



Crystal McLendon picks up shoes for an absent Circle member. Shown, from left, McLendon, Jackson Poulcott, Patti Poulcott, Hannah Baker and NC Trooper Landric Reid, the Director of "Stride with Pride."



Sisters Jachen, Janyige, Janikie, and Shanelle Ervin with their new shoes provided by Stride with Pride.

Stride with Pride Comes to Circles of Hope

The youngest members of Circles of Hope will go back to school with brand new shoes, thanks to NC State Trooper Landric Reid and his helpers. Trooper Reid, who originated the "Stride with Pride" program two years ago, came to the weekly Circles of Hope meeting at First United Methodist Church on August 15 with new shoes for 26 children. Helping him were Patti Poulcott, her son Jackson Poulcott and her niece Hannah Baker.

Reid said that in the first year Stride with Pride collected 87 pairs of shoes. Last year, the program gave away 133 pairs, and this year he has collected 245 pairs and expects to get 30 more. Donors give shoes they have purchased or cash to buy them, he said.

Reid knows the importance of new shoes for children starting a new school year. "I didn't have new shoes when I was a boy," he recalled. "I want to make a positive impact on kids so they don't become a statistic."

"Positive" was the word as each child went up to the stage to receive his or her new shoes. Beaming, they hurried to try on their shoes, showing off to each other. Reid and Poulcott made certain the shoes fit before each child left, and if they didn't, promised a replacement pair.

Circles of Hope is a part of Circles USA, a national anti-poverty program. Circle members meet weekly at First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro or other community venues as announced. After a free meal, they attend classes and workshops that teach life skills aimed at lifting the participants from poverty to the middle class.

Circles is currently recruiting new members. For more information call Yulonda Lindsey at 704-994-2333 or Stephen Shytle at 704-694-3654. Volunteers are also welcome.

Donations may be made out to Handicapped for Hope and mailed to 118 East Morgan Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or online at www.circlesofhopeanson.org.

Spotlight on Anson Cooperative Extension Agents

Each week The Express will share some of the many accomplishments of our local Agricultural Extension agents. Their dedication to and work for Anson citizens benefits all of us either directly or indirectly. This week's spotlight is on Pam Layfield, Administrative Assistant for the Cooperative Extension Center.

Pam Layfield serves as Administrative Assistant for the Anson County Cooperative Extension Center. Working on staff for six years, she received the promotion this past spring after applying and interviewing for the job.

In her position she is the first person to receive visitors and clients face to face as well as by telephone. She assists all staff members by helping with correspondence, meetings, programs and events. As the Administrative Assistant, Pam also handles all the financials for the office, manages the county website, and secures approval for facility use, all in addition to many other administrative tasks.

Pam serves as one of the regional new hire contacts for the Electronic I-9 System through NC State University, which has brought many faces through the door from around the Piedmont.

An active member of the NC Cooperative Extension Administrative Association, Pam serves as second Vice President with the South Central District Association, and is on the Scholarship Committee.

She also serves on the Anson County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council as Vice Chair and on the monitoring committee. She is on the Advisory Board of the Anson County State Employment Credit Union. Pam serves on the Anson County Early College School Improvement Team and as President of the Parent Council.

The most interesting aspect of all of this is that Pam is currently the only office support person on the Cooperative Extension staff due to a vacant position. But, she still manages to get all of this done, in addition to her outside organizations.

How? She says she loves her job with Cooperative Extension, the people she works with, and community she helps to serve. And the office is fortunate to have her.

Pam is a resident of Anson County and married to Paul "Sandy" Layfield. They have two children, Madison, who is a senior at East Carolina University, and Parker, who is a senior at Anson County Early College.



Pam Layfield

Wildlife Commission Pre-Hunting Season Tree Stand Safety Tips

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission's Home From The Hunt safety campaign is reminding hunters to be as cautious with tree stands prior to deer season as they should while hunting. "As hunters begin to set up tree stands as part of their preparation, safety is still rule number one," said Travis Casper, the state hunter education coordinator. "Whether you are scouting a location, precluding shooting zones and putting your tree stand, even on a trial basis, use the same precautions you would during hunting season."

Casper recommended using a lineman-style belt in addition to a full-body harness when first putting a tree stand in place. "This minimizes the chance of falls and potential injury," he said. "And always select a healthy, straight tree for placement."

Other Home From The Hunt recommendations:

- 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.
- Have an emergency signal device with you.
- Tell someone where you plan to go.

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 may potentially lead to breakage and failure.

For more information on hunting seasons, Hunting Heritage Apprenticeship Permits and the Hunter Education Program visit www.ncwildlife.org.

Use of Firearm Suppressors Will Become Legal for Taking Wildlife

North Carolina will allow the use of suppressors on firearms while legally taking wildlife, effective October 1. A suppressor, sometimes referred to as a "silencer," muffles or minimizes the report of a firearm when it is fired. This statutory change is not reflected in the 2013-2014 North Carolina Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest which was published by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission prior to the legislation being passed.

A hunter or trapper must meet federal requirements to own a suppressor, which includes registering the device and paying a federal tax, along with a criminal background check processed by the sheriff's office in the applicant's county of residence.

"The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms administers the procedure to own a firearm suppressor," said Maj. Todd Kennedy, field supervisor for the Commission's Division of Law Enforcement. "The Wildlife Commission does not have any involvement in the process to obtain a suppressor."

Lunch & Learn Session on Hospice

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce and Hospice of Union and Anson County cordially invite you to attend their next Lunch & Learn Session titled, "Hospice Services - Who We Are, Philosophy and Service, How to Access Medicare/Hospice Benefits." You will learn more about their organization, how and why their philosophy and services are important, and how to find the answers to tough questions that may help you get the benefits you need. Becky Marro and Tami Harris, Hospital Liaison/Admissions RNs, will present.

Chamber members are invited to please come for this free Lunch & Learn Session on Tuesday, August 27th at 11:45 a.m. that will be held at the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. Seating will be limited to the first 25, so please RSVP your attendance as soon as possible. The deadline for registration will be August 23. If you RSVP and do not attend you will be billed \$5 for your lunch. You may register by calling 704-694-4181 or email to ansonchamber@windstream.net.

Don't forget your business cards for door winds and to share with other attendees.

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Bowman Class of 1983 30th Reunion

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