

# THE EXPRESS

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*Deep Springs School around 1895-1900  
Anson County near Peachland, N.C.*

## Deep Springs School in Anson County Student Body at the Turn of the 20th Century

In recognition of the special Inside Your Anson County Schools section in this week's Express, we are sharing this photograph of Deep Springs School. The photograph is close to 120 years old.

All we know about it is that all grade levels went to the one school, which was located in western Anson County near Peachland. The handwriting pictured above is on the bottom of the original photograph. If anyone knows more about this, please let us know.

## Back to School Summer Bash is Saturday

The Faith Based Center of Hope, Harvest Ministries Outreach, HOLLA! Community Center, Keslar Chapel AME Zion Church and Caraway Foundation will sponsor a Back to School Summer Bash on Saturday, August 20, at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center in Wadesboro, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The objective this year is to fill a student's backpack with supplies. All parents are asked to bring their children with their backpacks and the Back to School Summer Bash plans to supply the needed school items.

Each year the need grows greater. The vision is to support all less fortunate children. In order to prepare students for a successful academic school year, school materials are needed. Through the contributions of great friends and community leaders, they hope to bless more families this year.

The Back to School Bash is open to less fortunate youth of all diversities. The Back to School Bash will provide school supplies, uniforms and shoes. It is their wish to equip students with the necessities to ensure a great start to a wonderful academic year. They will also provide every school in the county with school supplies.

Coordinator Vancine Sturdivant said, "Various community leaders, officials, ministers and medical advisors have been invited to speak to students. The group humbly asks for your support as we endeavor to do God's will and help our kids go back to school as prepared students. All contributions, including money, school supplies, uniforms, etc. are greatly appreciated and will be a huge part of this worthwhile event."

Sturdivant added, "A special thank you goes out to former sheriff Tommy Allen Jr. and C's & T's Child Care Inc. for their generous donations."

If you are interested in making a donation, please mail it to Faith Based Center of Hope, 10140 US Highway 74 East, Lilesville, NC 28091.

For more information please contact Vancine Sturdivant, Faith Based Center of Hope at 704-848-4412, Pastor Steve Adams, Harvest Ministries Outreach at 704-695-2879 or Leon Gatewood, HOLLA! at 704-695-4968. Let's fill the students backpacks!

## Anson Ag Fair Set for End of September

If you have a green thumb, an artistic eye, or a flair for crafts, now is the time to start planning items to enter into this year's county fair. Set aside a jar of canned goods that turned out better than you planned. Finish up a craft project you have been working on. The County Fair portion of the twelfth annual Anson Ag Expo and Fair will be held Saturday, September 24 at the Extension Center on McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. It will be here sooner than you think.

Crafts, canned goods, ag products, photography, art and handicrafts will be welcomed for competition. Take down your vacation photo from the fridge and frame it. Add fertilizer to that favorite plant. Then bring them all down to the Extension Center and enter them in the fair!

The 2016 Fair Rules and Regulations Booklets have arrived and are now available at the Cooperative Extension Center at 501 McLaurin Street. The fair book is also available on-line at [anson.ces.ncsu.edu](http://anson.ces.ncsu.edu). Click on the 2016 Anson Ag Expo & Fair link and the book can be downloaded in pdf format, complete with registration forms.

Remember that fair participation is open to youth as well as adults. Age groups available for competition consist of: Pee Wee - 0 to 5 years, Pre-teen - 6 to 12, Teen - 13 to 19, and Adult - 20 and up. Now is the time to be planning to show off your talents at the fair!

Registration for all entries will be taken in on Thursday, September 22, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. The fair will be judged on Friday and open to the public for display on Saturday from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m.

Items can also be entered into the "In Memoriam" and "Blast from the Past" categories. Items made by deceased loved ones can be entered in "In Memoriam," while items made prior to 2002 and never shown in a fair can be entered in "Blast from the Past."

Cash premiums will be awarded from \$5 for First through \$2 for Third in over 200 categories. Last year's county fair showcased 248 entries from 57 fair exhibitors, and \$881 was paid out in fair premiums. Class ribbons are awarded for all entries, with Best of Show and Juror's Choice ribbons awarded for each competition area per age division.

