



Great Turnout for Bone Marrow Ride Held for Minister Larry Whitley

Faith-Based Center of Hope, County Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant, CEO along with Playaz Elite Motorcycle Club, Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer, State Trooper Landric Reid and Johnny Burns, hosted a motorcycle ride for former State Trooper and now Minister Larry Whitley of Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Matthews.

Minister Whitley is leaning on his faith to provide an essential dose of hope. "Some days are better than other, but that's life, now isn't it," Whitley said. "It's about hope and believing in what I preach."

Even though Whitley could not be present, his daughters and grandchildren were there. Commissioner Sturdivant stated, "The motorcycle ride was truly a success financially, grossing over \$2,500...and spiritually. To see so many motorcycle riders come together, with one objective in mind, to help a fellow man, was truly awesome. We want to thank everyone who participated in making this ride the success it was, especially Steve and Lynn Whitlock, Mark Hammonds, and Poisson, Poisson and Bower law firm. Anyone wishing to donate may do so through the State Credit Union."

Bluegrass Reverberates Across North Carolina

The music traditions that led to bluegrass have rung out in the North Carolina mountains for hundreds of years. With Raleigh's selection as host of the International Bluegrass Music Association's World of Bluegrass in September, music lovers have more reason than ever to experience this living legacy in cities, towns and tiny communities across the state.

Start mapping your journey with this sampling of settings. Find additional stops on VisitNC.com, which lists festivals and other events as well as venues. And pick up the new Blue Ridge Music Trails of North Carolina (UNC Press) to discover even more dimensions, including history, lore and a 26-track CD.

- Mount Airy: WPAQ AM's Merry Go-Round has run longer than any other live radio show except the Grand Ole Opry. Visit this music-rich town for the pre-show jam and stay for the taping every Saturday morning. www.surrycountymusic.com
- Another live radio option: WKBC AM's monthly Hometown Opry in North Wilkesboro. www.north-wilkesboro.com/HometownOpry

- Brasstown: The John C. Campbell Folk School has tended to mountain traditions since 1925. Here, you can learn to play - or even make - a banjo or resonator guitar (Dobro), work on your fiddle and mandolin licks, test your skills in ensemble performance or just enjoy the music at the school's Friday night concerts. www.folkschool.org

- Asheville: At sundown on Saturdays (June 29-Aug. 31), bluegrass pickers, string bands, dancers and other performers assemble in Pack Square Park downtown for Shindig on the Green. Also in Asheville, Jack of the Wood holds jams (old-time Wednesday, bluegrass Thursday), the Asheville Event Centre stages the Blue Ridge Opry lunch show on Tuesdays, and The Grey Eagle and other venues include bluegrass in the mix. Down the road in Fletcher, Feed & Seed offers lively performances every weekend.

- Robbinsville: In another era Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs, Bill Monroe and the Carter Family performed at Stecoah Union School. In its new life as the Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center, the stone building presents the latest generation of greats in summer's Appalachian Evening series. Dine in the Schoolhouse Cafe before the show. www.stecoahvalleycenter.com

- Spruce Pine: The Orchard at Altapass tends to heirloom apples while nurturing mountain culture. Live bands perform bluegrass, ballads, country and other styles Wednesday-Sunday afternoons. Hayrides, storytelling and nature walks are also part of the Altapass experience. www.altapassorchard.org And down the road toward Burnsville, Young's Mountain Music is a top-notch Saturday night destination.

- Granite Falls: Enjoy two traditions in one at Sims Country Bar-B-Que, which sets out a buffet of pit-cooked pork, beef and chicken every Friday and Saturday night. Old-time and bluegrass are the musical specialty of the house, and there's room on the dance floor for flatfooting or two-stepping. www.simscountrybarbque.com

- Sparta: The old-fashioned community dance lives on at the Alleghany Jubilee, presented every Tuesday and Saturday in a 1930s theater. Ernest Joines, who co-owns the Jubilee with wife Agnes, performs with some of the bands that make music for dancing. alleghanyjubilee.com

- Marshall: Zuma Coffee's Thursday night bluegrass jam has become the stuff of legend in this picturesque town on the French Broad River. Fiddler Bobby Hicks, a 10-time Grammy nominee, is the event's host when his schedule permits. As accompaniment to the music, Zuma serves creative comfort food, organic fair trade coffee and homemade desserts. zumacoffee.accountsupport.com

- Blue Ridge Music Trails of North Carolina highlights other jams - some in unexpected places. Among the venues are Drexel Barber Shop in Drexel (Saturday afternoon); Silvermont Mansion, a 33-room Colonial Revival house in Brevard (Thursday); Jessup Mill, a century-old grist mill on the banks of the Dan River near Francisco (third Sunday); Phipps Old General Store near Lanning (Friday); Todd General Store in Todd (Friday); and Nancy's Corner in Brasstown (Friday).

For more inspiration plus details about lodging, dining and other things to do on a musical journey, go to VisitNC.com.

World of Bluegrass, which will be based in downtown Raleigh, includes an IBMA business conference Sept. 24-26, the IBMA Awards on Sept. 26 and the Wide Open Bluegrass Festival on Sept. 27-28. For information about tickets and nearby hotels, see worldofbluegrass.org. Learn more about the host city at VisitRaleigh.com.

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Chesterfield Genealogical Society Meeting

The Chesterfield District Chapter, SCGS, will meet on Sunday, June 9 at 3 p.m. at the Old Chesterfield Court House (Visitors Center) located at 100 West Main Street. S. David Carriker will give a special program on Railroad in Chesterfield County. Everyone is invited.

Their Research Library is free and open to the public Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You may email them at chesterfielddistrict@chesterfield.scgen.org or call 834-623-2244 or write Chesterfield District Chapter SCGS, PO Box 167, Chesterfield, SC 29709.

Arts Council Seeking Pictures of Doors

The Anson County Arts Council is currently seeking pictures of doors or suggestions for door pictures from this area for a possible upcoming project. These doors can be unusual, ornate or plain. The kind of doors that if someone were looking at the picture they would know immediately where it was located in town.

If you have a photo or photos of doors from a church, business, residence, warehouse, farmhouse, henhouse, outhouse or dog house you would like to submit, please email it to the Arts Council at ansonart@windstream.net or mail it to 110 South Rutherford Street, Wadesboro NC 28170. If you have questions or suggestions please call 704-694-4950.

TOWN OF MORVEN JOB NOTICE FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER POSITION

The Town of Morven has a job opening in the Morven Police Department for a Full-Time Police Officer. Experience preferred and all applicants must be BLET certified. Applications will be accepted until Monday, June 3, 2013 by 4pm. Applications can be returned to The Morven Town Hall at 301 East Main Street, Morven, NC 28119.

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