OBITUARIES / funerals, cards of thanks

LOUISE F. BOONE

GATES, NC - Louise Forehand Boone, of Rt. 1, Gates, NC, died Tuesday, Oct. 27, in her home.

Mrs. Boone was born in Chowan County. The daughter of the late Fate and Mrs. Nora McClenney Forehand, she was a homemaker and had formerly worked at the Gates County Pharmacy. She was a member of Kittrell's United Methodist Church and had served in many capacities in the church, including president of the Women's Missionary Society and president of the Adult Ladies' Sunday School class.

Mrs. Boone for many years was active in the extension service and had served as president of the Gates Home Demonstration Club.

Preceded in death by her first husband, John A. Lane, Sr., she is survived by her second husband, William J. Boone; two daughters, Peggy Lane Temple of Gatesville, NC and Faye Lane Freeman of Gates; two sons, J. Roger Lane and his wife, Rita, of Gates, and John A. Lane, Jr. and his wife, Linda, of Gatesville; three sisters, Marie Anderson of Hertford, NC. Katie Nixon of Edenton, and Margaret Cansler of Texas; a brother, Roy Forehand of Edenton; eight grandchildren, Sarah Lane Temple Adams and her husband, John, Edmund Randolph Temple, Jr. and his wife, Allison, John R. Lane, Jr.

and his wife, Kellie, Bundy H. Lane and his wife, Marinda, Curk T. Lane and his wife, Lisa, Jason D. Lane, Adam P. Lane and Virginia Ray Freeman; four greaat-grandchildren, Madison Adams, Lane Elizabeth Adams, Carson T. Lane and John Roger Lane, III.

Also surviving are her husband's children and their families: Chester Boone of Emporia, VA, Edna Eason of Raleigh, and Robert Boone of Raleigh.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, in Kittrell's United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Altman and the Rev. Billy Presley officating. Burial followed in the Gatesville Cem-

Memorial donations may be made to Kittrell's United Methodist Church, Gates, NC 27937.

Miller Funeral Home in Gatesville, NC was in charge of arrangements.

JESSIE M. COSTON

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA Jessie Mae Coston, 56, of 5862 N. Hampton Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA, died Nov. 5 at Leigh Memorial Hospital.

A native of Chowan County, she was the daughter of Lucille Leary of Edenton and the wife of William F. Coston.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Healing Temple Church in Norfolk, VA.

Survivors include: four

daughters, Naomi Coston and Delores Floyd of Virginia Beach, VA and Lorraine O'Bannard and Carolyn White of Norfolk, VA; two sons, Marvin Coston of Virginia Beach, VA and William Coston of Norfolk, VA; three brothers, Julius Leary of Edenton, Randy Leary of Philadelphia, PA and William "Junie" Leary of Raleigh, NC; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Center Hill Baptist Church in Tyner with burial following in the church cemetery.

Blair Funeral Service in Edenton was in charge of arrangements.

ELIZA E. FORD Eliza Elizabeth Ford, 75, of

19 Davis Place, Edenton, died Nov. 2 at Chowan Hospital. She was the wife of Roosevelt

Besides her husband, survivors include: a son, Theodore R. Ford of Newport, NC; a daughter, Roberta White of Edenton; and four grandchil-

A funeral service was held at Ryan's Grove Baptist Church in Edenton on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Blair Funeral Service in Edenton was in charge of arrangements.

Fall Festival a big hit at Lawrence Academy

. Large crowds turns out for Oct. 17 pig picking at the school which included face painting, Isabelle the Clown, karaoke, races and live entertainment from local duo, Doctor/Doctor

Merry Hill - Area families enjoyed an afternoon of sun and fun at the Lawrence Academy Fall Festival on Oct. 17. The Parent-Teacher Organization tried a new format for their fall fund-raiser this year, and found a winner in a family pigpicking.

The Windsor Cook Club pre-

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pared a delicious pork barbecue dinner, which followed the afternoon activities. Events included a DJ, karaoke with Don Evans, Isabelle the Clown, hayrides, face painting, sack races, and specialty booths. The background music and comfortable seating allowed the large crowd to stay and enjoy the sunny day.

The Lovin' Oven and Salmon Creek Nursery provided séasonal items for sale.

During the supper hour, entertainment was provided by Doctor/Doctor, Lawrence Academy parents Dr. Peter Boehling and Dr. Paul Richmond.



Lawrence Academy Fall Festival committee members (from left) Faye Raynor, Donna Moricle, Deanna Chesson and Francheska Layton take a break from the activities at the school's fall event on Oct. 17. The women helped to pull off a successful day of events which was aided by ideal weather throughout the afternoon. (Submitted photo)

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NOTE OF THANKS

The family of Mary Elizabeth Hollowell Boyce would like to say "Thank You", which seems so little, to all our friends and family - for prayers, thoughts, flowers, cards, food, phone calls, visits, viewing, funeral and any other acts of kindness during our loss.

Bill, Frances, Tammy Blake, Peggy, Coy Lauren and Kamryn







Swicegood tapped as hospital's top employee

Every three months, Debbie Swicegood casts her vote for the "Employee of the Quarter" as part of her duties as Chowan Hospital's Human Resources Director.

Debbie didn't get a chance to vote this past quarter, however, because her name had been submitted as one of the many qualified candidates. Obviously, Debbie would have to disqualify herself, so instead, she was informed her voting duties would be alternated with a member of the administrative staff, starting last month.

When the votes were tabulated, the 11-year veteran of Chowan Hospital received the majority of the votes and was named "Employee of the Quarter" for the months of October through December.

"I was very honored, and I was totally shocked," Swicegod said upon hearing her name announced. "It's been really busy the past couple of months in my department with all the employee benefit changes that accompany the lease agreement with Pitt County Memorial Hospital. This honor really boosts my morale. It never occurred to me," she added, "that someone would nominate me. I didn't even think I was eligible.

On Debbie's nominating sheet, it notes that she is a very dedicated person. She always has a positive attitude and is willing to help whenever she can. As the hospital's Human Resources Director, Debbie has many responsibilities, including keeping the hospital administration abreast of current employment laws, such as family leave and the American Disabilities Act.

Debbie does employee recruiting and completes the hiring process for all new employees. Additionally, she directs the benefits as well as the wage and salary policies. She is also responsible for advertising all current job openings, as well as staying aware of the Joint Commission guidelines as they apply to Human Re-

sources. The Edenton native is a John A. Holmes and Meredith College graduate, with a bachelor's degree in Business and Economics. Debbie and her husband, Jay, have three sons, Jason, Matt and Brian.

As Chowan Hospital's "Employee of the Quarter", she received a \$50 check, a personal parking spot for three months, a free lunch in the cafeteria, and an engraved wooden plaque commemorating her accomplishment.