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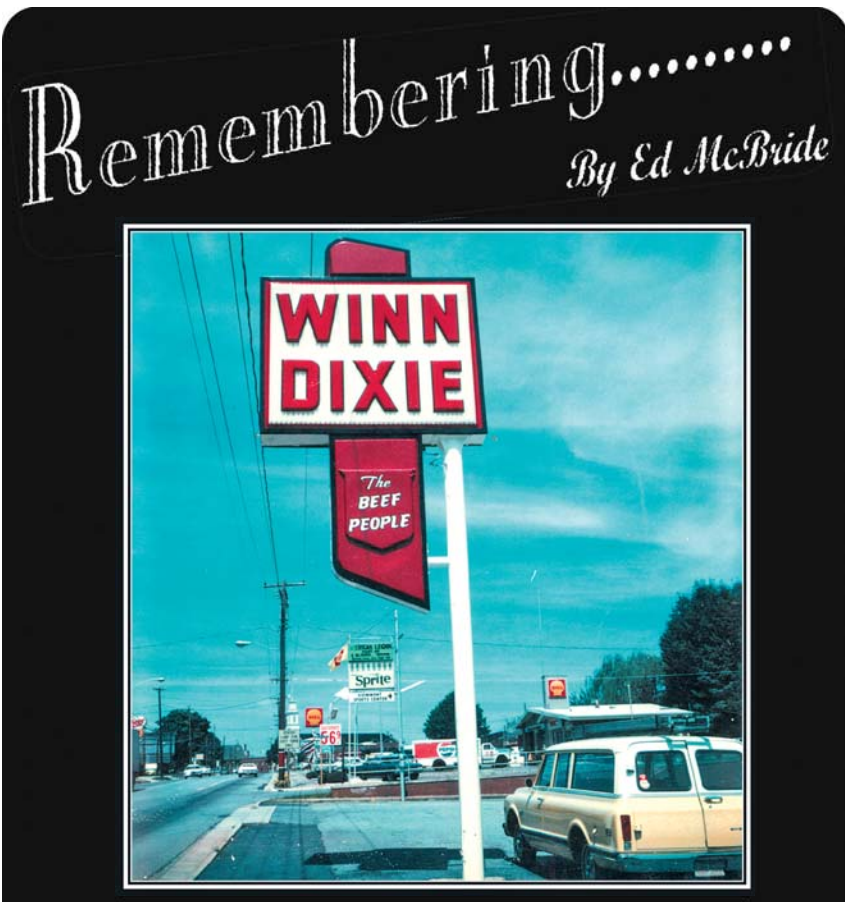
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Remembering..... By Ed McBride

Winn-Dixie Stores

Some of you can remember how many business places - grocery and others - that were in downtown Wadesboro. This article, however is about mostly the first block of North Rutherford Street.

Yes, there were several grocery stores back in the period of 1940 to 1960, but then things began to change rapidly. Remember the locally owned Allen Stores, J. E. Gray Grocery, the Hi-Lo, Braswell's Market, Maner & Murray, the Western Auto with a large barber shop downstairs, Rivers Feed and Seed, J. B. Crider Jewelry ("B.J." - before Jimmy) - this was not nearly all that was on the block, but just a "sampling" of the businesses at the time.

The Allen Stores were sold to Dixie Home, which merged with Winn Stores - thus Winn-Dixie, whose first new store here was located at the place that is now Anson Regional Medical Center.

Again, remembering the sales promotion of giving "trading stamps" - Winn-Dixie (and others) gave S&H Green Stamps, some others gave F&H Gold Stamps - all of which was the "thing" to draw customers to their business - to spend so many dollars -

get so many stamps that could be "redeemed" for gifts!

As this "fad" faded out, so did the many merchants' use of green stamps in their promotions - of course Winn-Dixie had the outdoor signs that needed to be changed - and my friend Addison Moore did painting and decorating for many of their stores - blocking out all the S&H Green Stamps signage - just ready for me to do the new promotion - "The Beef People" - which they have kept for several years. This I did for several area stores including Charlotte, Newton, Lincolnton, Shelby, Gastonia, Hickory, Kannapolis, Rockingham - even Wadesboro and others! (Pictured above is Hickory Store #2079 - I painted on August 3, 1976.)

Now many of the stores have closed, and according to a recent news release, all stores will soon be closed in the Carolinas and some other locations as well.

As always, I am grateful for having had an opportunity to be a part of this "history making" - all these mentioned in this article on Rutherford Street who were at one time customers-as well as hundreds of others - Thank you!

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Happenings at HOLLA!

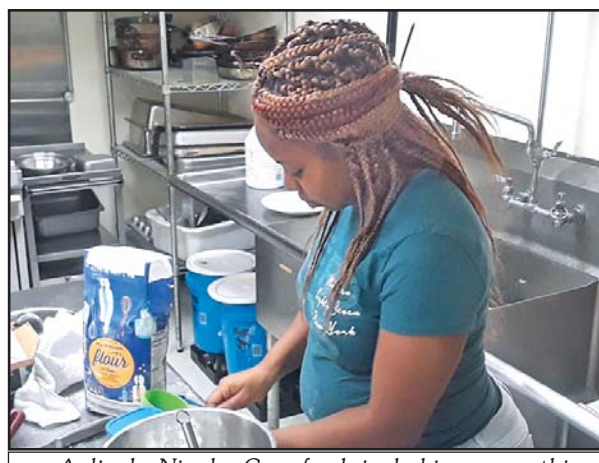
Aaliyah Nicole Crawford, a former Anson High School student, attended the HOLLA! summer camps for several years as a child, and now has graduated from Johnson and Wales University. She is "giving back" by volunteering to prepare delicious dessert treats for the Lion King Jr. cast during summer camp this year at the HOLLA! Center.

In turn, HOLLA! has granted her unlimited access to the commercial kitchen at the center in hopes that she will continue to develop her talent and pursue her aspirations.

As a child Aaliyah realized her love of baking when her parents gave her an Easy Bake oven. From there she knew that baking was her passion. Since then she has remained in the kitchen. A recent graduate of Johnson and Wales University, Aaliyah earned her Associates Degree in Baking and Pastry Arts.

She continues to hone her skills in the culinary arts through serving her community at local events and nonprofits. With aspirations to participate in baking shows on The Food Network and create a national chain of bakeries, Crawford is set to please a wide range of palates.

In the center of this group shot below is Maurice Moore. He is also an Anson County native. Maurice is presently a movie producer in Texas. He flew in from Texas last Saturday to help develop the *Lion King Jr.* cast for the upcoming *Lion King, Jr.* play being produced by Anson Middle School Students.



Aaliyah Nicole Crawford is baking something delicious in the HOLLA! kitchen!

