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## Highway 74 Bridge to be Named in Honor of the Late Sheriff Landric Reid



Earlier this month the NC Department of Transportation has approved a request from the Anson County Board of Commissioners to name the Lanes Creek Bridge on Highway 74 in honor of the late Sheriff Landric Reid. The resolution is below:

**Resolution for Sheriff Landric Reid Bridge:**  
WHEREAS, Landric Reid was born in Concord, N.C., attended public schools in Cabarrus County and was a graduate of Concord High School; and,  
WHEREAS, Reid served honorably in the United States Army, which he credited with changing his life; and,  
WHEREAS, after receiving an honorable discharge in 1988, Reid joined the North Carolina National Guard; and,  
WHEREAS, Reid served with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol for 23 years before becoming Anson County Sheriff in 2014; and,  
WHEREAS, Reid is remembered for his dedication to making Anson County a better place to live for its citizens; and,  
WHEREAS, Reid served on the Executive Board for Anson County Toys for Tots and was the founder and coordinator of the Stride With Pride Shoe Drive; and,  
WHEREAS, Reid was the co-founder of The Shaundasia T. Smith Foundation, which distributes food and backpacks to high school students in Anson County, and awards scholarships to high school seniors in the county; and,  
WHEREAS, Reid, who served as Anson County Sheriff for eight years, died in September 2022; and  
WHEREAS, the Anson County Board of Commissioners requests that the N.C. Board of Transportation name a bridge in honor of Anson County Sheriff Landric Reid.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridges on U.S. 74 that crosses over Lanes Creek near Peachland Township in Anson County the Sheriff Landric Reid Bridge. That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.  
Adopted this the 4th day of January 2024 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

## NC By Train Achieves Record Breaking Ridership in 2023

NC By Train achieved record ridership in 2023 for the second year in a row. The state's intercity passenger rail service carried over 641,000 passengers in 2023, 23% higher than the record set in 2022 with 522,000 passengers. "We're pleased that NC By Train continues to grow and be an important transportation option for North Carolinians," said Transportation Secretary Joey Hopkins. "Based on the success of the last two years, we are continuing to explore opportunities to further increase frequencies and



expand service to communities across the state." Contributing to the services growth and popularity were the addition of a fifth-round trip between Raleigh and Charlotte in July 2023 and numerous events and special stops, such as the N.C. State Fair, the Lexington Barbecue Festival, and football games. NCDOT encourages people to take advantage of the safe, comfortable, and convenient transportation available on NC By Train with its large seats, charging outlets at each seat and free WiFi. NC By Train offers a variety of everyday discounts for children, students, active military personnel, veterans and seniors and Share Fare, which allows groups of up to eight people to save money with each additional ticket that is purchased. Taking NC By Train is an environmentally friendly and sustainable transportation choice that helps reduce congestion on the state's highway system. Skip the traffic and hassles of parking and take the train to a variety of events. Visit NC By Train for more information, to plan a trip and to buy tickets, [www.ncbytrain.org](http://www.ncbytrain.org). Follow them at Twitter/X @NC\_By\_Train and NC By Train on Facebook and LinkedIn.

## Barn Blast is January 26 Friday is the last day to purchase tickets!

Caroline Goins, Executive Director of the Anson County Partnership for Children said, "We are excited to invite you to the annual Barn Blast fundraiser in support of the children of Anson County. This event promises to be a night of fun and entertainment, all for a great cause." The evening will kick off with a live auction featuring a wide range of exciting items up for bid. From unique experiences to valuable collectibles, there's something for everyone. Following the auction, attendees will enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Jon G's. And of course, no fundraiser is complete without some dancing! So, put on your dancing shoes and get ready to groove the night away.

The event will be held at the SPCC Lockhart-Taylor Center on Friday, January 26, from 6 to 11:30 p.m. Your contribution will make a significant impact on the lives of Anson County children and families, providing them with educational resources, programs, and much-needed support. Goins concluded, "Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at Barn Blast!" You can get more information and purchase tickets by visiting [AnsonChildren.org](http://AnsonChildren.org) or calling 704-694-4036.

## Wadesboro Primary School's Sweet Potato Project

Check out the roots on those sweet potatoes! Lydia Stegall, Small Farms Area Agent with the Extension Office, recently followed up with a sweet potato project with students from Wadesboro Primary School. At the schools Farm Day, sweet potatoes were placed in water and distributed to classes. Eight weeks later the students and teachers celebrated the results! More pictures are on page 2.



## Appreciation Soup Luncheon for Anson County Law Enforcement

The Pastor, Deaconess Board, and members of Harris Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church are inviting all Anson County law enforcement officers to come to Grace Senior Center for a delicious soup lunch and receive tokens of appreciation for your service in Anson County. The event takes place on Saturday, January 27, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at Grace Senior Center, located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, on the left just past IGA. Officers, they will be delighted to have each of you as their guests to show their gratitude and to personally thank all of you for protecting us and keeping out towns, neighborhoods and county safe. Rev. Dr. Bernice Bennett said, "Please make a special effort to come and dine with us. We will be honored to have you as our special guests and are certain that you will enjoy your delicious meal and our time with the us."