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Two local businesses, Forbes Jewelers and Wadesboro Chiropractic (Dr. Brian Dial), teamed up with Ted Ward of the Anson County Veteran Services Office to create a contest for veterans. The prizes were generously donated by Forbes and Dial. The winners were just announced.



Mr. Charles Boyle (center) was the winner of beautiful watch given by Forbes Jewelers. He is a World War II Veteran. Congradulations to Mr. Boyle, and thanks to Melissa and Eric Forbes and staff of Forbes Jewelers in Wadesboro.



Ms. Nell Conklin was the winner of the free massage given by Wadesboro Chiropractic. She is a US Air Force Veteran. Congradulations to Ms. Conklin (center, with Dr. Dial, left, and Connie Homola, right), and thanks to Dr. Dial and staff of Wadesboro Chiropractic.

Ted Ward said, "We thank all of our local merchants, and challenge all of you to show your appreciation to our local veterans year 'round. Any act of kindness toward our veterans would be appreciated. Remember, 'Freedom isn't free, thank a vet today.

Remembering..... By Ed McBride



Early Tractor and Andy Gump

Last week's Remembering about the Spirit of St. Louis continues to remind us of so much history, travel, communications, etc.

Can you believe that the "A" Model Ford that the toy car in the picture above was based on did not have any of the following: electric windows, starter, seats, wipers, heater - nor any of today's special accessories? This is why I thought you might get a glimpse of a few years gone by from some of the "toy reminders" that I received during my childhood. (Allen still says I am - "o so old" - and I am!!)

To the right of the pickup above is the Andy Gump car (circa about 1930) from the comics.

The cast iron tractor represents tractors from many moons back, with no rubber wheels, but steel rollers that really packed the ground. Well, you just couldn't cultivate a crop very well, instead you just packed the dirt mostly, so that style tractor was replaced with one with rubber tires.

Thanks for sharing - Happy New Year!

Genealogical Society Meeting to Feature History of **Brown Creek Baptist Church**

The Anson County Genealogical Society will meet on Saturday, January 21st at 2 p.m. in the Historical Society office at 206 East Wade Street in Wadesboro. James Turner will discuss the history of Brown Creek Baptist Church. The public is invited.

For more info call 704-475-3877 or email genealogy1959@yahoo.com.

JROTC Cadets Enjoy Military Ball

The Anson County JROTC program held its third annual Military Ball on December 17 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center with 160 in attendance. Attendees included cadets and their guests, school officials, School Superintendent Dr. Greg Firn, and JROTC instructors. Seniors were recognized for their contributions to the program by the junior class of the JROTC program.

Great music was played by DJ Leon Gatewood, superb food was catered, portraits were taken, and Ms Sue Hightower took photos for the cadet scrapbook. Decorations were overseen by Mrs. Dixie Allen. This relatively new tradition is fast becom-



Storytime at the Library

Every Tuesday the public is invited to enjoy storytime at the Hampton B. Allen Library. The program begins at 10 a.m.



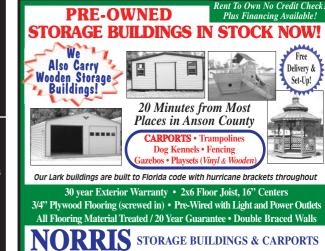
Learn Session to Feature Tax Prep Info The Anson County Chamber of Commerce and South Piedmont Community College invite you to attend the next

Lunch & Learn Session on Tuesday, January 24 at 11:45 a.m. This session, free for Chamber members, is titled "Income Tax Preparation for the Small Business Owner." It will be held in the Chamber Office.

Dan Merle. Director of the Small Business Center at South Piedmont Community College, will host the event, and Teresa Sutton will be the guest speaker. Topics of interest are:

- Simple steps for any owner to follow in order to get their business return prepared efficiently
- Ideas on how to reduce your tax preparation fees prior to
- giving your information to your CPA.
- Basic tools that keep owners more informed about their business and its performance.
- Strategies for understanding how your taxes affect your business. Seating will be limited to the first 25 so RSVP your attendance as soon as possible. The deadline for registration will be Friday, January 20th. You may register by calling 704-

694-4181 or email ansonchamber@windstream.net. Don't forget your business cards for door prizes and to share with other attendees.









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