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Holiday "Booze It & Lose It" Campaign Results in 3,164 DWI Arrests

Santa was not the only one who made a naughty list over the holidays. Law enforcement officers across the state did, too, as they patrolled day and night, catching drivers who got behind the wheel impaired. They arrested 3,164 people for driving drunk during the Holiday "Booze It & Lose It" campaign, which ran from Dec. 13, 2013, to Jan. 5.

"We thank the law enforcement officers who worked tirelessly to keep our roads safe while families and friends gathered together over the holidays," said Don Nail, director of the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program. "Our efforts to keep those who travel on North Carolina highways safe will continue each and every day, until we reach our goal of zero highway fatalities."

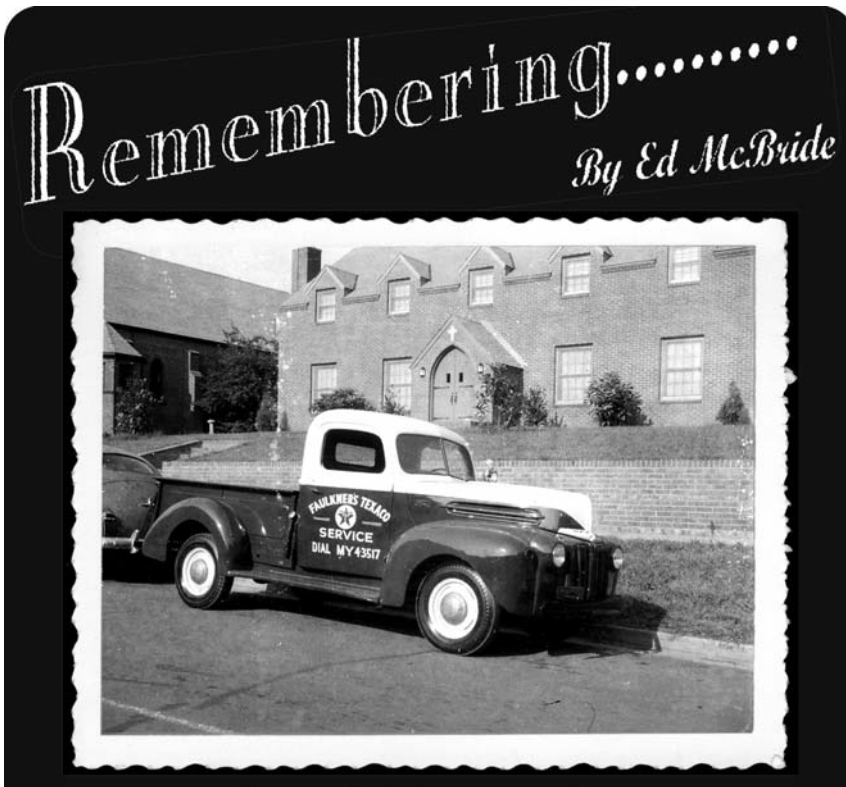
The top five counties for DWI arrests during the Holiday "Booze It & Lose It" campaign include: Wake County with 329 DWI arrests; Mecklenburg County had 261 DWI arrests; Guilford County had 197 DWI arrests; Forsyth County had 157 DWI arrests; and Cumberland County had 103 DWI arrests.

In addition to DWI arrests, local and state law enforcement officers issued 116,423 traffic and criminal citations statewide. They issued 6,285 safety belt and 1,086 child passenger safety violations; 32,737 speeding violations and 4,042 drug charges. In addition, they apprehended 3,232 fugitives from justice and recovered 190 stolen vehicles.

For more information regarding "Booze It & Lose It" activities and county totals, contact Heather Jeffreys at (919) 707-2665 or visit the GHSP website, www.ncdot.gov/programs/GHSP.

