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Obituaries

Mrs. Mary Anne Pate Baker

Mrs. Mary Anne Pate Baker, 76, died Wednesday, August 14, 2019, while a patient at Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Rowan County.

A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, August 17, 2019, at First Baptist Church in Wadesboro with Dr. Harry Workman and Rev. Ken Goins officiating. Interment was private.

Born in Anson County on November 29, 1942,

Mary Anne was a daughter of the late Zeb and Nettie Teal Pate. She graduated Wadesboro High School and graduated from St. Andrews College with an Associate Degree. She was the longtime secretary for her husband's business, Anson Well Drilling, as well as a homemaker for Alan and their two sons. Mary Anne was also a member of First Baptist Church for many years.

Survivors include her sons, Glenn (Lisa) Baker of Granite Quarry and Kirk Baker of Mt. Pleasant; five grandchildren, Jeanna, Chase, Alexis, Weston and Chaz; brother Tommy (Linda) Pate of Lilesville; and a sister-in-law, Betty Pate

of Ansonville. In addition to her parents, Mary Anne was preceded in death by her husband Alan Baker, and brother Zeb Pate, Jr.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, PO Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

WADESBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT



JOB OPENING - PATROL OFFICER

The Wadesboro Police Department is currently accepting applications for a patrol officer position. Applicants need to be BLET certified by the State of North Carolina.

Applicant should apply at the Wadesboro Town Hall, located at 124-126 East Wade Street, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. through Friday, August 30, 2019. An application may be printed on the Town of Wadesboro website: cityofwadesboro.org.

Completed applications need to be addressed to the attention of Captain Brandon Chewning.

Applications will be accepted until Friday, September 20, 2019.

Salary range: \$30,518.91 to \$44,252.26

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New Partnership Creates Gateway to Wingate for South Piedmont Associate Degree Graduates

Associates-degree graduates of South Piedmont Community College can earn a bachelor's at Wingate University for \$2,500 per year or less, thanks to a growing partnership between the two educational institutions.

The new Gateway Scholarship was announced recently by South Piedmont President Dr. Maria Pharr and Wingate University President Dr. Rhett Brown.

Pharr said, "There have always been some common agreements between community colleges and universities, but we wanted to look at things more creatively and strategically to better serve the students in our communities."

Already, articulation agreements between the state's Community College System and North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities meant that South Piedmont students could take courses with the confidence that their credits would transfer to four-year granting institutions. But the new partnership takes transferability a step further. Pharr said, "We are breaking down barriers that exist to traditional transfer between public community colleges and private universities. We are making the transfer process more efficient for our students by exploring credit for prior learning, providing honors credit and seeking easier transfer processes."

Dr. Brown said the collaboration is a result of both schools' commitment to Anson and Union counties and the South Piedmont region.

"When we care about our community and think about cradle-to-career and all of our educational needs, we thought we should get together and work on this and see where we could collaborate," Brown said. "Whether it is cost or transferability or time-to-degree, we're trying to tackle these issues together."

He said doing so will help the state close its educational attainment gap. According to the nonprofit *myFutureNC*, by 2020, 67 percent of jobs across the state will require a postsecondary degree or high-quality credential, but only 49 percent of North Carolinians ages 25 to 44 have that level of education.

"As you can imagine, the gap is largest among those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds," Brown said. "This summer, state lawmakers signed a bill setting the goal of having 2 million people with postsecondary degrees or certificates by 2030. Right now, that number is 1.3 million. We believe the Gateway Scholarship is part of the solution."

Funding to help bring students' out-of-pocket annual tuition costs at Wingate down to \$2,500 or less includes federal aid, the North Carolina Need-Based Scholarship and support from generous donors.

To qualify for the Gateway Scholarship, students must have an associates degree from South Piedmont Community College and be entering Wingate for the fall semester 2019 or later. They must complete the FAFSA or an applicable financial responsibility form.

Anyone who already has a South Piedmont associate's degree and wants to learn more about the Gateway Scholarship may visit the web at www.wingate.edu/admissions/spcc-gateway-scholarship, email V.Graham@wingate.edu, or call Valerie Graham at 704-233-8103.

To learn more about South Piedmont, contact Jessica Young at 704-290-5261, email jyoung@spcc.edu or visit www.spcc.edu.

Storytime Every Tuesday at Partnership for Children

The Anson County Partnership for Children offers Storytime in the Early Childhood Resource Center each Tuesday at 4 p.m. for children ages 3 to 8. For more information call 704-694-4036.

TOWN OF WADESBORO JOB OPENING



MAINTENANCE WORKER I

The Town of Wadesboro is accepting applications for a Maintenance Worker I position in the Sewer 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.

Applicant should apply at the Wadesboro Town Hall, located at 124-126 East Wade Street, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. through Friday, August 30, 2019. An application may be printed on the Town of Wadesboro website: cityofwadesboro.org.

Salary range: \$25,106.23 to \$36,402.66

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TOWN OF WADESBORO JOB OPENING



PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER

Wadesboro, NC Population 5,503

The Town of Wadesboro is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual to serve as Part-time Firefighter.

Qualifications: The prospective candidate will be a minimum of 18 years old and High School Graduate or GED graduate. The preferred candidate will at minimum possess NC Firefighter 1 & 2 (NC Firefighter Certification), Medical Responder or EMT, Hazardous Materials Operations Level. The preferred candidate will have at least 3-5 years of firefighter experience. Candidates shall possess a minimum of a NC Class B license or have the ability to obtain within 90 days.

Position open until filled, but applicants should submit applications by August 23, 2019 for full consideration. Call (704) 694-5171 for more information.

Applying: Please submit a cover letter, resume and job application via:

- 1) Postal delivery - Attn: Town Clerk Cindi Pope, P.O. Box 697, Wadesboro, NC 28170; or
- 2) Email - wadesboroclerk@windstream.net.

Applicants may obtain a job application at Wadesboro Town Hall or online via www.cityofwadesboro.org

Pre-employment drug test and criminal background checks will be done on final candidates.

**Salary range: \$10.00 to \$14.00 Per Hour
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TOWN OF WADESBORO JOB OPENING



EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I

The Town of Wadesboro is accepting applications for a Equipment Operator I position 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.

Applicant should apply at the Wadesboro Town Hall, located at 124-126 East Wade Street, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. through Friday, August 30, 2019. An application may be printed on the Town of Wadesboro website: cityofwadesboro.org.

Salary range: \$26,361.24 to \$38,224.23

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