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SPCC Student John Williams Wins Logo **Contest for State Organization**

South Piedmont Community College student John Williams has won a contest to design a logo for the North Carolina Cooperative Education

Association. He wins \$100 and the association will use his logo. Williams, 35, of Polkton, is a student in SPCC's Advertising and Graphic Design program. Entering the contest was an assignment in one of Linda Ward's classes. The contest was open to students and faculty.

"I sat in class and drew a couple of sketches," Williams said. "Drawing is second nature to me, pretty much. That's how I start a lot - just drawing sketches and going from there. He drew enough that he ended up with eight different

concepts for the logo. "That's the one they picked," he said.

Williams enrolled at SPCC after getting laid off at Consolidated Metco. "I was drawing, had started working with Photoshop," he said. "I love to draw, I love graphic design. What better fit?"

Williams is scheduled to graduate in May.

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Three Computer

Piedmont Community College will offer three computer-related courses in the coming weeks at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro.

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Classes will be held at the Anson Community Hospice office, located at 110 South Greene Street in Wadesboro. Sessions will be held each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, beginning on Wednesday, April 18 and ending on Wednesday, May 23. For more information or to register contact Rita Short at 704-694-6217.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is sponsored by the Anson County Council on Aging and Anson Community Hospice.

Carolina Farm Credit to **Issue Patronage Checks**

In April, member-borrowers of Carolina Farm Credit will receive patronage refunds checks for 2011, Michael R. Morton, CEO, announced today. The amount of patronage to be paid and revolved in the future for borrowers of Carolina Farm Credit will total \$15 million. Borrowers will receive a refund of 20 percent of the interest that accrued on their loans in 2011. A cash refund of \$4.6 million will be paid, and the remainder will be placed in allocated capital accounts for future revolvement.

"Carolina Farm Credit had another successful year in 2011. We're pleased to be able to share our success with our borrowers by putting our profits in their pockets," said Joe Lail, Chairman of the Carolina Farm Credit board. "This is the twenty-third consecutive year we've paid a patronage refund. In addition, the board of directors plans to continue to retire the allocated surplus according to their plan in the fall of 2012. Since 1988, Carolina Farm Credit has declared patronage totaling more than \$375 million to be paid to its member-borrowers through patronage refunds and retirements of allocated surplus."

"When we distribute our profits to our borrowers, it reduces their effective cost of borrowing," Michael R. Morton stated, "and it proves that there are distinct financial benefits in doing business on a cooperative basis."

Carolina Farm Credit is a farmer-owned cooperative providing short, intermediate, and long-term financing to full and part-time farmers and agricultural-related businesses and also provides financing for the construction and purchase of

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