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**Mrs. Christine (Chris) Kiker Nance**

Mrs. Christine (Chris) Kiker Nance, 79, went home to be with her Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, June 20, 2012.

She was born September 11, 1932, in Anson County. Chris was preceded in death by her parents, Annie Jerome Kiker and Mary Elizabeth Wallace Kiker and her beloved husband, Roy T. Nance.

Chris was employed by Alltel Corp. as a manager prior to retiring after 42 years of dedicated service. After retiring she began work for Morgan and Son Funeral Home and Marshville Florist. She enjoyed volunteering at Autumn Care of Marshville

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and with S.A.L.T. of the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 21, 2012, in the Chapel of Morgan and Son Funeral Home. A private burial was conducted at Deep Springs Baptist Church in Peachland.

Chris is survived by her daughter, Sharon Doster (Mike) of Marshville; granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Doster and fiancé Spencer Hodges of Greenville, NC; her beloved canine grandson, Arlo; three sisters, Alice (Norris) Holmes of Marshville; Grace Lee Frank of Charlotte; and Carolyn (Jerry A.) Phifer of Peachland; four brothers, James E. Kiker of Monroe, Grady (Martha) Kiker of Midland, Glenn (Annis) Kiker of Marshville and Jimmy E. (Gloria) Kiker of Peachland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express a special Thank You to Hospice of Union County; her caregivers, Deanie Hamilton, Monica Edwards and Beth Baucom; and to Dr. John C. Vick and Dr. Stephen Putnam for their love, kindness, care, compassion and support during her illness.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd.,

Monroe, NC. Condolences may be shared online at [morganandsonfuneralhome.com](http://morganandsonfuneralhome.com).

**Royal Parker "R.P." Lancaster**

Mr. Royal Parker "R.P." Lancaster, 76, of Lexington, passed away Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

A memorial service was held on Friday, June 15, 2012, at Hayworth-Miller Silas Creek Chapel in Winston-Salem with pastor Jeffery D. Purdue officiating.

He was born March 27, 1936, in Anson County to John Bowden and Octavia Parker Lancaster. Mr. Lancaster started his career as a principal in the Anson County School System. He then taught at Hanes High School, Glenn High School and East Forsyth High School. He coached all sports throughout his career, and was an activity director. He was well loved by his students and highly respected by his co-workers.

Mr. Lancaster was a musician, winning many ribbons at the Fiddlers Convention. He taught his children to play instruments and to love music. Mr. Lancaster was instrumental in developing the in-school suspension program for the state of North Carolina. He

had a very infectious smile and was loved by everyone that knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Marjy Everette and Leigh Ann Styers; and a grandson, Tyler Styers. Surviving is his loving and devoted wife of 19 years, Joyce Lancaster, whom he shared a love of traveling and camping with throughout the US; three sons, Eddie Wilson (Jennifer), John Lancaster (Robin), and Zip Lancaster (Deborah); two daughters, Christy Daniels (Michael) and Suzy Cox (Mike); his grandchildren and great grandchildren; two brothers, Billy and Kenneth Lancaster; and one sister, Donna Tucker.

Online condolences may be made at [www.hayworth-miller.com](http://www.hayworth-miller.com).

**Mr. Richard "Ricky" Levone Smith, Sr.**

Mr. Richard "Ricky" Levone Smith, Sr., 59, went home to be with his Lord on Monday, June 25, 2012, at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2012, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Lilesville with Rev. Charles Spivey and Rev. Jim Hunsucker officiating. Interment will follow in Bethlehem Cemetery in Ansonville.

The family will greet friends from 6 until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27,

2012, at Leavitt Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Ricky was born May 9, 1953, in Newport News, VA, a son of the late Walter Thomas Smith and the late Dorothy Nell McIntosh Smith. He was retired from the textile industry and was a faithful member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of nearly 40 years, Ruby Mauldin Smith of the home; his children, Spanky (Delorse) Smith and Candi (Vernon) Eury, both of Ansonville and Stephen Smith of Albemarle; his

grandchildren, Kelly, Bradley and Jacob Smith and Angela and Kaylee Eury; and his brothers and sister, Gregory Smith of Ansonville, Mark Smith of Sanford and Sue Wilson of Norwood.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Rosemary Smith.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Zion Baptist Church, P.O. Box 663, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

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**Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center Summer Camp**

**Faith, Hope, and Love, Dream Camp**

Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center is a great place for children to have fun while continuing to learn. Right now there are great opportunities every day from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. for all children, ages 5 to 16 years. The Faith, Hope, and Love Dream Camp (FHLD) is geared to make sure that no child is physically hungry. The students' creative energies will be stimulated through being exposed through to crafts, arts and many physical activities. Weekly speakers and educational field trips will enlighten all students and potentially strengthen their life skills which will help to develop them mentally, physically and emotionally.

