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# Obituaries

## Mr. Michael Earl Patrick

Mr. Michael Earl Patrick, 42, died Saturday, October 1, 2016, in Richmond County, NC.

Funeral services were held on Friday, October 7, 2016, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Eastview Cemetery.

Michael was born March 8, 1974, in

Chicago, IL, a son of Linda Sue Vaughn Patrick and the late Earl Patrick. He was currently employed with Goulston Technologies in Monroe.

Surviving are his wife Melody Hough Patrick of the home; his daughters, Victoria, Zoe and MacKenzie, all of the home; his mother Linda Patrick of Twin Branch, WV; and his brother and sisters, Jason Patrick of Seagrove, Debbie Dority of Twin Branch, WV and Karen Riggs of Asheboro.



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## Extension Notes Food Safety After the Power is Restored

Matthew paid us a dangerous visit. He was nicer to some of us. All of us experienced at least some power outages and many experienced lengthier challenges without power. Once the lights do come back on, one of the first questions is, what about the food?

And the answer always is, that depends. That depends with the freezer more so than the refrigerator. Freezers staying cold enough to keep food safe during a power outage depends on the amount and kind of food in the freezer, the freezer itself and the size of the freezer. A closed freezer can keep food below 41 degrees F for up to 48 hours and possibly even three days if it is full, and kept cold by not opening the door. But a refrigerator is a different story. A closed fridge will keep food below 41 degrees F only about four hours after a power loss.

Here are a few tips for dealing with your appliances during a power outage. Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain the cold temperature. You may safely re-freeze foods that still contain ice crystals or have been kept at 41 degrees or below.

As for refrigerated foods, unsafe food may not appear to smell or be spoiled. For that reason, use a tip-sensitive digital thermometer to check foods for both cooking and storage temperatures.

Some foods that may salvageable include hard and processed cheeses, butter and margarine, fresh fruit and fruit juices, non-mayonnaise based condiments, pickles and olives, breads and cakes, fruit pies, and fresh vegetables and spices.

If you have a lengthy power outage and no back-up generator to periodically run your appliances, you may have a nasty problem. If that is the case, after your power has been restored, you will need to clean and deodorize your refrigerator. So follow these helpful tips. Remove all drawers, racks, and shelves. Wash them in soapy water and rinse in clear water. Then wipe them down with a solution of one tablespoon of chlorine bleach per gallon of water.

Wash the inside of the refrigerator with a mixture of one cup of baking soda to a gallon of warm water. Turn on the refrigerator and fill it with clean, crumpled newspaper that has been sprinkled with water. Continue to run the refrigerator for several days, changing newspapers every other day. Once refrigerator odor has been significantly reduced, place an open box of baking soda inside, and start using your refrigerator again.

Here is hoping that did not happen to you. But if so, our hearts go out to you. And we hope you find this information is helpful.

By Janine B. Rywak, County Extension Director

## Wear Blaze Orange While Hunting - It Could Save Your Life

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's Home From The Hunt safety campaign reminds hunters to comply with blaze orange requirements as firearms seasons commence across the state. Hunters in North Carolina are required to wear a blaze orange-colored garment, such as a hat or a vest, that is visible from all sides when hunting certain game animals with a firearm. These animals include bear, feral hogs, deer, rabbit, squirrel, grouse, pheasant and quail. Deer hunters must wear blaze orange during a deer firearms season, regardless of weapon.

"Blaze orange is a color that doesn't occur naturally in the wild," said Chet Clark, the Commission's eastern outreach manager. "The color has become synonymous with safety. It signals caution to anyone who sees it, so wearing it is an easy and effective way for hunters and non-hunters to stay safe while out in the field."

Studies show that blaze orange clothing increases visibility of the wearer. This helps the wearer be seen by other hunters, especially in low-light situations. This can also be helpful when locating someone who is lost or injured.

Even though this requirement does not apply to a private landowner, his or her spouse or children, so long as they are hunting on the landholder's property, the Commission strongly encourages everyone to practice safety by wearing blaze orange.