Here are the 2013 Holiday "Booze It & Lose It" Campaign totals for Anson County: Checkpoints 18; Number of Saturation Patrol 23; **Number of Checkpoints and Patrols 41**. Under 21 DWI

Charges 2; 21 and Over DWI Charges 12; **Total DWI 14**. Safety Belt Violations 47; Child Passenger Safety 21; **Total Occupant Restraint Charges 68**. Drug Violations 11; Stolen Vehicles Recovered 0; Fugitives Arrested 8; Felony Arrests 2; Other Criminal Violations 26; **Total Criminal Violations 47**. Speeding 209; Driving While License Revoked 43; GDL 2; Work Zone Violations 0; Other Traffic Violations Not Listed 327; **Total Other Traffic Violations 581**. Uninsured Motorists 30; Reckless Driving 26; **Total Traffic & Criminal Violations 766**.



Remembering...
By Ed McBride

Faulkner's Texaco Service

This one really goes back - in fact I lettered this Ford pickup on June 21, 1957 - complete with the Texaco logo. You will note this was soon after Wadesboro began the telephone dial system, the North Carolina Telephone Co. (Dial MY4-3517).

This service station was on the corner of Washington Street and Highway 52/74 and was a new station - Bruce Faulkner opened it in 1957. His brother Bob Faulkner had the Rambler dealership along with Pontiac, also. Bruce was head of the service department where he spent his days. In the evenings, he pumped gas,

checked under the hood, changed oil, greased cars - "the service station bit."

In 1961, Bob Faulkner, his wife Chris, sister Ruth Davis and her husband Mack Davis all went to New York City. Leaving there, they came by Atlantic City, New Jersey to see the new Rambler being displayed in dealers.

Back home and after the death of Bro Bob, Bruce closed this station and opened a "tune-up shop" where he worked until his death in 1966 - and now there are other changes - no Texaco station on that corner, no Rambler dealers and so many have gone on.

Extension Notes A Different Look at 2014 Resolutions

For the past couple of years we have presented a 15-week Eat Smart Move More Weigh Less class here at the Extension Center. And for those who have participated it has been successful. We even had one class member go on to lose an additional 20 plus pounds after the class ended last year!

But, due to schedules, conflicts and other responsibilities, our office will not be offering that again this spring. And although I will be glad of the extra time for other projects, I will miss the results. Teaching the session was always good for me because it held me accountable to being healthier too.

So this year, even though I will not be teaching a class, I will try to incorporate some of the principles we teach into my own lifestyle habits. And, instead of a resolution to lose weight, I am going to think in terms of being healthier. After all, if you make a habit of eating healthier and being more active, it stands to reason that you will lose weight as a result, right? So here goes - some of my ideas for 2014 resolutions. Maybe some will suit you too.

Focus on changing behaviors, not on results. Instead of obsessing over a scale, make a diligent effort to eat healthier foods and cut back on portion sizes. Remember to eat your veggies and try to add more fruit to your diet.

Develop a plan to make health a priority. We all need to be more active, so dig in and find the time to walk, bike, or do something active that you enjoy at least three times a week. You can also park further away in the parking lot, and take the stairs instead of the elevator.

Ditch the all or nothing mentality. If you overeat one day or do not walk that mile on another day, it is no excuse to quit. Get back on the wagon and keep at it. If you fall off again, get back on again. None of us are perfect, but that is no reason to not try.

"They" used to say that you could create a habit in just 21 days. But that myth has been challenged, and in truth, we all realize it takes much more time than that. So give yourself that time this year to create some healthy habits. Instead of three weeks, shoot for three months of healthy eating and activity behaviors. And if you can make it to, say six months, then why not more? There really is no excuse. Be a healthier you in 2014!

NC Workplace Deaths Drop 39 Percent

Workplace fatalities dropped 39 percent in 2013 based on preliminary figures released today by the N.C. Department of Labor. Fatalities dropped from 38 in 2012 to 23 in 2013. The number of workplace fatalities in 2011 was 53.

"The Department of Labor is pleased that the number of fatalities is lower, but the only acceptable number is zero," Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry said. "We are encouraged by a 39 percent drop, but I never lose sight of the fact that these are human lives lost at work. The average age was 44 years old. These were fathers, husbands, sons, brothers, co-workers and friends. I believe North Carolina is benefiting from increased awareness of safety and health in both private industry and the government, but we must do better."

