Tax ID # 646402960548. The DSS building will be situated north of the National Guard Armory on approximately five acres, and funded by Anson County (45%) and the DHHS (55%).

There will be a presentation by Project Architect Chris Steude of Moseley Architects and Site and Civil Engineering Regional Director Mike Barnes, PE, of Thomas & Hutton, followed by the public hearing.

Additional information can be obtained from Lawrence Gatewood, Project Manager for the new DSS building, by calling (704) 994-3446 or via email at [lgatewood2@co.anson.nc.us](mailto:lgatewood2@co.anson.nc.us).

Denise Cannon  
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

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