For more information on hunting seasons, Hunting Heritage Apprentice Permits and the Hunter Education Program, go to [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org) or call 919-707-0031.



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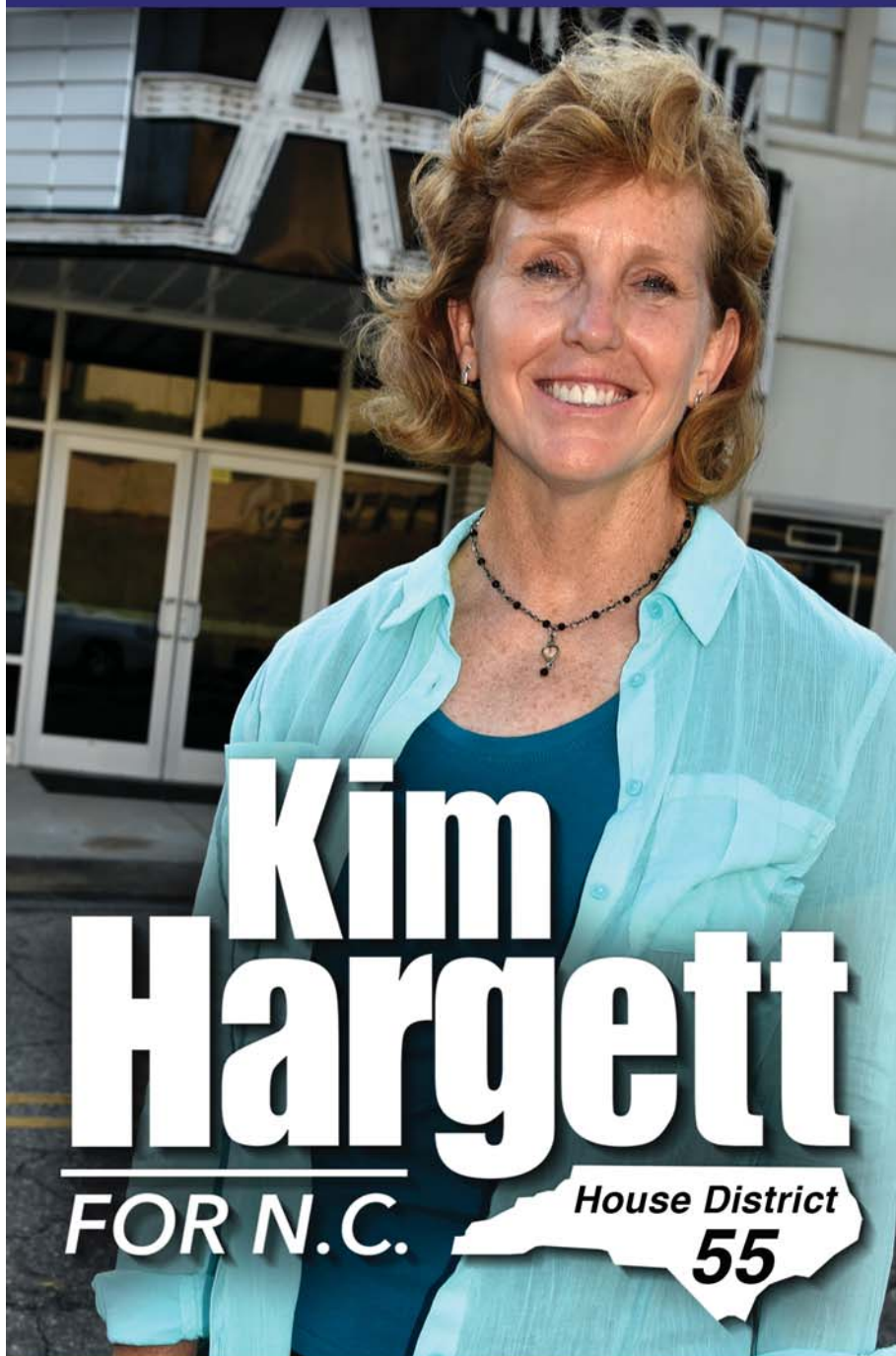
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