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Lilesville Baptist Church is holding a "Packaging Event" to package meals for the hungry. They urge youth groups, church groups, community service groups and others to come and become involved with this charity. It will be held on Saturday, November 22, from 9 a.m. to noon at the church.

If you plan to participate, or if you cannot participate, you can also support this cause by purchasing a tshirt. They are \$20, and \$12.50 of each shirt helps to feed 50 people. If you want a t-shirt for the event please order it now. There are two styles available.

Call 704-690-0165 to schedule your packaging time and/or to order a shirt.

Do You Need a **Coat or Blanket? Would You Like** to Donate?

The Faith-Based Center of Hope has begun their Coats, program. Hearts" Thev have distributed coats to several of the churches and schools in Anson County.

Blankets for the elderly are also available.

To donate coats and blankets or to request help, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

Allen-Bennett Company, Inc.

Enjoy this Remembering column from 2007

Remembering.....

Some years back downtown Wadesboro was a busy commercial place - with many grocery stores, clothing/shoe stores, feed/seed, hardware/building materials, plumbing supplies...plus so many other "areas of everyday needs" even several shoe repair shops.

Allen-Bennett Company wholesale grocery distributor located for many years next to Brown Huntley's Dodge and Plymouth dealership. (Their service department at one time was operated by Rand Pegram, whose son Bill sold me his A-Model Ford for \$60!)

However, growth in the Allen-Bennett Company made the building of a new spacious facility a must. This was built

on Washington Street (picture above) near the depot.

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I made and installed the signs on August 19, 1965. This new building was really a "dream place" to work - new, clean, spacious, and very nice, especially when compared to the old structure!!

Hardison & Hardison Wholesale was already in the area at the depot, as were others such as "Chap Hill's Store," a landmark for so many years. One could catch the passenger train, pick up freight at the terminal, and Railway Express was there too!

The list goes on. Oh well, we could never "get-um all in one settin'!!"

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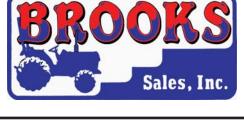
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Good Agricultural Practices Workshops December 1 & 8

Registration is open for the two part Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) workshops on December 1 and December 8 in Union County. These workshops are for farms of all sizes and will combine classroom and on-farm instruction to provide producers with the tools needed to identify potential food safety concerns, as well as strategies to minimize potential contamination.

Participants will receive a certificate of attendance that fulfills a portion of the eligibility requirements to receive up to \$600 in GAPs Cost Share assistance from CFSA. Lunch is included with both workshops.

Participants will also be eligible for one-on-one consulting after the workshop. Part 1 – Navigating the USDA GAP Audit - December 1 at 3230-D Presson Road in

Monroe. Cost is \$10. The first workshop, Navigating the USDA GAP Audit, will be based on newly developed components focused on navigating a GAPs audit. This workshop will combine classroom and on-farm instruction to provide producers with the tools needed to identify potential food safety concerns as well as strategies to minimize contamination. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance that fulfills a portion of the eligibility requirements to receive up to \$600 in GAPs Cost Share assistance from CFSA.

Portions of the first workshop will take place outside, rain or shine. You will carpool from the Extension office. Please wear comfortable walking shoes, bring a water bottle and appropriate weather gear.

• Part 2 - Fresh Produce Safety Program and Plan Development - December 8 at 3230-D Presson Road in Monroe. Cost is \$10. (A laptop is required for this session. If you do not have a laptop contact Trish Tripp 919-542-2402.) The second workshop, Fresh Produce Safety Program and Plan Development, conducted in a computer lab, will provide direct assistance to producers in completing a fresh produce safety plan. Attendees will leave this session with a well-developed working draft of their specific food safety plan, which becomes the framework for an audit, and can be used to demonstrate individual farm risk-reduction steps. Completion of the first workshop is a prerequisite and basic computer knowledge is required in order to receive the maximum benefit from this session.

You must register for Part 1 to attend Part 2. Questions? Contact Trish Tripp at trish@carolinafarmstewards.org or 919-542-2402.

Senior Citizen Luncheon is December 4

Anson County's Annual Senior Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 4 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. Because of limited seating capacity there will be two servings, one at 11 a.m. and one at 1 p.m. If you are interested in attending please call the Grace Senior Center at 704-694-

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