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Back To School with Pride's 14th Annual Event is Saturday

Free school supplies and uniforms available for Anson students
Stride with Pride will also be in attendance to give away new tennis shoes

The Faith Based Center of Hope will host their 14th annual Back to School with Pride event this Saturday, August 15 at Hatcher's Park in Lilesville, beginning at 11 a.m. Each year Anson County Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant, CEO and Founder of Faith Based Center of Hope, hosts the annual "Back to School with Pride" project to help parents obtain school supplies and uniforms.

Sheriff Landric Reid and Patti Poulcott from Stride with Pride will also be attendance to hand out new tennis shoes to students in need.

Mrs. Sturdivant stated, "Each year the needs grow greater. During our 2014 project we were able to supply school supplies and uniforms to over 300 kids and to every school in Anson County. Through the contributions of great friends, businesses, officials, pastors and churches and community leaders, I know we will be able to bless more families this year."

The Back to School with Pride program is open to everyone, especially the less fortunate youth of all diversities. Also, community leaders, officials, pastors, ministers and medical advisors are invited to please come. Entertainment will be provided by Little's Trucking Inc. (Tracy and Hattie Little, owners) and DJ Phatt (Jasper Evans) of Richmond County.

It's not too late if you would like to help the cause. You can still donate supplies or money. And very importantly, every donation will go to Anson County students. "I humbly ask for your support as we endeavor to do God's will and help our kids go back to school with the supplies needed," concluded Sturdivant. "All contributions, whether monetary, school supplies or uniforms will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will be used for supplies and given out in OUR county.

For more information or to contribute, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412; Dr. Bernice Bennett 704-848-4085; Jennifer Tarlton 704-694-3115 or Tracy Little 704-695-2959.

Town of Wadesboro Calls Special Closed Meeting

A special meeting of the Town of Wadesboro has been set for Tuesday, August 18 at 5 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A closed session for real property as specified in the statute G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5). Specifically, North Carolina Statute G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) states:

(a) Permitted Purposes. - It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

(5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

The meeting will be held in the Town of Wadesboro City Hall Conference Room.

Town of Wadesboro Trash Pickup

Town of Wadesboro trash pickup guidelines and pickup days are not changing with the new fiscal year. Pickup days remain on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. If you do not know your trash pickup day, call Town Hall at 704-694-5171 or visit www.townofwadesboro.org/public-works and click on the link entitled "Trash Pickup Days by Street."

Wadesboro Town Manager Alex Sewell said, "The Town appreciates the opportunity to serve its customers, and we welcome any feedback."

Practice Tree Stand Safety Before and During Hunting Seasons

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission's Home From The Hunt campaign is reminding hunters to be prepared and stay safe, especially when using a tree stand. That includes pre-hunting season preparation, whether scouting a location, trimming shooting lanes or putting up a tree stand on a trial basis.

"Hunters should use the same tree stand precautions now as they would during hunting season," said Lt. Sam Craft, a wildlife officer and hunting safety instructor. "When first putting a tree stand in place, consider using a lineman-style belt in addition to a full-body harness. This minimizes the chance of falls and potential injury. Always select a healthy, straight tree for placement. And let someone know where you are or take someone along during pre-season work."

Other Home From The Hunt tree stand safety recommendations:

- Practice use at ground level, gradually going higher.
- Never carry anything as you climb - use a haul line to raise and lower equipment.
- Maintain three points of contact when climbing.
- Follow manufacturer instructions.
- Don't exceed manufacturer's maximum height settings.

As with any piece of equipment, tree stands need inspection before use. Replace rusted bolts, frayed straps or, if needed, buy a new tree stand. Leaving a tree stand up from one season to the next has some inherent problems that outweigh any convenience. When a tree stand is exposed to the elements due to long-term placement, it may have damaged straps, ropes and attachment cords - any of which potentially may lead to breakage and failure.

For more information on hunting seasons, Hunting Heritage Apprentice Permits and the Hunter Education Program, go to www.ncwildlife.org.

