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**Mattie Spencer Honored
by President Obama
on Her 100th Birthday**

Mattie Spencer celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends at Rock Hill Baptist Church on January 25th. The event was hosted by Vancine Sturdivant. Mattie was presented with a Plaque of Distinct Honor by County Commissioner Chairperson Anna Baucom. They are pictured here. Mattie also received birthday honors from Rock Hill Baptist Church, President Barack and Michelle Obama, Senator and Mrs. Gene McLaurin, Representative and Mrs. Mark Brody, and the Railroad Retirement Board. She was surrounded by her children, granddaughter and son, great grandchildren, best friend and County Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant and her church family. Mattie was asked what her secret to living 100

healthy years of life is. She answered, "Trust in the Lord and pray every day." Mattie also thanks her Pastor, Rev. T. J. Horne, Pastor Michael McLeod and Pastor Tony Barr, Sr. and their spouses for being a part of her special day.

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**Reece Blakely
Spreads Joy at
Meadowview
Terrace**

Three year old Reece Blakely was in the gift giving spirit as he handed out Christmas gifts to each of the residents at Meadowview Terrace Assisted Living Center. He is shown here delighting a resident with his spirit and generosity. Reece is a son of Keisha Hildreth. He has an older brother Rylan and an older sister Maicie.

Special Thanks Offered to Barn Blast 2014 Sponsors

In a release from the Anson County Partnership for Children: Barn Blast 2014 set many records, including a profit of approximately \$70,000! The most amazing result, however, is the number of people and businesses who support the efforts of the Anson County Partnership for Children. That number continues to grow each year as more and more people "help make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child."



Dana Maness of Uwharrie Bank speaks at the Barn Blast

In the coming weeks the Partnership would like to express sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of Barn Blast 2014. This week we are offering our appreciation to the people and businesses who pledged their support as sponsors of Barn Blast 2014. Thank you for supporting

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Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization which was formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership's mission is "helping to make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." All profits from the Barn Blast will be used for Partnership programs which address the unique needs of children and families in Anson County, focusing on child care, health, literacy and family support. For more information contact Bonnie Morgan at 704-694-4036, www.ansonchildren.org.

**Behind the Scenes
Workings of Civil War Cannon**

Artillery was a major factor at the Battle of Bentonville, as fired cannonballs traveled for up to a mile across the 6,000 acre battlefield. A March 11, 10:30 a.m. webcast live from Bentonville Battlefield will demonstrate and explain the workings of Civil War era cannons. Students and teachers and members of the general public can register for the webcast at www.ncdcr.gov. There will be opportunities for question and answers via email during the webcast.

Historic Weapons Program Coordinator Andrew Dupstadt, N.C. Division of State Historic Sites, will explain the magic of black powder and other bits of science and physics. A team of historians in period uniforms from the Division of State Historic Sites will explain the different types of artillery and projectiles. What's the difference in a smooth bore or rifled bore cannon, and how each performs in battle? Why the order of loading and firing a cannon matter? What impact did artillery have on the war? These are some of the areas to be explained during the 45 minute presentation. "We want our students and everyone interested to understand how these weapons performed in battle," Dupstadt observes. "They represent the best military technology of the time, and were used to great effect." Special training is required to handle black powder and period weaponry, as it is still dangerous and can be fatal if improperly handled. Dupstadt has been trained by the National Park Service to conduct and supervise historic reenactments. These activities should not be tried at home. For additional information, please call (919) 807-7389. The webcast is part of a series organized by the Connecting to Collections Project (C2C) in the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, in cooperation with the Division of State Historic Sites.

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