

# AUCTION

**Saturday,  
January 14**

**9am - Until...  
Ansonville Fire  
Department**



**Fundraiser for Mandy Hough Thomas,  
breast cancer patient**

**Selling everything but the kitchen sink.  
However, we do have the bathroom sink &  
vanity new, in the box! Furniture, books,  
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*Come support Mandy,  
granddaughter of the late Edd Hough*

## Protect Your Pets from Winter Woes

In many areas, winter is a season of bitter cold and numbing wetness. Help your pets remain happy and healthy during the colder months by following these simple guidelines.

- Don't leave dogs outdoors when the temperature drops. Most dogs, and all cats, are safer indoors, except when taken out for exercise. Regardless of the season, shorthaired, very young, or old dogs and all cats should never be left outside without supervision. Short-coated dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks.
- No matter what the temperature, windchill can threaten a pet's life. A dog or cat is happiest and healthiest when kept indoors. If your dog is an outdoor dog, however, he/she must be protected by a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow the dog to sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to hold in his/her body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The house should be turned to face away from the wind, and the doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.
- Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls rather than metal; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.
- Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife, who may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.
- The salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe the feet with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates his/her mouth.
- Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it has a sweet taste that may attract animals and children. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze (and all household chemicals) out of reach. Better yet, use antifreeze-coolant made with propylene glycol; if swallowed in small amounts, it will not hurt pets, wildlife, or your family.
- Probably the best prescription for winter's woes is to keep your dog or cat inside with you and your family. The happiest dogs are those who are taken out frequently for walks and exercise but kept inside the warm of the time. Dogs and cats are social animals who crave human companionship. Your animal companions deserve to live indoors with you and your family.



*This cute little girl isn't spoiled or anything!*

## Remembering.....

*By Ed McBride*



### Time, Changes, Technology, and...!

Was thinking about some of the first radio, television, time pieces, etc., and of the many changes and advancements that have come along in my lifetime.

The first radio that I had owned was a Philco Transitone 5 tube set that had "lived a very short life...before being junked" after a fall that completely wrecked the case and scattered tubes and parts all over the cement floor. It was given to me, so I gathered up the pieces and reassembled it with "lots of tape" and it did work again. It was not very pretty, though!!

Of course television was another story. After many letters and calls to the Stromberg-Carlson factory, and with production there moving on a little better, I was called by them and advised that my tv was on the way south! Shipped by freight, it arrived with a broken picture tube. This caused another delay.

Even though there were no television stations in North Carolina (and no such thing as cable or satellite, it did come in on the antenna), I still was anxious. When I did get it "hooked up," antenna and all, I received the first television signal in this area. It was a "skip signal" while lasted about an hour, from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

We have seen so much technology - from no tv and little radio to today's mind blowing reception...with no big, expensive antenna or other "setup" - letters are in file!

Oh, the picture of the clock above has nothing to do with radio or television, but it has lots of history. For many years this clock hung over the entrance of the old First National Bank vault. It had to be wound once a week, and set, if needed!

So, "you all" have a great New Year as 2012 begins, and THANKS for sharing our Remembering!! Ed

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## Sheriff's Skeet Shoot a Great Day for All

In a release from Sheriff Tommy Allen: The Anson County Sheriff's Office annual skeet shoot was a big success. Twenty-eight youth, ages 18 and under signed up for the event that was held Saturday, October 22nd at Devil's Rib Hunting Preserve in Peachland. This year, unlike the past eight years, it was for youth only. "In the past we've had adults and youth divisions. Last year we had such a good turnout of youth we decided to make it just for our youth this year and it was a great success. I want to thank the volunteers who helped put this together, my staff who were there all day, and our sponsors who donated money to make this happen. After expenses we hope to have about \$1,000 to go to our DARE Program and our Christmas Bicycle Program," Sheriff Allen said.

Winners for the event were as follows: Ages 13 and Under - Kolby Morton First Place and Nic Page Second Place; Ages 14, 15 and 16 - Garrett Aman First Place and Seth Welker Second Place; Ages 17 and 18 - Chance Emrich First Place and Tyler Mauldin Second Place; and the Overall Champion was 12 year old Trip Little.



Sheriff Allen also thanks the sponsors who were generous in their support to make this event possible: Allen's General Store; Anson Bank and Trust; Brasington's, Lynn Clodfelter, Attorney; Huntley Chevrolet; JC's Pawn; Dale McRae Farms; Pee Dee Electric; Poisson, Poisson and Bower, Attorney; Professional Pipe, Inc.; Robbie Hill; Wadesboro Pawn; Buck Wheelless and George Beachum of Ansonville.

Retired Carolina Panther player Brad Hoover came over to the shoot after leaving Allen's General Store and spoke to the youth and adults for several minutes. He encouraged the youth's continued involvement in hunting and outdoor activities.

## Tour New York City - the Big Apple

Grace Senior Center will sponsor a trip to "The Big Apple" on April 19-24. The trip will include motorcoach transportation, five nights lodging, eight meals, great experiences and beautiful sights. There are two guided tours of New York City, you can see Central Park, Rockefeller Center, Times Square and Wall Street. There is also a New York City Harbor Cruise and much more.

You will depart Wadesboro at 8 a.m. on the Thursday, April 19th and return on Tuesday, April 24th. The total cost of the trip is \$549 per person based on double occupancy. Persons interested should register with a \$75 down payment, with the balance due by February 12. Additional information may be obtained by calling Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6166. The tours is scheduled through Diamond Tours, Inc.

## Do You Need a Coat? Do You Have a Coat to Donate?

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

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