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**Mrs. Alice
Parker Meeks**

Mrs. Alice Parker Meeks, 96, peacefully died on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at her home.

There will be a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2019, in the Chapel of First Baptist Church with her nephew, Rev. Gene Alexander officiating. The family will greet friends following the service. Inurnment will be private in Anson Memorial Park.

Alice was born September 14, 1922, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Albert Luther Parker and the late Lillie Mae Allen Parker. She was retired from Little Cotton Manufacturing with 40

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years of service. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro.

Surviving are her daughter Patricia Hanson (Richard) of Sun City, AZ; her grandsons, Steve Hanson of Denver, CO and Randy Hanson (Renee) of Glendale, AZ; her great-grandchildren, Scott Hanson (Dianna), Alyssa Schifferer (Zach) and Mike Hanson (Mollie); her great-great-grandchildren, Mavrick and Titus Schifferer and Carter and Owen Hanson; and her sister Betty Jean Boatwright of Jacksonville, FL; along with her many nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Fulton Meeks and her sisters and brother, Virginia Adams, Jody Parker, Ruth Mason, Alberta Pegrum and Louella Parker.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Anson Community Hospice, a division of Richmond County Hospice, 1119 US 1, Rockingham, NC 28379.

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

Job Fair / Community Day Event Scheduled for Saturday

Jackson Poulnot, in association with South Piedmont Community College, Anson County and the Golden Leaf Foundation, is hosting a Career Fair and Community Day this Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. The event is free.

The event will showcase local employment and educational opportunities for citizens of all ages. For the youth there will be exhibits as well as interesting and fun activities. So, bring the whole family!

Poulnot said, "This will be a family friendly environment. The purpose of this event is to bring awareness of all the opportunities available to the residents of Anson County. SPCC is going to have the nursing and engineering departments in attendance. There is going to be a resume builder there for those who are interested in building their resumes effectively. A&T University is going to bring the STEM bus down to give youth a hands-on experience with things related to the STEM field. Anson High School's Engineering and Biomedical departments will be there as well to showcase what opportunities are available for high school students. The local robotics team, the RoboWolves, will be there with demonstrations for the engineering department."

Poulnot continued, "Local employers are going to be there to inform attendees about the opportunities that are available in manufacturing and medical settings. The Anson County Partnership for Children will be there, as well as Open Doors. The Arts Council / Ansonia Theatre is coming."

Poulnot concluded, "This event will be a fun filled day for those who attend from Anson County and the surrounding communities. The event is open to the public and is free. There will be light refreshments available. We encourage our local community to attend."

Pee Dee Electric 2019-20 Bright Ideas Education Grant

Educators can apply for grants up to \$2,000 to fund innovative projects

Pee Dee Electric is once again partnering with local educators to bring learning to life through the Bright Ideas education grant program. Educators can submit an application for Bright Ideas grants of up to \$2,000 for innovative, hands-on classroom projects that would not otherwise be funded. Educators can learn more and apply online at www.ncbrightideas.com.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Bright Ideas Education Grant program. Pee Dee expects to award around \$13,000 in Bright Ideas grants this year to teachers in Anson, Richmond, Scotland, Stanly, and Montgomery counties. The grants are available to K-12 teachers for projects in any subject, and educators can apply individually or as a team and must apply online.

Applications will be accepted April 1 through September 23, 2019. Teachers who submit their applications by the early bird deadline of August 15 will be entered to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

To apply, teachers must include a budget; explain the implementation, goals, creative elements and evaluation of the project; and have approval from their school's principal. Applications will be judged through a competitive evaluation process, with judges looking for projects that feature inventive and creative approaches to learning. Grant-writing tips can be found at www.ncbrightideas.com.

Bright Ideas grants are available through each North Carolina's 26 independent electric cooperatives, including Pee Dee Electric. In 2018, North Carolina's electric cooperatives collectively set a record by awarding more than \$675,000 in Bright Ideas funding – the most awarded in a single year in the history of the program. Since the program began in 1994, educators statewide have received more than \$12.2 million in Bright Ideas grant funding, and more than 2.3 million North Carolina students have participated in 11,699 Bright Ideas-funded projects.

Wadesboro Lions Club Welcomes New Members

The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at the Papa Joe's Restaurant the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

For more information about these meetings or becoming a member, please call Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

Labor Department Recognizes Local Businesses

The N.C. Department of Labor honored area employers and employees at the agency's annual safety awards banquet in Wadesboro on Monday, April 29.

"It's really an honor for me to travel throughout the state and recognize these employers who are making a commitment to their employees' safety and health," Commissioner Cherie Berry said. "Over the years, North Carolina has experienced a declining injury and illness rate, which now rests at an all-time low 2.3 per 100 full-time workers for private industry. These employers continue to make North Carolina workplaces some of the safest in the country."

The awards honor outstanding on-the-job safety achievements of each recipient during 2018. Recipients are located in Bisco, Charlotte, Cleveland, Cordova, Lilesville, Mount Gilead, Peachland, Polkton, Rockingham, Troy, Wadesboro and Winston-Salem.

Commissioner Berry served as the keynote speaker at the banquet and presented the awards. The event is co-sponsored by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. The banquet was held at Twin Valley Golf Club in Wadesboro.

The local recipients have met the stringent requirements necessary to receive a safety award. Under program rules, companies must have been free of fatal accidents at the site for which the award is given to be eligible. The gold award criteria are based on a DART rate that is at least 50 percent below the statewide rate for its industry. The rate includes cases of days away from work, restricted activity or job transfer. The silver award is based only on cases with days away from work. They are recorded when the worker misses at least one full day of work, not including the day of the injury. The applicant must attain an incidence rate for cases with days away from work that is at least 50 percent below the rate for its industry.

More information on the Labor Department's Safety Awards Program is available by calling 919-707-7855 or emailing Eursula Joyner at eursula.joyner@labor.nc.gov.

Recipients include:

- Silver Awards** Rate of days away from work must be at least 50 percent below the industry average.
 - First Year: City of Rockingham, Police Department; Grede II LLC Biscoe Foundry
- Gold Awards** Rate of days away from work, job transfer or restriction must be at least 50 percent below the industry average.
 - First Year: Allen's Professional Investigations Inc.; Cobb-Vantress Inc., North Carolina Production; Vulcan Construction Materials LP, Mideast Division - Rockingham Quarry
 - Second Consecutive Year: Atrium Health, Anson; City of Rockingham, Fire Department; City of Rockingham, Recreation; Columbus McKinnon Corp., Wadesboro Operations; Concrete Supply Co., Hamlet Plant; Mt. Gilead Medical Services
 - Third Consecutive Year: City of Rockingham, Administration; City of Rockingham, Building and Grounds; City of Rockingham, Wastewater Treatment Plant; City of Rockingham, Water Treatment Plant; Lynn Thomas Grading Inc.; Richmond County Government; Troy Medical Services
 - Fourth Consecutive Year: International Textile Group, Richmond Plant
 - Fifth Consecutive Year: Oldcastle Stone Products; Piedmont Natural Gas, Rockingham Resource Center
 - Seventh Consecutive Year: Southern Piedmont Piping
 - 21st Consecutive Year: Hildreth Wood Products Inc.

Severe Weather Safety in Mobile Homes or RVs

If a severe weather event is expected in your area, and you live in a mobile home or recreation vehicle, take precautions.

- Stay informed about current conditions.
- Listen to local officials and evacuation orders.
- Leave mobile homes, RVs and other non-permanent structures when evacuation orders are issued.
- When possible, shelter in permanent structures.
- Ready.gov/severe-weather and ReadyNC.org provide helpful information on how to plan.

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.

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