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## Obituaries

### Mrs. Myrlie Griggs Wallace

Mrs. Myrlie Griggs Wallace, 86, passed away peacefully at her home with her loving husband by her side on Friday, June 9, 2017.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 12, 2017, at New Hope United Methodist Church with Rev. Jimmie Furr officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park. Myrlie was born July

17, 1930, a daughter of the late Peter Lyndon and Tossie Williams Griggs. She graduated from Deep Creek School and went to work for Anson Flower Shop. After 20 years she left the flower business and started work at Pee Dee Electric, Inc. where she worked for 30 years in the accounting department.

Myrlie dearly loved her family and spent many enjoyable hours gardening, working in flower beds, bird watching and creating a most special place for her husband and children she called home.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years,

Charles A. Wallace of the home; daughter Arnette (John) Tolhurst of Bostic; granddaughter Shawn Tolhurst of Santa Fe, NM; great-granddaughter Lillian Harris of Dayton, OH; and two brothers-in-law, Bob Dillingham of Chesapeake, VA and Johnny Wallace of Wadesboro.

Memorials may be to Liberty HomeCare & Hospice, 119 W. Wade St., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Leavitt Funeral Home served the Wallace family. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).



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### Extension Notes Keeping Food Safe in a Power Outage

Anson County has experienced some tremendous storms lately. And we are only in the month of June. Here is hoping that the rest of the summer doesn't get any worse. But if it does, and you wind up losing power, here is some serious food for thought.

How long will food stored in the refrigerator be safe to eat during a power outage? Emergencies happen, especially with extreme weather conditions like we have experienced. When they do, the best strategy begins with an emergency plan. This includes knowing the proper food safety precautions to take before, during, and after a power outage. Minimize the potential loss of food and reduce the risk of foodborne illness by knowing how to determine food safety.

First, be prepared. Have a refrigerator and freezer thermometer. Know where to buy dry ice. Then keep three days worth of ready-to-eat foods on hand that do not require cooking or cooling, which depend on electricity.

Second, when the power goes out, keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Normally, refrigerators should be kept at 40 F or below for proper food storage.

After an outage, a refrigerator keeps food cold for about four hours if it is unopened. A full freezer keeps the temperature for approximately 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed.

Finally, once the power is restored, check the temperature inside of your refrigerator and freezer. If you keep an appliance thermometer in the freezer, check the temperature when the power comes back on. If the freezer thermometer reads 40 F or below, the food is safe and may be refrozen.

If you do not keep a thermometer in the freezer, check each package of food to determine its safety. You can't rely on appearance or odor. If the food still contains ice crystals or is 40 F or below, it is safe to refreeze or cook.

Refrigerated food should be safe as long as the power was out for no more than four hours. Keep the door closed as much as possible. Discard any perishable food (such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs or leftovers) that stays above 40 F for two hours or more. Inadequately refrigerated or frozen perishable food such as meat (like beef or pork), poultry (such as chicken or turkey), seafood, milk, and eggs may cause illness if consumed, even when thoroughly cooked. So throw it out.

Finally, remember, if it is unsafe for you to eat, it is unsafe for your pets too.

*By Janine B. Rywak, County Extension Director*

### Avoid These Common Summer Scams

**As the temperatures rise, so does the number of scams!**

In many ways, Memorial Day weekend signals the start of summer. The days are getting hotter, the end of the school year is right around the corner and the calendar starts filling up with outdoor activities and vacation plans. Unfortunately, as the temperature increases, the Better Business Bureau also starts to see an uptick in the number of summer scams. If you know what to look for, you can make sure no one spoils your fun.

**Don't let a scam ruin your vacation.** There are several common travel scams that we often see at BBB, but all of them have one purpose: to get your money without giving you anything in return. If you're booking your trip online, do so through reputable sites and pay with a credit card if you can, as you'll have a better chance of disputing any false charges. Look the rental company up on BBB.org and read their customer reviews before handing over payment. Red flags: a suspiciously low price, a landlord who only communicates via email, or payment in the form of wire transfer or a pre-paid debit card.

**Watch out for hidden fees when renting a car.** If you're renting a car this summer, do your homework before you sign anything. You obviously want to get the best deal but you may not be aware of all of the possible fees, which can sometimes double or triple your initial quote. It's important to shop around, make sure you understand the contract and insurance, and ask about all of the potential fees. Red flags: lack of specifics in the contract, full upfront payment, or deals that sound too good to be true.

BBB Serving Eastern Oklahoma recently reported on over 800 complaints filed against Payless Car Rental, which indicated a pattern of complaints related to sales practices, billing and collection, and contracts. That complete release can be found at [bbb.org](http://bbb.org).

**If you're moving, protect your belongings.** While some might be relaxing at the beach this summer, many are moving. Unlicensed movers are ready and waiting to offer you a "good deal" that actually isn't very good at all in the end. One common tactic is to offer an estimate over the phone and then increase the price at the last minute, after everything has been packed and loaded. The key here is to do your research on the company and have a thorough and complete contract in place. Red flags: anything other than an in-person estimate, cash-only payment or large upfront deposits, or a poor BBB rating.

You can find more helpful resources at [www.bbb.org/charlotte/moving-resource-center](http://www.bbb.org/charlotte/moving-resource-center).

**Don't fall for high pressure door-to-door sales tactics.** Door-to-door sales activity seems to increase in the warmer months, possibly because more people are home during the day. Many legitimate companies use this tactic but some individuals may try to deceive you into thinking they represent a business you actually know about. Before you hand over your personal information, get everything in writing and verify the details. If a home security salesman is standing on your porch, take the time to look into the company he represents and make sure that he is who he says he is. Red flags: time-sensitive offers or aggressive sales tactics, lowball pricing, or a company you've never heard of.

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### Town of Polkton NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public is hereby advised that per N.C.G.S. 159-12, the Town Clerk has submitted the proposed budget for the Town of Polkton for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 to the Town Board of Commissioners. A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held on Monday, June 26, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard in the Board Room of Polkton Town Hall, located at 35 West Polk Street, Polkton, NC 28135.

Copies of the proposed budget are available at Polkton Town Hall for public inspection during normal business hours until the budget is adopted.

All persons interested and wishing to be heard should be present in order that their opinion may be a matter of record.

**Jerricka B. Napier**  
Clerk to the Board/ Finance Officer

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