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**2013 Stride With Pride
Shoe Drive Needs Your Help**

State Trooper Landric Reid started his Stride with Pride Shoe Drive with hopes of helping underprivileged youth in Anson County. His idea was to provide tennis shoes to children who may not be fortunate enough to have them otherwise. As adults many of us may have forgotten how important a pair of tennis shoes can be to a young person. They literally can propel that person into athletic endeavors that otherwise may not have been possible. Even if the youth is not pursuing a sport, a good pair of shoes is important just for getting along in school and life. Reid tackled this project with enthusiasm and a determination to help as many youth as he could.

Now in its third year, the Stride with Pride Shoe Drive has a goal to collect and provide 250 pairs of new tennis shoes to underprivileged youth of all diversities in Anson County. These shoes will benefit children from grades Kindergarten to eight. All sizes are needed.

Reid has been joined in his effort by Patti Poulcott of Judy's Tax Service. Together they will be working to collect new tennis shoes and raise money from area supporters.

"We hope you will consider joining us in this effort to help a child walk the halls of success this new school year," said Trooper Reid. "Anyone who wishes to help can donate new tennis shoes and/or make a monetary donation to this important cause. Through your generous contributions we can help our youth 'Stride with Pride' this coming school year."

Collections are going on now until August 20. If you would like to contribute or learn more about this effort you can contact Reid at trooperone@live.com or 704-695-7771 or Poulcott at ppoulcott@carolina.rr.com or 704-694-8386.

**VisitNC.com Sweepstakes
Features Vacations of a Lifetime**

The North Carolina Division of Tourism celebrates the launch of its revamped travel planning website, VisitNC.com, with the "Beauty Amplified Photo Sweepstakes," which offers travelers the opportunity to win one of three unique experiences: 1) a behind-closed-doors tour of Biltmore, 2) a private dinner in the home of renowned Raleigh chef Ashley Christiansen, or 3) a dive on the wreck of Blackbeard's legendary flagship - a location so secret that the winner will be blindfolded enroute.

"These vacations of a lifetime showcase the amazing experiences awaiting visitors to North Carolina," said Wit Tuttle, director of marketing for the Division, which is part of the state Department of Commerce. "Our state's beauty really comes to life in the places, the people and the stories, which add depth to the natural beauty and the connection the traveler feels. We're excited to see what our visitors consider their favorite North Carolina experiences, and to offer three lucky prizewinners trips that symbolize beauty amplified."

To enter the sweepstakes, which runs through July 31, a traveler will upload a photo of North Carolina that represents "beauty amplified." A photo with 20 or more "votes" will qualify the person who entered it for a drawing to win one of three grand prizes. By having travelers encourage friends to vote, comment and share their submitted photos, the Division of Tourism is leveraging the reach of multiple social media platforms to increase awareness and interest in North Carolina and the new VisitNC.com.

The three grand prize packages, which all include a \$1,000 gift card that can be used to cover transportation, feature:

- **Celebrity chef dinner.** Renowned chef Ashley Christensen of Poole's Diner will host dinner at her Raleigh home accompanied by Sean Lilly Wilson of the award-winning Fullsteam Brewery, which will craft a custom beer for the winner. Package also includes five-star, five-diamond lodging at The Umstead Hotel and Spa and other dining and travel experiences in the Greater Raleigh area.

- **Wreck diving at the site of the Queen Anne's Revenge, Blackbeard's legendary pirate ship.** The dive experience off North Carolina's Crystal Coast is being coordinated in collaboration with the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources and will include area lodging, dining and attractions.
- **Ultimate Biltmore Experience.** The winner will choose three VIP options from among more than 10 behind-the-scenes experiences at America's largest home. The possibilities include a rooftop dinner for two accompanied by a string quartet and a horseback ride with a Vanderbilt family member. The winner will also receive Asheville-area lodging and other amenities.

Find more information and complete sweepstakes rules at VisitNC.com/beauty-amplified.

About VisitNC.com: VisitNC.com is the North Carolina Division of Tourism's travel-planning website. The site represents all of the state's 100 counties with about 18,500 entries representing accommodations, attractions, restaurants, events, golf courses, seasonal special offers, travel professionals, and 375 local and regional destination marketing organizations. The new VisitNC.com features a dynamic look and enhanced content, and its responsive design adapts the layout to any size screen - from mobile devices to web-enabled televisions. The website is part of a brand evolution that includes the Division's "beauty amplified" tagline and custom-designed logo and typeface, which build on North Carolina's position as a place of unrivaled scenic beauty where deeper connections happen.

Bowman Class of 1983 30th Reunion

The Bowman High School Class of 1983, will hold their 30th Year Class Reunion on October 11-13. For further details please contact Samantha Tillman at tillmansamantha6@yahoo.com.

Remembering.....
By Ed McBride



The Gloria Ann

Can you imagine a big doors were made locally. Mert boat built in Anson County in a was really good at his job, not wood-working shop? Well, I only making windows and my knowledge this was my first doors, but cabinets, mouldings - and most anything with wood.

In the "forks" of Highways 742 and 109 South, as I remember, was Kiser Brothers service station - hot dogs were 5¢, hamburgers 10¢, and a Pee Dee Club orange drink or a Coke was also 5¢. Heading back uptown was the main entrance to the Little Cotton Manufacturing Company. Some of the streets were not paved. Many of the older residents were still living - and even Wadesboro High School was still looking sharp (built in 1922 - the year I came along).

Time has taken its toll - Cokes and hot dogs are not a nickel now - nor is my hair long and black either!

Both Bill and Mert are now deceased.



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