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Obituaries

Mrs. Mary **Helen Dutton**

Mrs. Mary Helen Dutton, 85, took her place in Heaven on Thursday, June 27, 2019, while at Hospice of Union County in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 29, 2019, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Curtis Williams officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park. Mary Helen was born June 28, 1933, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Joseph Coley who died when Mary Helen was 14 months old and the late Virginia Mowery Coley Williams and the late Odell Williams.

She was a graduate of Wadesboro High School, and worked for many years with West Knitting Mills in the business office.

A true Christian lady, she was a member of Camden Presbyterian Church until the church was closed, and later became a member of Bethel United Methodist Church, where she was

"Fight the Bite" in Anson County

The sun is shining and the weather is warm, but nothing ruins the spring and summer mood quite like mosquitoes and ticks. The Anson County Health Department encourages the county to protect themselves against insects and to "Fight the Bite."

Mosquito and tick bites are quite common this time of year. These particular insects cause major illnesses and even death in humans if the insect is infected with bacteria or a virus. Pets are also vulnerable to mosquito and tick bites because they transmit heartworms.

Mosquito and tick bites are commonly reported in North Carolina. According to the primary data collected in 2018, there were more than 800 cases of tick-borne diseases and more than 100 cases of local and travel-associated mosquito-borne illnesses reported in the state. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Lyme Disease, and Ehrlichiosis are bacteria viruses and diseases that come from tick bites in North Carolina. About 70 percent of mosquito-borne illnesses reported in the state in 2018 were obtained during traveling outside of the United States, including 5 cases of Zika. The most commonly reported mosquito-borne illnesses obtained in North Carolina are LaCrosse, West Nile, and Eastern equine encephalitis.

According to the Center for Disease Control, illnesses from mosquito and tick bites have tripled in the United States, with more than 640,000 cases reported from 2004 through 2016. Nine new germs spread by mosquitoes and ticks were introduced into the U.S. during this time. Dengue and Chikungunya are a part of a growing list of mosquito and tick viruses that have been spread to Americans causing sickness.

The increase in diseases caused by the bite of an infected mosquito or tick in the U.S. is likely due to many factors. Mosquitoes and ticks and the bacteria or viruses they spread are increasing in number and moving into new areas. As a result, more people are at risk for infection.

To protect yourself and pets from mosquitoes and ticks you can "Fight the Bite" by using the protective measures below:

 Use bug repellent (also called bug spray or insect repellent) on your skin and clothing that contains DEET. Find the right repellent for you.

• Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks to cover your skin.

Check everyone for ticks after spending time outside.

• Take a shower within 2 hours after being outside to help wash away ticks.

• Put dry clothes in the dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks.

Install or repair screens on windows and doors, and use air conditioning if possible.

• "Tip and Toss" to reduce mosquito breeding by emptying standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, discarded tires and birdbaths at least once a week.

Check your pets for ticks.

• Use veterinarian-approved tick collars or medicines to protect your pets from ticks.

 If there is a tick attached to your body, carefully remove the tick by grasping it with fine-tipped tweezers as close as possible to your skin, then apply a steady, gentle pull until it releases.

If any symptoms develop after a bite, make an appointment with your doctor; if a mosquito or tick is removed prior to the doctors' visit, bring it in so it can be tested in a lab.

For more information about diseases transmitted by mosquitoes and ticks and recommended protective measures, call the Anson County Health Department's Communicable Disease Nurse Kristy Davis at (704) 994-3355.

July 4 is Free Fishing Day

Thursday, July 4 is Free Fishing Day in North Carolina. From 12 a.m. until 11:59 p.m., everyone in North Carolina can fish for free in any public body of water, including coastal waters, without having to purchase a fishing license or additional trout fishing privilege.

Although no fishing license is required, all other fishing regulations apply, such as length and daily possession limits, as well as bait and tackle restrictions. Information is available at www.ncwildlife.org.

Free Fishing Day always falls on July 4. It was started in 1994, and is sponsored by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and authorized by the N.C. General Assembly. To give anglers a better chance of catching fish, the Commission stocks a variety of fish in waters across the state - including trout and channel catfish. The agency also provides access to fishing sites across the state, including public fishing areas and boating access areas. The interactive fishing and boating maps on the Commission's website list more than 500 fishing and boating areas, many of which are free, that are open to the public. The maps are available at www.ncwildlife.org. On all other days of the year, a fishing license is not required for anglers 15 years and younger, but anyone age 16 and older must have a fishing license to fish in any public water in North Carolina, including coastal waters. Purchasing a license online is quick and easy at www.ncwildlife.org. Other ways to purchase a license are: Call the Commission at 1-888-248-6834. Hours of Notice of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; **Regular Meeting July 9** Visit a local • Wildlife Service WADESBORO HOUSING AUTHORITY Agent at www.ncalvin.org-The Board of Commissioners of the /WildlifeSer-Wadesboro Housing Authority meets viceAgentMVC. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information on fishing The meeting is held at 1 p.m. in public, inland at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Wadesboro. waters. visit ncwildlife.org/Fish-704-694-4852 ing.

active with the church women. She also attended Brown Creek Baptist Church with her family.

Surviving are her son Scott (Angie) Dutton of Polkton; her daughter Glenda Gardner of Wadesboro; her son-in-law, Bobby Gardner of Polkton; and her grandchildren, Zach Gardner of Charlotte and Kayla Dutton of Polkton.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Floyd Greene Dutton.

In lieu of flowers, me-

THE EXPRESS • July 3, 2019 • Page 3 morials may be made to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

> The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Online condo-Home. lences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

TOWN OF WADESBORO JOB OPENING



STREET DEPARTMENT

The Town of Wadesboro will be accepting applications for an Equipment Operator I position until 5:00 p.m on Friday, July 19, 2019, at the Wadesboro Town Hall. The position opening will be in the Street Department.

Applicant must be of good character, dependable, and have a valid North Carolina driver's license. A Class "A" CDL driver's license is very desirable. A high school graduate or valid GED is a requirement. Any mechanical or utility construction experience will be helpful in determining the desired applicant.

Salary Range: \$26,361 to \$38,224.23

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STREET DEPARTMENT

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Salary Range: \$25,106.20 to \$36,402.66

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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position opening will be in the Parks and Recreation Department. Applicant must be of good character, dependable, and have a valid North Carolina driver's license. A Class "A" CDL driver's license is very desirable. A high school graduate or valid GED is a requirement. Any mechanical or utility construction experience will be helpful in determining the desired applicant.

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Employment Opportunity PART-TIME INTERIM MINISTER OF MUSIC

First Baptist Church, Wadesboro, NC, is currently seeking a part-time Interim Minster of Music to oversee a comprehensive music program to include all areas of music, Adult Choir and Youth & Children's Choirs. Organ experience preferred. FBC is seeking a Minister Of Music who will embrace a blended style of worship that includes traditional, contemporary,



and praise music. This includes all worship services, special services, and any church related events where music is needed.

Experience in a church setting preferred. This position will include: assisting the Pastor in planning worship services, plan, organize and promote camps, programs, etc. for the various choirs. Salary and hours are negotiable.

Please send resume with cover letter to: Personnel / FBC, PO Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or email to: office_fbc@windstream.net.

