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Women's League Soup Luncheon is Tuesday

The Anson Women's League will hold their annual Soup Luncheon on Tuesday, February 12, from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come to the First Baptist Church, Lee Avenue in Wadesboro to enjoy homemade vegetable beef soup, toasted cheese sandwiches, homemade desserts and a beverage.

Tickets are only \$6 and can be purchased in advance from AWL members. You can also pay at the event. Take outs will be available.

Lunch & Learn Program on Excel

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce and South Piedmont Community College's Small Business Entrepreneurship Center invite you to attend the next Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, February 19. The program is entitled "Excel the Basics." Learn how Excel can be a valuable tool for your small business!

Many small businesses are not comfortable or willing to invest in Quickbooks or any other computer based program to assist them with their record keeping. This seminar will introduce small business owners to Excel from an accounting professional's perspective. Utilizing Excel can prove to be valuable in the day to day routine of a small business owner. Excel can be utilized to track revenue, expenses, payroll and taxes.

Dan Merle, Director of the Small Business Center at South Piedmont Community College, will host the event, and Toiya Evans, Accounting Instructor at SPCC, will be the guest speaker.

Chamber members are invited to attend this free Lunch & Learn Session at 11:45 a.m. at the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. Seating will be limited to the first 25 so please RSVP your attendance as soon as possible for the seminar and catering purposes. Deadline for registration will be Friday, February 15. 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 ansonchamber@windstream.net. Don't forget your business cards for prizes and to share with other attendees!

5th Anniversary Celebration for Rev. Bernice Ford

A Fifth Anniversary Celebration for Reverend Bernice J. Ford will be held starting February 17th. Here is a schedule of the events surrounding the celebration:

- Sunday, February 17 at 3 p.m. with Rev. Donnie Bennett
- Monday, February 18 at 7 p.m. with Rev. Luther McLendon
- Tuesday, February 19 at 7 p.m. with Rev. Arthur Gilliam, III
- Wednesday, February 20 at 7 p.m. with Rev. Curtis Long, Sr.
- Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m. with Elder R. J. Ingram
- Saturday, February 23 at 6 p.m., banquet at Lockhart-Taylor Center with Pastor Vincent Tillman

All the above services will be at Pee Dee Church of Deliverance in Lilesville

Services will conclude at Pee Dee Church of Deliverance on Sunday February 24 with Evangelist Brenda Pratt bringing the message at 11 a.m. and Pastor Sirander Allen bringing the message at 3 p.m.

Free Movie is The Green Mile

The Green Mile will be shown at Grace Senior Center on Monday, February 18 at 2 p.m. The movie details a black inmate named John Coffey who was convicted of a murder is on death row...or as other inmates call it, the "Green Mile." Coffey was a simple man with only simple aggression, who does not have the ability to kill. Refreshments will be served.

If you would like to attend please call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information.

Remembering..... By Ed McBride



1957 Fire Chief's Car

I could not "stand the temptation" when I found this picture! This was a time when Wadesboro's fire protection was not quite as large as it is today. I thought maybe just a few of you might remember the above "scene." My shop was on South Rutherford Street, and the above scene was at the back of the building. Herbert Burns wanted the special car identified, and I did that.

I lettered the car on October 2, 1957, with Herbert standing beside the car very proudly! He also served as Fire Chief for a number of years. Herbert is now deceased, as are so many of the "older gang."

And yes, I can remember when Wadesboro Fire Department had no equipment to really fight fire with except for a red fire truck...which was really great then!! There also was a loud siren on top of the fire department building that sounded to let the firemen know there was a fire. (This was about 30+ years before cell phones!)

It is now quite a different story. Desiring to do the best we can...and will...Wadesboro and all the dedicated firemen can and will do wonders - with newer and better equipment. Ed

Free Tax Aid for Seniors

Free income tax assistance will be available for Anson County residents sixty years of age or older of low or moderate income who need help in preparing their income tax returns through a volunteer sponsored by AARP and Grace Senior Center. Volunteer counselors, trained in cooperation with the IRS, will be at Grace Senior Center on Wednesday, February 20th, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Free assistance is designed to help taxpayers fill out forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 and the North Carolina return.

Persons using this service should bring this year's tax package, age and earnings statements (forms W-2) received from employers, interest statements from banks (form 1099-INT), a copy of last year tax return, and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses. Electronic filing of returns will be available.

If you are interested in coming, please call Grace Senior Center to register and for additional information at 704-694-6616.



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Letter to the Editor Looking for Classmates of Peachland Elementary

Dear Editor,
 We are looking for classmates from Peachland Elementary School's 8th grade Class of 1973 for a class reunion. The reunion will be held on March 2 at 2 p.m. at Griffin Hill Lodge, located at 2063 Redfearn Road in Wadesboro. Everyone is invited to bring an appetizer and come on!
 If you are a classmate, or if you have information, please call us and RSVP or help us find classmates. Please call Phyllis at 704-694-5086.

AHS Girls Soccer Schedule

- **February 27** Forrest Hills, Home 5:30pm
 - **March 1** Purnell Swett, Away 2:45pm 5pm
 - **March 4** West Stanley, Away 2:45pm 6pm
 - **March 5** Central Cabarus, Away 2:45pm 6pm
 - **March 11** Purnell Swett, Home 5pm
 - **March 19** Marvin Ridge,* Away 2:45pm 6pm
 - **March 22** Sun Valley,* Away 2:45pm 6pm
 - **March 26** Porter Ridge,* Away 2:45pm 6pm
 - **March 28** Weddington,* Away 2:45pm 6pm
 - **April 9** Parkwood,* Home 6pm
 - **April 11** Monroe, Home 5:30pm
 - **April 12** Marvin Ridge,* Home 6pm
 - **April 16** Sun Valley,* Home 6pm
 - **April 19** Porter Ridge,* Home 6pm
 - **April 23** Weddington,* Home 6pm
 - **April 26** Parkwood,* Away 2:45pm 6pm
- * Southern Carolina Conference Game

Planning Retreat Planned for Planning Things

The Town of Wadesboro Mayor and Town Council will hold a Planning Retreat on Saturday, February 9. The Retreat will be held in the Town of Wadesboro Conference Room from 9 a.m. to noon.