4-H Delegation Attends Annual Electric Congress

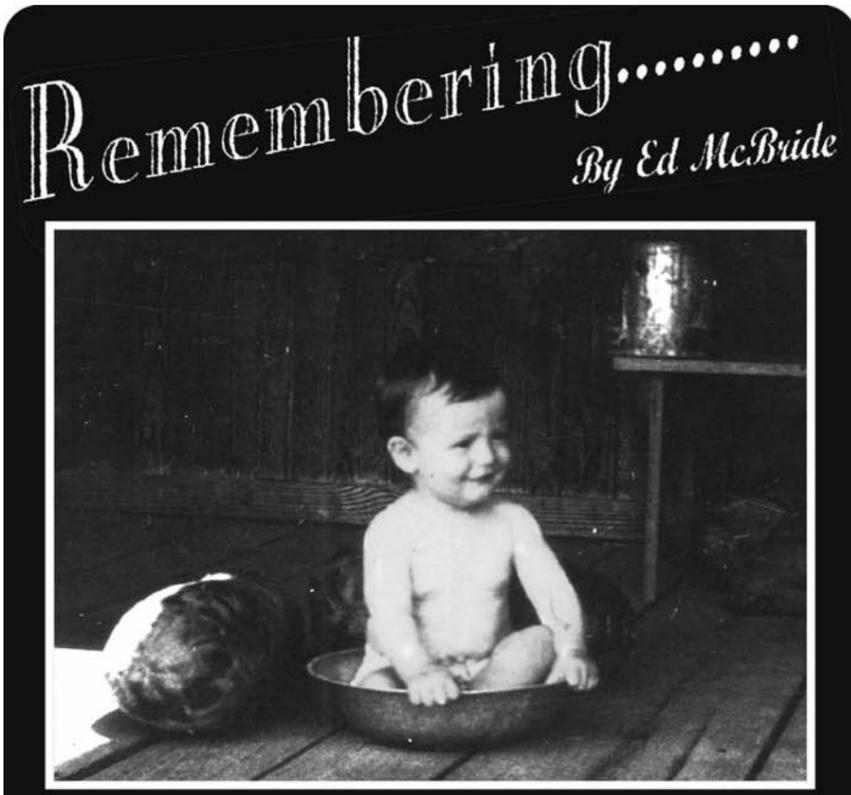
A delegation from Anson attended the 68th annual 4-H Electric Congress July 13-15 at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. 180 4-H'ers, adult leaders and NC Cooperative Extension agents from 54 counties attended the three-day event.

Since 1947 Duke Energy and Dominion North Carolina Power have sponsored the annual congress to emphasize energy conservation and safe electricity use. The 4-H electric energy program is one of the most popular activities among Tar Heel 4-H'ers. The 4-H program is the youth education program of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, based at North Carolina State and North Carolina A&T State universities. More than 232,000 young people between the ages of 5 and 19 participate in North Carolina 4-H activities each year with the help of 20,563 adult and youth volunteers.



Pictured from left are Wayne Huddleston, Account Manager with Duke Energy, Na'La Brown, 16, daughter of Terrence and Natona Brown, and 4-H Volunteer Leader Betty Garris.

Happy Birthday to Ed McBride - August 10



1922 Antique

Pictured above is an antique church, a wood structure built about 1850, burned quickly. I had always appreciated my Sunday School card from my teacher, Miss Connie - each Sunday a new one!!

I really don't remember a lot until about age five. I do remember playing in the yard, starting to school at age 6 - George Burns driving the school bus, which was a 1920's vintage Dodge school bus with a wooden body, seats that were "slightly" padded - three long ones running from front to back. The center seats did not even have a "back to lean on." But, it was a school bus!!

Believe it or not, there were several things that I remember - one Sunday morning in 1927, the Ansonville Methodist Church burned. I could see the very black smoke from where we lived. The don't!!

I remember the Carolina Female College very near the church, the ice plant across the road, O.E. Ross Co. store, Henry Waddell's store, Bank of Anson (with the vault that maybe had the capacity of a five gallon bucket!), Carolina Lodge #144 (1851), and the list goes on. The roads were not paved - in fact, I believe that it was 1929 when Highway 52 was paved. It was many years later for most of the other roads to get paved. Unless your "main" transportation was a \$5 used bicycle you would never believe it - and Pete and Chesley still don't!!

Healthy Living and Eating Seminar

Pathway to Peace Ministries presents ANEWSTART, healthy living seminar and cooking class on Sunday, August 16, from 3 to 5 p.m. Learn how to cook plant-based foods that will heal you. Learn how to lose weight, have more energy, reduce cholesterol, reverse diabetes, lower blood pressure, and much more. Interested? Come! Seminar and cooking class is FREE! It will be held at 11775 Highway 109 South in Peachland. For more information call 704-695-1441.

Compassionate Friends to Meet Thursday

The Compassionate Friends, a support group for families who have lost a child of any age, meets this Thursday, August 13 at 7 p.m. in the Training Room at Pee Dee Electric located on Highway 52 South in Wadesboro. For information call 704-272-7449 or 704-694-8774.

Storytelling Festival Comes to Library August 21

The North Carolina Storytelling Guild has a dream - The Heart of North Carolina Story Telling Festival. The purpose is to bring tellers into a library in each of the 100 counties of North Carolina. Storyteller Linda Goodman will share Appalachian Folktales at Hampton B. Allen Library on Friday, August 21 at 2 p.m. This is a free event and open to the public. For more information call the library at 704-694-5177.

Goodbye Anson Community Hospital

For the last week work has progressed on the demolition of the former Anson Community Hospital. In charge of the demolition is Environmental Holdings Group out of Morrisville, NC. Carolinas HealthCare System is paying for the demolition and cleanup of the property, which is owned by Anson County. Photo by Melanie Lyon