The Occupational Safety and Health Division has identified four hazards known as "the big four" that have caused 80 percent of the work-related deaths in North Carolina during the past decade. The leading cause of the work-related fatalities in 2013 was struck-by events with 11. Six workers died in falls from elevations, and three workers died after being caught in/between objects. One was electrocuted. Two workers died from inhalation of toxic fumes, which is not one of the big four hazards.

"All of us—safety professionals, employers and employees—must do better in identifying struck-by hazards, which represented nearly half of the fatalities last year," said Allen McNeely, director of the OSH Division. "Staying vigilant around heavy machinery and construction material is critical."

The Labor Department's OSH Division has taken a proactive approach to help prevent injuries, illnesses and fatalities in North Carolina workplaces by establishing partnerships with some of the most hazardous industries. The division also issued hazard alerts regarding forklifts, struck-bys, heat stress and firefighter safety after identifying problems in those areas in previous years.

"The OSH Division will continue its outreach to employers and employees with hazard alerts, industry guides and posters, as well as focused training," McNeely said. "Falls and struck-by accidents can and should be avoided."

The state's latest injury and illness rate for private industry achieved an all-time low of 2.9 per 100 full-time workers in 2012. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics compiles the injury and illness rate data. Based on the most recent data released by the BLS, North Carolina was one of 15 states with a rate statistically lower than the national average of 3.4.

Construction and agriculture, forestry and fishing were the two leading industries for fatal accidents with seven apiece in 2013. The number of fatalities in construction decreased from 10 in 2012, and the number in agriculture, forestry and fishing stayed the same as in 2012.

There were four fatalities in manufacturing, a decrease from six in 2012. Retail trade experienced two fatalities, and wholesale trade experienced one in 2013. There was one fatality in the transportation and public utility industry as well as one in the services industry.

There were no work-related fatalities in 80 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Buncombe, Forsyth and Mecklenburg experienced two fatalities each. There were 17 counties that experienced one fatality.

Whites accounted for 12 of the 23 workplace fatalities. Blacks accounted for one, and Hispanics for 10. Men accounted for all of the fatalities.

There were no workplace fatalities in Anson County in 2013.

Free Writing Workshop Offered Jan. 26

The Anson County Writers' Club will host a free workshop on how to structure your novel on Sunday, January 26. The workshop will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, located at 107 East Wade Street in Wadesboro.

"The workshop will begin with a demonstration and follow with a hands-on exercise that will teach you how to plot your mystery or adventure novel," said presenter Karen MacMurray. She will also show writers how to plant red herrings and insert turning points.

The ACWC invites you to join them for a fun and informative meeting, whether you are an experienced writer, a novice, or just plain curious about the writing process.

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LAND OWNERS BEWARE. Advertisement of delinquent Anson County Property Taxes will occur on or about March 1, 2014. A fee of \$20 per property card will be added to every unpaid tax bill listed in the newspaper. This advertisement of delinquent taxes is mandated by the North Carolina General Statutes and the fee is allowed to offset that cost to county government. Also, the Anson County budget is based on ad valorem tax collection percentage. Failure to make payment in a timely manner not only costs you money because of these added fees, but county departments may suffer revenue shortfalls that can lead to reduced services. Poor payment rates can also lead to an increase to our county tax rate (now at .767 per \$100 valuation). Paying Anson County property taxes is a responsibility not to be taken lightly.

ANSON'S MOST WANTED has been a successful collection strategy. Delinquent property owners have paid nearly \$500,000 in taxes that have been used for much needed capital improvements. This office will continue the program during 2014 with even more properties being targeted for collection. Pay all delinquent taxes to avoid added attorney fees and sales preparation charges because of forced collection.

ONE MORE THING. The collector's office is available Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. We can be reached during these times at (704) 994-3218. Feel free to leave a message at other times.

Thank you, Joe Dutton, Anson County Tax Collector

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