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Mrs. Alice Flora Meggs Austin

Mrs. Alice Flora Meggs Austin, 83, of Midland, NC passed away Thursday, January 12, 2012, at the home of her daughter in Stanfield, NC.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, January 14, 2012, at First Baptist Church of Midland, with Rev. Tom Gibbs officiating. The burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Austin was born in Union County on September 29, 1928, to the late William Leander Meggs and the late Bertha Thomas Meggs. She was also preceded in death by her husband, James Daniel Austin.

She is survived by her daughters, Rhonda Horne (Bennie) of Stanfield and

Obituaries

Nancy Little (Donnie) of Midland; her brothers, Kemp Meggs of Concord and Marvin Meggs of New Salem; her sister, Mary Lee Crisco of New Salem; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Charlotte, 1420 East 7th Street, Charlotte, NC 28204.

Online condolences may be made at www.hart-sellfh.com.

Mr. William Robert Gaddy Jr.

Mr. William Robert Gaddy Jr., 87, died Friday, January 13, 2012, at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 16, 2012, in Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Larry King officiating. Interment followed in the Morven Cemetery.

Mr. Gaddy was born in Chesterfield County, SC on August 27, 1924, a son of the late Mr. W.R. and Annie Bell Johnson Gaddy Sr. He was a retired farmer and was married to the late Clara Louise Wilson Gaddy. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Vickie Summerville, and two sisters, Inez Dawkins and Flora Bell Johnson.

Survivors include two chil-

dren, W.R. Gaddy III (Donna) of Morven, Margaret Ann Copley (Buddy) of Mooresville; son-in-law, Donald K. Summerville of Morven; and grandson, Derek Schaun Gaddy (Denise) of Cheraw.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

MNCM Ernest S. Hildreth (USN RET)

MNCM Ernest S. Hildreth (USN RET), 81, died Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 14, 2012, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Stephen Shytle and Rev. Ray O'Ferrell officiating. Interment with full military honors followed in New Hope United Methodist Church Cemetery in Morven.

Ernest was born January 16, 1930, in Anson County, a son of the late Julius Seabern and Sarah Margie Broadaway Hildreth. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, retiring after 22 years of service with the rank of Master Chief Mine Warfare Instructor.

Following his naval retirement, he enjoyed working as an agriculture instructor for Anson Technical College, for the bowling alley in Monroe,

and most of all, being a farmer. He was an avid farmer, gardener and bowler.

A devoted husband to Myrtle Lee Gaddy Hildreth for 49 years, she preceded him in death May 17, 2000. He was also a loving father, grandfather and brother.

Surviving are his daughter and son-in-law, Cyndi and Chris Shumaker of Concord; his grandchildren, Jason Maness (Shelley) of Morven, Melissa Maness (Daniel Mower) of Peachland and Christopher Shumaker (Krissey Karr) of Concord; his great-grandchildren, Josie Maness and David Furr; his brothers and sisters, Clayton Hildreth of Monroe, Laura Pope, Virginia McSwain and Linda Hildreth, all of Polkton, Thelma Carpenter of York, SC and Jewel Deese of Rockingham; his sister-in-law, Emma Jean Lowery of Lake Tillery; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Coy, Harrell and Sylvia Hildreth and Mildred Johnson.

Memorials may be made to New Hope United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Mrs. Lib Tucker, 1338 Mayesville Rd., Morven, NC 28119.

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



Mrs. Teresa Mae Hurst

Mrs. Teresa Mae Drye Hurst, 55, passed away Thursday, January 12, 2012, at Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast in Concord.

A memorial service was held on Monday, January 16, 2012, at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center in Wadesboro with Rev. Steve Adams officiating.

Mrs. Hurst was born September 20, 1956, in Rowan County, NC. She was the daughter of Alvin Drye, Sr. and Louise Miller Drye, both of Gold Hill.

She was a homemaker and a member of Harvest Ministries Outreach Center in Wadesboro. Teresa was taking sign language lessons for the deaf ministry for various churches in the community.

Mrs. Hurst, in addition to her parents, is survived by her husband, Thomas "Tommy" Hurst, Sr.; sons, Daniel Hammonds and Jackie Hammonds, both of Salisbury and Alford Boyd Lindsey of Pembroke; sister, Eva Drye of Salisbury; brother, Alvin Drye, Jr. of Gold Hill; stepchildren, Thomas Hurst, Jr. and Matthew Hurst, both of Kannapolis; and eleven grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Harvest Ministries Outreach Center, PO Box 1254, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Extension Notes Five Things You Spend On, Then Never Use

Information contained in this article came from thestreet.com. The title and heading stuck out and said, "This will make you think." Then after reading it, you realize, it was not written for people in Anson County.

