

# Let's stay warm and safe

**By DICKIE LIPFARD, CHIEF RAEFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
We have something that we dread about winter. For the firefighters in my department it's the tragedies that result — just about every year it seems — when people used space heaters to stay warm but fail to take precautions to prevent a fire.

Many people don't realize how dangerous these common household devices can be. In fact, heating equipment is the leading cause of home fires during December, January and February, and most heating equipment fires involve space heaters.

Space heaters take many forms. They can be fixed or portable. They can be fueled by electricity, wood, gas or kerosene. Even wood stoves and fireplaces are considered space heaters. All pose hazards, and all require care.

Research by the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association), a nonprofit safety advocate, has found that when space heaters are involved in fires, it's typically because the devices were placed or installed too close to combustible materials, had basic flaws in construction and design, or were improperly installed, maintained or fueled.

The result? The NFPA reports that in the United States in 1999 there were 48,800 fires, 301 deaths and 1,383 injuries involving all forms of heating. Here in Raeford we've seen only a few heating-related fires in the past years.

We don't want to see any. But for that to happen, people need to learn the safe way to use heating devices.

Space heaters need space — keep them at least three feet (or one meter) from anything that can burn. Turn off space heater when you leave home or go to sleep; when you buy one, look for models with an automatic shutoff feature and a listing by a testing laboratory.

Rely on professionals to install or inspect any new heater. Follow the manufacturer's instructions when turning a heating device on or off. Make sure fueled heating device is adequately ventilated, especially gas-fueled devices, which account for most of the non-fire carbon monoxide deaths involving heating equipment.

If you have a fireplace or wood stove, have your chimney inspected every year and, if necessary, have it cleaned. Fires can start in chimneys when there's a buildup of creosote, the residue of unburned fuel. Use only seasoned hardwood and never burn trash.

Keep sparks and embers inside the fireplace with fire screens of heat-tempered glass of sturdy metal.

Of course, we're trained and ready to fight any fires that occur in Raeford. But we would be happier if we could prevent them altogether. When the temperature drops, we hope you'll stay warm. But please, stay warm safely.

**Johnnie E. McLaughlin**  
Johnnie E. McLaughlin, 87, of 1706 N. Fulton St., Raeford, died Thursday, October 23, 2003 in FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 28 in McZarn AME Zion Church in Wagram held by the Reverend Walls. Burial was in Matthew Cemetery in Wagram.

Survivors include two sons, Bennie McLaughlin and James McLaughlin, both of Wagram; two daughters, Betty McQueen and Julia M. Bayo, both of Wagram; one brother, Jessie McLaughlin of Pinehurst; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Jackson Funeral Home of Laurinburg served the family.

**Julius H. Watson**  
Julius Harrison Watson, 87, of 321 North Vance Street, Red Springs, died Wednesday, October 22, 2003 in his home.

Mr. Watson was born on May 31, 1916 in Surry County to the late Joseph and Etta Flippin Watson. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Red Springs.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 25 in Trinity United Methodist Church in Red Springs held by the Reverend Peter Belce. Burial was in Alloway Cemetery in Red Springs.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara W. Paul of Wallace; two sisters, Mildred Burchette of King and Dovie Marsh of Ararat; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four adopted great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, PO Box 48, Red Springs, NC 28377.

Crumpler Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc. of Red Springs served the family.

**Felton Jacobs Sr.**  
Felton Jacobs Sr., 64, of 4098 Laurinburg Road, Raeford, died Sunday October 19, 2003 in his home.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday, October 23 in Temple Baptist Church in Red Springs held by the Reverends Oscar Henderson, Glenn Burnette and Truman Chavis. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Jacobs of Raeford; three sons, Felton Jacobs Jr., and Elery Jacobs, both of the home, and Robbie Jacobs of Raeford; six daughters, Nohalene Locklear, Marilyn S. Oxendine and Chasity Locklear, all of Raeford, Linda Kimmel of Pennsylvania, Etula J. Chance of Bunnlevel and Nancy D. Jacobs of the home; seven brothers, Ozill Jacobs and Carnell Jacobs, both of Shannon, Meriel Jacobs of Red Springs, Harold G. Jacobs of Aberdeen, Ronnie Jacobs of Raeford and Perry Jacobs and Terry Chavis, both of Maxton; eight sisters, Mary E. Walsh, Christine Henderson, Lois Hunt, Nevelyn Locklear and Ramona

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Jacobs, all of Red Springs, Katrina Caprun of Pennsylvania, Pamela Jacobs of Shannon and Loretta Jacobs of Raeford; 28 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Heritage Funeral Home in Red Springs served the family.

