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Mr. John Wesley Sikes

Mr. John Wesley Sikes, 78, formerly of Polkton, died Friday, September 26,

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2014, at his home in China Grove.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at Cedar Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Swaringen officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

John was born in Anson County on September 3, 1936, a son of the late Erie and Gladys Johnson Sikes. He had worked in the auto parts business and also many years as a truck dispatcher.

Survivors include his wife Sheila; son Alan Sikes of Baton Rouge, LA; and a sister, Elizabeth Schwirck of Matthews.

John was most generous with his time, giving of himself to his family and

friends - especially his son, Alan. Always surrounded by a circle of friends from his youth to his very last days, John loved a good laugh and a good story. An avid reader with a sharp and inquisitive mind, he never turned down a good-natured debate with anyone willing to engage.

John will be forever missed, and we will always "love him good."

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312 or to Cedar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, c/o Alice Cox, 12509 Hwy 742 N., Polkton, NC 28135.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

Mr. Yang Seng Vang

Mr. Yang Seng Vang, 96, died Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at his home.

Funeral services will be conducted throughout the weekend of Friday, October 10 through Sunday October 12, 2014, at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro. Interment will be on Sunday, October 12, 2014, at the Vang Cemetery in Polkton.

Mr. Vang was born February 10, 1918, in Xiengkhouang, Laos, a son of the late Tong Leng Vang and the late Plia Xiong Vang. He was a farmer.

He is survived by his sons, Pheng Vang, Lue Vang, Yang Vang and Charles Vang; his daughters, May Vang, Sua Vang, Maichou Vang and Song Vang; 36 grandchild-

ren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Soua Her Vang, children, Phong Vang, Blong Vang, Mainsuab Vang, Tswb

Vang and Mao Vang, and his 10 siblings.

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

Anson Board of Education Supports Approval of Sales Tax Referendum

At their regular meeting on Thursday, October 2, the Anson County Board of Education passed a resolution in support of the one-quarter cent sales tax referendum that will be a part of the election on Tuesday, November 4. This small increase in sales tax can provide an additional \$300,000 or more per year to support public education.

The resolution is presented below:

WHEREAS, the Anson County Board of Education is charged with the education and well-being of its students; and WHEREAS, all students should have safe, adequate and properly equipped facilities in which to attend school; and WHEREAS, the Anson County Schools have extensive needs in the areas of facilities, technology, teacher and teacher assistant support and retention, educational materials and supplies, and more; and

WHEREAS, the Anson County Board of Commissioners has recognized its obligations to provide for the building and facility needs of the school system and has continued to provide support for educational programs and needs, subject to the limitations of funds available; and

WHEREAS, the Anson County Board of Education and the Anson County Board of Commissioners recognize that additional revenues are needed to adequately support the needs of the Anson County Schools; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that an additional one-quarter cent sales tax would provide an additional \$300,000 per year to further support public education; and

WHEREAS, the Anson County Board of Commissioners, in its wisdom, unanimously approved a resolution to place on the November 4, 2014, election ballot a referendum authorizing an additional one-quarter percent (0.25%) local sales and use tax that is desperately needed for support of the public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Anson County Board of Education appreciates the Board of County Commissioners' support of education;

WHEREAS, the Anson County Board of Education believes that the public supports its schools and desires modern and adequate facilities, excellent teachers and staff, and educational materials supplies and technology for its children attending the public schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION:

- That the Anson County Board of Education hereby endorses and fully supports the sales tax referendum requested by the Board of Commissioners of Anson County; and
- That the Anson County Board of Education requests full support from the people of Anson County and its electorate for the support of the proposed one-quarter percent (0.25%) increase in the Anson County sales and use tax that is on the ballot for the November 4, 2014 election; and

- That the Anson County Board of Education respectfully requests the electorate to vote "FOR" the proposed sales and use tax; and
- That this Resolution be posted on the website of the Anson County Schools and distributed to the media for publication, by the Superintendent; and

- That this Resolution be forwarded to the County Manager and to the Chairman and each member of the Anson County Board of Commissioners.

This Resolution is hereby APPROVED this 2nd day of October, 2014. ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION By: Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson. Attest: Michael H. Freeman, Ed.S., Secretary and Superintendent

Rabies Vaccination Clinic is October 18

The fall Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held on Saturday, October 18 at Brown Creek Animal Hospital, on Highway 74 in Polkton, from 2 to 5 p.m. All dogs, cats and ferrets that are four months of age or older must have a current rabies vaccination that is administered by a licensed veterinarian.

Rabies is a vaccine preventable disease in humans, dogs, cats and ferrets as well as some domestic livestock. All mammals are susceptible to rabies and it is nearly always fatal. Rabies can be prevented in humans with timely and appropriate treatment. The disease most often occurs in wild animals especially skunks, raccoons, bats and foxes. Raccoon rabies is present in the raccoon population in virtually every North Carolina county. In September, a skunk located in the Deep Creek community of Anson County tested positive for rabies; again, it is very important for all pet owners to keep their animals current on rabies vaccinations.

Domestic animals (including cats, dogs, ferrets and livestock such as horses, cattle and sheep) are susceptible to rabies but there are few cases because of the use of USDA-licensed rabies vaccines. North Carolina general statute 130A-185 requires owners of dogs, cats and ferrets to have their pets currently vaccinated against rabies, beginning at four months of age. This vaccine must be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

The rabies virus infects the central nervous system, ultimately causing disease in the brain and death. You can only get rabies by coming in contact with the saliva or brain/nervous system tissue of an infected animal — for example, if you are bitten by a rabid animal, handle a pet that has been attacked by a rabid animal such as a fox, or are cleaning a dead animal you have killed while hunting.

The number of human deaths attributed to rabies in the United States now averages just one or two each year. Most of those cases have been traced to bats. Bat bites can be difficult to detect and may not cause a person to wake from a sound sleep. To protect yourself from bat bites, do not sleep in a cabin, tent, shelter or lodging facility if bats have access to the living space. If you awaken to find a bat in your room, tent, or cabin, it should be safely captured (do not release the bat!) and tested for rabies as quickly as possible, and you should seek medical advice immediately. This is also true if a bat is found in a room with an infant, young child, or a person with cognitive impairment, even if they are awake, as they may have been bitten but unable to say so. Once you have secured the bat inside a room, call your local animal control for help. Never handle a bat or any dead animal with your bare hands.

People who are bitten by a mammal or otherwise possibly exposed to rabies should first wash any wounds thoroughly with soap and water for 15 minutes and then seek immediate medical attention to prevent the development of fatal disease. A doctor will determine what treatment is needed, such as post-exposure vaccination. Bites should be reported to the local health department animal control officer immediately to ensure that the biting animal is captured and tested (wild or ill animal) or confined (healthy domestic animal).

An exposure to rabies is an urgent situation: once symptoms appear, it is usually too late to start treatment, and the disease is nearly always fatal.

50+ Club to Present Gospel Music Program

The Hampton B. Allen Library's 50+ Club will meet on Monday, October 13 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Carol High, Debbie Carpenter, Pam Thomas, Dianne Welch, Mike Welch, Michael Welch and Austin Welch will be doing a program of southern and contemporary gospel music. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend.

For more information call the library at 704-694-5177.



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