After you see their five things, you will understand what I mean. But, the thought behind the article is dead on. How many things do we splurge on, spend a wad of hard-earned income, and then really use? If we thought hard before those big purchases, we could probably save some money. Read the rest of this article, a compressed version of the website, and see if you agree.

For many folks, they don't want to keep up with the Joneses, they want to be the Joneses. There are a lot of forces that drive us deeper and deeper into debt. The need to flaunt affluence (whether or not you have it) is among them. There is also that green-eyed monster of envy, warned about in both the Ten Commandments and Seven Deadly Sins, driving us to up the ante for our homes, clothes and cars to look just that much better than the neighbors.

But that comes with a price tag, and one that often doesn't "pay for itself." All too often we load up on purchases big and small to meet a goal we'll never even try to reach. Even the greatest gizmo, hottest piece of electronics, gorgeous antique or extravagant remodeling is useless if they go unused, underutilized or blend quickly into the background.

Here are five ways some of us spend on things we rarely use and will seldom fully appreciate. Whether we have good intentions of getting our money's worth or the more selfish rationale of bragging rights, they are costs that might have been better left unspent.

- First up, exercise equipment. In basements all across suburbia one can find the most expensive clothes racks ever produced. You'll find winter coats on rowing machines, dry cleaning slung over Soloflex gear and holiday tablecloths folded on the steps of a Stairmaster.
- Second, swimming pools. The dog days of summer have a way of persuading us that a pool is a must-have item. Overspending on a pool bigger or more opulent than your belly-flopping, Marco Polo-playing kids can appreciate can be a sure path to drowning in debt.
- Third, wine cellars. So, you fancy yourself something of a wine connoisseur. You are not alone. A lot of you readers are drinking more wine, more often. Well, perhaps you may be able to tell Boones Farm from a German Riesling, but is it more than just a passing hobby or occasional indulgence?
- Fourth, outdoor kitchens. Blame it on evolutionary traits that have persisted since the days mammoth meat was seared over a bonfire. The problem, from a financial standpoint, is

when that love of outdoor cooking runs amok. Before you know it, your backyard looks like a Bobby Flay restaurant and the costs have multiplied faster than you imagined.

• Finally, espresso makers. (Told you this was not written for Anson County). So you love espresso. You really, really love espresso. Do you love it enough to spend nearly \$2,000? To be sure this is a godly device among mere mortal coffee makers. But they can be added to that great and growing pile of kitchen accessories that seemed like a good idea at the time, ice cream makers, electric water kettles, fondue sets, chocolate fountains, the Ronco Showtime Rotisserie and so on.

So, what do you have in your home right now that you spent a fortune on and never use? Come on, you know you have done the same thing, though probably not on these scales. The point is, learn from the purchase, think twice before splurging again, and save some money.

And yes, we probably should have read this before Christmas!

By Janine B. Rywak, County Extension Director

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT BY:
Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc.

Moore County: The Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 10 a.m. at 700 Jackson Terrace Apts., Carthage, NC.

Montgomery County: The Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the Montgomery County Library, Conference Room, located at West Main Street, Troy, NC.

Richmond County: The Public Hearing will be held Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 10 a.m. at the Richmond County Office, 302 Leak Street, Rockingham, NC.

Anson County: The Public Hearing will be held Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 2 p.m. at the Anson County Office, 126 West Wade Street, Wadesboro, NC.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow the citizens of each county an adequate opportunity for involvement in the planning, implementation, evaluation and assessment of the Community Service Block Grant Program applied for and administered by Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc. It is the intent of SCAP to file an application for the 2012-2013 Community Service Block Grant Program Funding. It is mandatory that we hold these meetings to ascertain the views, comments, questions, and proposals on how the funds will be utilized.

The purpose of the Community Service Block Grant is to provide a range of services and activities having a measurable and potentially major impact on the causes of poverty in those areas of the community where poverty is a particularly acute problem. For further information, please contact our office at 910-947-5675.

Letter to the Editor
Civitan Club Thanks Those Who Have Helped

Dear Editor,
On behalf of the Wadesboro Civitan Club, we would like to thank each business that sold Claxton fruit cakes during the Thanksgiving/Christmas season. Because of your efforts the Wadesboro Civitan Club has been able to support local charities and organizations such as DSS Foster Children Christmas, local and state Special Olympics, Anson County Schools' New Tech projects, Boys and Girls Homes, and other local and area programs.
We hope you had a successful and satisfying Christmas, and we wish all of you a great 2012!
Sincerely, Richard Tamura, Project Chair, Wadesboro Civitan Club

Free Movie is Dreamer

The movie *Dreamer*, starring Kurt Russell and Dakota Fanning, will be shown in the Little Theatre of the Hampton B. Allen Library on Monday, January 24 at 10 a.m. This is a free, family-oriented movie and the showing is open to the public. Please makes plan to attend and bring a friend.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call the library at 704-694-5177.

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