**Jean W. Llewellyn**  
Mrs. Jean Claire Woodbury Llewellyn, 91, of Southern Pines, died Tuesday, October 21, 2003 in FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 a.m. Friday, October 24 in Emmanuel Episcopal Church held by the Reverend James D. Franklin Jr. and the Reverend Talmage G. Brandy. Burial will be in Pinelawn Memorial Park.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, John Todd Llewellyn and Susan Lane Faust of Winston-Salem; one sister, Ann Woodbury Scherwin of Morganton; and two grandchildren, Katherine Abigail Llewellyn and James Chandler Llewellyn, both of Winston-Salem.

Memorials may be made to the Coalition for Human Care, 1117 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Southern Pines, NC 28387.

Powell Funeral home in Southern Pines served the family.

**Mamie L. Spears**  
Mrs. Mamie Livingstone Spears, 83, of 120 South Wood Drive, Clinton, formerly of Lumber Bridge, died Sunday, October 26, 2003 in Mary Gran Nursing Center.

Mrs. Spears was born in Hoke County on September 8, 1920 to the late William and Eliza Jane Rackley Livingston. She was a member of the Sandy Grove United Methodist Church and was employed as an assistant clerk with the Hoke County Clerk of Court in the late '70s and early '80's. She also was a teacher's assistant for the Hoke County School System in the late '80's.

Funeral services were conducted at 12 noon on Wednesday, October 29 in Sandy Grove United Methodist Church held by the Reverend Mike Nelson. Burial was in church cemetery.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Sandy Grove United Methodist Church, 6800 Arabia Road, Lumber Bridge, NC 28357.

Crumpler Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc. of Raeford served the family.

**Susan R. Pittman**  
Mrs. Susan Rene Pittman, 41, of 2475 Manteo Street, Supply, died Sunday October 26, 2003 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center.

Mrs. Pittman was born January 28, 1962 in Robeson County. A daughter, Deanna Pittman, and her father, Gerald Thomas Pittman, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted

at 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 29 in Pittman Grove Baptist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Survivors include her mother, Ann H. Pittman of Supply; one daughter, Miranda Pittman of Supply; one brother, Gerald Pittman of Supply; one sister, Samantha Pittman Smith and her husband, Greg, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; her paternal grandmother, Elizabeth Pittman of Rockfish.

Coble Ward-Smith Funeral Service and Crematory of Supply served the family. Local arrangements are by Crumpler Funeral Home and Cremation, Services Inc. of Raeford.

**Bethel L. Bennett**  
Bethel Lee Bennett, 1211 Wagon Wheel Road, Shannon, died Friday October 17, 2003.

Mr. Bennett served two years in the U. S. Army and two years in the National Guard. He was an employee of Hercules Steel Company for 36 years. He was the son of the late R.B. Bennett.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Monday, October 20 in Cherokee Chapel United Methodist Church in Wakulla held by the Reverends Jimmy Locklear and James H. Woods. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Amanda Bennett; his mother, Virgie Mae Locklear; one daughter, Kimberly Bennett and her husband, Chris Pratas; one son, Christian Bennett and his wife, Zelijka; one sister, Sheryl Ann Clark; three grandsons, Chance Bennett, Trystan Pratas, and Cross Pratas; and many other relatives.

Crumpler Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc. of Red Springs served the family.

**Davis K. Parker Jr.**  
Davis Kirkland Parker Jr., 72, of 9003 Galatia Church Road, Fayetteville, died Friday, October 24, 2003 in his home.