FHLD Camp will include a daily nutritious breakfast and lunch. Kids will enjoy inspiration time, creative arts and crafts, outside physical activities and weekly speakers. Director Carol Smith said, "We hope to provide education exploration trips for those children who are eligible."

The FHL Dream Camp will operate four days a week - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Camp has started and runs until August 3. Parents or guardians must enroll children. Call 704-826-8737 or come by the BRLC any day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to enroll your camper. A small weekly registration fee is required upon enrollment.

**Regional Blood Shortage - Donors Needed to Fill Supply**

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC) today announced that there is a shortage of blood in the community, especially the O blood group (O positive and O negative types), and is urging O donors to donate blood as soon as possible. "While much of the country is facing a summer shortage, our local community is also in short supply and we expect this to continue as we approach the July Fourth holiday," said Martin Grable, president and CEO of the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas. "Summer is a particularly difficult time for all blood centers, supply drops and demand often goes up. CBCC is the blood supplier to 21 of the region's hospitals. These hospitals and patients rely on local donors to meet the blood needs of our community. We need your help."

According to CBCC, treatment of cancer and cardiovascular disease continue as usual, while trauma often increases during the summer months, pushing demand up. People are busy during the summer and students - who account for about 20 percent of the blood supply - are out of school resulting in a drop in supply drops.

Anyone 16 and older who weighs at least 120 pounds is encouraged to donate at one of the five CBCC centers located in Charlotte, Concord, Gastonia, Hickory and Monroe or at one of CBCC's many mobile blood drives, which can be found at [www.carolinadonor.org](http://www.carolinadonor.org). For more information or to make an appointment, call 704-972-4700.

- The following are the CBCC Donor Center locations and hours:
- Charlotte Center, 4447 South Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28209. Hours: Sunday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday: 7:30am - 5pm & Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 10am - 8pm.
  - Concord Center, 363 Church Street North, Suite 170, Concord, NC 28025. Hours: Saturday\*, Sunday\*, Monday: 7:30am - 5pm & Tuesday, Thursday: 10am - 8pm. Closed: Wednesday and Friday. \*The Concord Center is open the second and fourth Saturday and the first and fifth Sunday.
  - Monroe Center, 600 Hospital Drive, located in the Pavilion area, Monroe, NC 28112. Hours: Tuesday and Friday: 7:30am - 5pm. Closed: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday.

**Fox Sightings During Daylight Not Always Cause for Concern**

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission is reminding residents that foxes sighted in daylight, or in urban and suburban settings, are not necessarily rabid or dangerous. In addition, residents can take action to avoid conflict with these common animals.

Simply seeing a fox is not typically a cause for alarm. In most cases, people who merely see a fox do not need to take any action. However, people still should not approach foxes or fox dens, even if they seem harmless. If the fox makes a den for pups, do not disturb them. Do not approach, touch or feed the fox or its pups. Feeding them will habituate them to people - and may lead to aggression.

Action might be necessary in situations where foxes have become habituated to people. In those cases, people can and should take steps, such as yelling, banging pots and pans and setting off legal fireworks, to chase foxes from yards and neighborhoods. Be aggressive and repeat these actions if the foxes do not leave.

- To prevent problems with any type of wildlife:
- Don't feed wild animals - they can lose their fear of people.
  - Make sure you are not indirectly feeding wildlife - by cleaning up pet food, securing trash in an animal-proof container, keeping barbecue grills clean and removing bird feeders.
  - Establish protective barriers to keep wildlife from entering basements, crawl spaces, attics and beneath decks, where they might build nests or dens.
  - Secure pets or keep them indoors. Dogs can disturb dens, prompting aggressive behavior from the foxes.
  - Clear overhanging tree limbs or other means of access that wildlife can use to enter a structure.
  - Clear fallen fruit from around trees.
  - Annually inspect property to identify food problems and other areas that need to be fixed before an issue begins.
  - Encourage neighbors to use these same methods.

For additional information, download "Coexisting with Foxes" at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org). If the above solutions fail to remedy the problem, visit [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org) and click on "Have a Problem?" for additional information or to contact the Commission.

**SPCC to Offer Three-Week Pathways to College Class**

South Piedmont Community College will offer a three-week Pathways to College class for those interested in preparing for entrance into a college credit program and new career pathway. Tuition will be waived for unemployed, underemployed and dislocated workers.

The class will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 16 through Aug. 3, on the Old Charlotte Highway Campus in Monroe.

- Topics to be covered include:
- Reading, English and writing review as preparation for the college placement test.
  - Math skills refresher.
  - Tips for taking the college placement test.
  - Navigating the general college and health technologies admissions processes.
  - Information on financial aid and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding for re-training.
  - Foundations of college success (computer skills, study skills and time management).

To register, contact SPCC's Human Resources Development Department at 704-290-5216.

**Diabetic Support Group Meets**

The Diabetic Support Group will meet on Thursday, June 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro. The speaker will be Ms. Joanne Clark who is with the North Carolina Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP).

For more information contact Ruth Hildreth at 704-694-3979.

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