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ABOVE:
Linda Poland and Grant Hardin await a group at Christopher Taylor log home in Jonesborough.

Got problems? Let Linda Poland offer you her positive solutions! A tour director and owner with more than 20 years' experience in tourism, Poland is also a storyteller and a founding member of the Jonesborough Storytelling Guild. In 1997, she was officially honored with the title, "Resident Storyteller for the Town of Jonesborough." Her stories have taken her to festivals and churches from coast to coast. To fit the needs of any group, Poland varies the stories for her audience — sacred, Appalachian historical, scary, humorous — almost any material can be designed into a program.

Positive Solutions Tours (PST) is the only tour company in the United States that operates year-round tours of private homes with the interpretation of history done through storytelling. PST also offers the Traveling Mind Benders Troup, which includes professional storytellers, musicians, and folk dancers to enhance a group visit. Here is a sampling of the tours offered by PST.

When visiting Jonesborough, Tenn., don't miss the award-winning tour, Discover Jonesborough's Times and Tales. Stroll down brick sidewalks and look inside the town's beautiful historic homes and buildings. These homes are still lived in and the buildings are still in use. History is brought to life through storytelling and anecdotes about the happenings in the oldest

town in Tennessee. For convenience, this tour can be enjoyed by either motorcoach or walking. Times and Tales has won numerous local, state, and national awards for its interpretation and preservation of history.

Lanterns & Legends is offered while the mountains are silhouetted against the setting sun. A horse and carriage picks up your tour and transports them to another time and place. Costumed characters carrying lanterns step out of nooks and crannies to spin stories about the region.

Your motorcoach will be hijacked by zanies in Fools & Tall Tales. After this guided tour, your group will enjoy an inside-out meal served by sillies. Professional storytellers and musicians entertain the group before, during, and after the meal.

Inspirational Tours and Meals mixes a great meal with inspirational storytellers and musicians. On Sunday, the tour can be combined with church services at one of the region's historic churches.

Savvy Silver Tours is for the mature generation who still have their get-up-and-go. Tour options include special events at regional inns, bike rides on the Virginia Creeper Trail, and white-water rafting. End the day with storytelling around the fire, an old-fashioned hoedown, or an audience-participation murder mystery.

PST offers multiday tours, too. Storytelling Sampler is a four-day, three-night tour that includes a visit to Bay's Mountain, a tour of Rocky Mount, the Discover Jonesborough's Times and Tales Tour, a ghost walk tour, a performance at the Barter Theatre in Abington, Va., and an evening of storytelling.

Positive Solutions Tours features complete guide service, package tours, custom-designed tours, one-day and multiple-day group tours, along with entertainment and speakers. Positively speaking, it's your Eastern Tennessee solution. •

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