Mr. Parker was chairman of the Cumberland County Redevelopment Commission for more than 10 years; director, Raeford Savings and Loan Association; director, Heritage Federal Savings and Loan; Seventy-First Ruritan president; Seventy-First School Committee member; served on the Lumber River Electric Membership board of directors; and elder, deacon, superintendent of Sunday school, president of Men's Church Group at Galatia Presbyterian Church. A co-founder of Crumpler-Parker Funeral Home, he was also an insurance agent for 45 years, and owner and operator of Parker Insurance Agency. He was a retired captain with the North Carolina National Guard.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, October 27 in Galatia Presbyterian Church held by the Reverends Dr. Gene Miller and Leighton McKeithan. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen Koonce Parker of the home; one son, Davis Kirkland Parker III of Fayetteville; one daughter and her

husband, Karen Allen and Bobby Allen Jr. of Fayetteville; one brother, Duncan Black Parker of Fayetteville; one sister, Elizabeth P. McPherson of Yanceyville and eight grandchildren, Kristen Allen, Katherine Allen, Allison Allen, Mary Allen, Bobby Allen, Joshua Allen, Jonathan Allen and Samuel Allen, all of Fayetteville.

Memorials may be made to Barium Springs Home for Children, PO Box 1, Barium Springs, NC 28010-0001 or Galatia Presbyterian Church Kitchen Fund, 8800 Galatia Church Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

Jennigan-Warren Funeral Home of Fayetteville served the family.

**Ruby K. Cameron**  
Mrs. Ruby King Cameron, Kingswood Nursing Center of Aberdeen, formerly of 1531 Montrose Road, Raeford, died Monday October 27, 2003.

Mrs. Cameron was born in Currituck County and she lived and made her home in Hoke County for almost 70 years.

Her husband of 57 years, William Woodson Cameron; her parents, Allie Lee and Eliza King; two sisters, Ellie King McGee and Elizabeth King Ferrell; one brother, John W. King preceded her in death.

Mrs. Cameron was a member of the Shiloh Presbyterian Church for 65 years.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 30, in Shiloh Presbyterian Church held by the Reverend Sanders Read. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Survivors include one daughter, Patsy Cameron Hunt and her husband, Douglas, of Raleigh; one son, William Woodson Cameron Jr. and his wife, Rhonda, of Raeford; two granddaughters, Ashley Kersh Hunt and her husband, Phillip Swain, of Raleigh and Candace Cameron Brock and her husband, Billy, of Raeford; two grandsons, Douglas Russell Hunt Jr. of Raleigh and William Wooten Cameron III of Alabama; one great granddaughter, Rebecca Brock; four sisters, Frances King Bigford and her husband, John, of Hamlet, Florine King Odum Laurel Hill, Willie Lee Hester of Lillington, and Nellie King Hester of Pamplico; one brother, Elgin Comford King of Carolina Beach; one sister-in-law, Gladys King Hodges and her husband, Floyd, of Aberdeen; and many nieces and nephews; also special friends, Miss Ruthie, Beveland and Kenny, Manuel and Angela, Laura Frances, Sarah, Kingswood staff, and Sanders.

Family will be receiving friends from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 29 at Powell Funeral Home in Southern Pines.

Memorials may be made in Ruby Cameron's honor to Shiloh Presbyterian Church, 210 South Dickson Street, Raeford, NC 28376; or to FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care, PO Box 1956, Pinehurst, NC 28370; or to Liberty Home Care and Hospice, 336 South Main Street, Raeford, NC 28376.

Powell Funeral Home of Southern Pines served the family.

## LIEAP applications taken Mon.

The Hoke County Department of Social Services will begin taking applications for Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) on Monday, November 3. Applications will be taken until Friday, November 14.

Since this is not a first-come first-serve process, applicants may apply any time before the November 14 deadline. Eligibility is based on income, resources, citizenship or legal alien status, and households having a heating source. Eligible applicants will receive a one-time check in February to assist with home heating bills. Applicants who apply and are not eligible will be mailed a written notification.

The LIEAP office will be at the Hoke County Department of Social Services on Magnolia Street in Raeford and will serve Hoke citizens only. Hoke County Native American Citizens will again be served by LRDA

and will need to apply at the LRDA location.

Some eligible Food Stamp recipients will not need to go to the office to make application — if your household has an active Food Stamp case as of September 30, 2003, with a certification-through date of October 2003 or greater. These households will receive an automatic payment if they meet all Low-Income Energy Assistance guidelines. Food Stamp households who do not meet the certification criteria will be mailed notification to apply at Hoke County Department of Social Service, during the application period of November 3 through November 14. Also, elderly or handicapped persons are encouraged to make application by telephone if they receive notice that they need to apply.

All other households must apply in person before the November 14 deadline.

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