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Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



Happy Thanksgiving 2009

Well it's about "Turkey Day" again, thinking/remembering about many Thanksgivings ago. My grandmother Ballard always had Mr. Bryant (hatchery) to hatch several turkey eggs so that she could have/raise a nice fat turkey for the family's Thanksgiving meal. Of course the meal was not only turkey, but vegetables - string beans, corn, butter beans, peas - and most times ambrosia, pies and always a fresh coconut cake. All of this was offered with fresh homemade biscuits and

cornbread. Oh, yes - greens, collards, etc. - not on my personal menu though!!!

This is just a "rambling Thanksgiving remembrance" from the 1930's, and of which few of you remember!!

Yet we should all remember to "count your many blessings and see what God has done!!"

Oh - about to forget - the picture is one of my "cousins" down at the River Bend Zoo in Columbia, SC - seemingly having prayer. This was a trip by our Energizers on May 18, 1999!

Avoid Charities That Don't Disclose

BBB WGA Calls for Greater Transparency in Light of Recent Scams

It's not your imagination; there have been more charity scams in the news recently. The Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance has drawn a line in the sand, calling charities that do not disclose requested information to BBB WGA a "critical red flag" for donors.

In May, the Federal Trade Commission and all 50 State Attorneys General filed charges against four cancer charities, one of the largest charity fraud cases in the nation's history. In July, the New York State Attorney General announced a court action to shutter a children's leukemia charity for "touting non-existent and defunct programs." One common element for four of the charities in these cases is that they did not disclose any of the information requested by BBB WGA and the fifth disclosed but did not meet several BBB Standards for Charity Accountability. A BBB WGA nondisclosure report is a warning sign for donors to be cautious about donating their hardearned dollars to charities that might be engaged in bad practices.

'To verify trust, donors seek guidance from third-party expert evaluators at BBB WGA," notes Art Taylor, president and CEO of BBB WGA. "To produce these reports, we ask charities to complete a detailed online questionnaire and provide copies of supporting documents. In our decades monitoring charities, this is the first time we are advising donors to avoid or be extremely cautious when contributing to nondisclosure charities.'

While not all nondisclosure charities are scamming donors, charities that choose not to participate in the review process could be hiding something. Give.org has reports on national charities, based on not only finances, but also how well the charity is run, its fundraising ethics and whether it assesses the effectiveness of its programs. BBB WGA also produces a free Wise Giving Guide that summarizes evaluations.

"BBB WGA has long recognized that true disclosure goes beyond simple overhead measures" explains Taylor. "While the IRS Form 990 filed annually by charities is available, it is not evaluative and can be cumbersome for the average donor. We require much more from charities than an IRS Form 990 to complete our reports.'

Free Groceries! Mobile

Food Pantry is December 2

The Mobile Food Pantry and CMC Mobile Health Unit will be at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, located at 3373 Country Club Road in Wadesboro, on Wednesday, December 2, from 10 a.m. until noon. Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food. Do not arrive before 9:30 a.m., but come before 11 a.m. If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, it will be canceled. If you have not yet done so, bring proof of your income to register. You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

This event is sponsored by Anson Crisis Ministry and local United Methodist, Baptist, and Apostolic Churches. Interested in volunteering? Call Rev. Barry Byrd, Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, at (704) 438-4977 or Rev. Cindy Lunsford at (828) 891-2753.

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Anson County is accepting applications for the following vacancy, which will be posted at the NC Department of Commerce (Employment Security Commission) and on the County's website.

TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

ANSON COUNTY WATER FILTRATION PLANT

Salary Grade: 60 (HIRING RANGE \$25,526 - \$26,801 depending on the experience, qualifications and skills of the potential candidate)

General Statement of Duties

This position performs operational, laboratory and maintenance functions.

Distinguishing Features of the Class

This employee performs a variety of operational, laboratory, and maintenance duties designed to produce drinking water of the highest quality. Work includes monitoring the plant's operation through observation, mechanical readings and the results of standard chemical and biological tests to make necessary adjustments in the process as conditions or test results dictate. Other duties include assisting with plant and facilities maintenance and substantial record keeping of work activities. Employees are subject to hazards associated with plant operations including working both inside and outside environments, in extreme hot and cold weather, and exposure to various hazards such as loud noises, moving mechanical parts, electrical current, chemicals, fumes, odors, dusts, mists, gases and poor ventilation. Work is performed under general supervision and reviewed by observation, conference, and reviewing records for adherence to operations standards, instructions, and safety practices.

Qualifications

Graduation from high school or equivalent, supplemented by course work in chemistry or biology and experience in the operation and maintenance of machinery and equipment, preferably in a water or wastewater treatment plant; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Candidate must be able to physically perform basic life functions of walking, climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, reaching, pushing, pulling, lifting, grasping, and hearing. Candidate must also be able to perform medium work exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally; and/or up to 20 pounds of force frequently. Must possess the visual acuity to read gauges, dials, and observe moving parts of machines, and to record and review written records. Candidate must possess a valid North Carolina driver's license. Grade C certification must be obtained within 12 months of employment.

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday November 6, 2015. An Anson County Government application must be completed and sent to:

Anson County Utilities Director

907 North Washington Street

Wadesboro NC 28170

Pre-employment Drug/Alcohol Testing, and Criminal Background Check Required

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