For additional information contact the Anson County Cooperative Extension Service at 704-694-2415. Come out and join the fun. There is something for everyone.

## NC Pre-Kindergarten Program is Available

Anson County Partnership for Children is accepting applications for NC Pre-K, a kindergarten readiness initiative that is proven to help four year olds gain basic skills needed for success in elementary school. Children who are four years of age before August 31, 2016 are eligible to apply for the high-quality program, which is free to qualifying families.

"Availability in this program is limited," said Elaine Scarborough, Anson County Partnership for Children Executive Director. "If parents are interested in enrolling their children in the NC Pre-K program, I strongly encourage them to act quickly."

A high priority is placed on serving children who are meet the following criteria: child's family is at or below 75% of the state median income level; a disability has been identified; limited English proficiency, developmental differences, chronic health conditions, or a parent who is active military service personnel.

NC Pre-K classes operate on a regular school calendar and are designed to address emotional and social development, physical health, language development, and cognitive functioning. Teachers are highly qualified and hold a minimum of a BA/BS degree as well as specific early childhood credentials. Through incorporation of indoor and outdoor learning environments, students participate in active learning experiences to foster a lifetime love of education.

Parents interested in learning more about the NC Pre-K program should contact Caroline Goins at 704-694-4036 (Ext 103) or [caroline.goins@ansonchildren.org](mailto:caroline.goins@ansonchildren.org) or visit [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org) for an NC Pre-K application.

## Wadesboro Lions Club Welcomes New Members

The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at the Papa Joe's Restaurant the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

For more information about these meetings or becoming a member, please call Lion Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

## Top Specialists Provide Heart and Vascular Clinic in Cheraw

There is a need in our community for specialists to care for patients with heart and vascular issues. To meet this need, Dr. Eva Rzcudlo sees patients every Monday at the heart and vascular clinic along with Dr. John Patton, who sees patients on Wednesdays. The clinic is held in the office of McLeod Family Medicine Cheraw, located at 710 Chesterfield Highway. This outreach program is meant to increase availability for heart and vascular care of patients in Cheraw and the surrounding communities, including Anson County.

Dr. Eva Rzcudlo is a leading vascular surgeon with immeasurable experience. She is board certified in vascular surgery with additional vascular research fellowship training and is currently accepting new and follow-up patients with vascular disease concerns. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Rzcudlo, patients can call McLeod Vascular Associates at 843-777-7043 for more information.



Dr. Eva Rzcudlo

Dr. John Patton, is a talented cardiologist and is accepting new patients, providing high-quality expert cardiac care using the latest techniques in the treatment of many heart conditions. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease and attended the Medical College of Georgia. A native of Atlanta, Dr. Patton relocated to Florence from Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Patton, call McLeod Cardiology Associates at 1-800-299-5689 for more information.



Dr. John Patton

**About McLeod Health Cheraw** McLeod Health Cheraw serves the residents of Chesterfield, Marlboro, Anson, Richmond and Scotland Counties. The 59-bed hospital joins six other McLeod Health not-for-profit hospitals providing advanced heart, vascular, orthopedic, surgical, cancer, women's and children's services from the midlands of South Carolina to the coast.

McLeod Health currently operates seven hospitals, including McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, McLeod Health Cheraw, McLeod Health Clarendon, McLeod Darlington, McLeod Dillon, McLeod Loris and McLeod Seacoast (North Myrtle Beach). McLeod also operates Urgent Care Centers in Florence and Darlington, along with nearly 85 medical practices throughout the 15 counties in the McLeod Health service area.

## Raffle for Veterans Memorial Project at Wadesboro Park

Win a Marlin XT-17 Series rifle! Tickets are only \$5.

The Anson County Veterans Council is constructing a new Veterans Memorial to be located inside the Wadesboro City Park. The memorial will be concrete, with a granite marker that displays the emblems of the five branches of service and flags along with the American flag on a 30 foot pole.

A new fundraiser has begun for this project, the raffling of a Marlin XT-17 Series rifle. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale now! Tickets may be purchased at Lacys, Permanent Solutions, Anson Sign Company and Rayfields Meat Center. Also, you can purchase tickets from any Veterans Council member or call 704-694-6770.

## Abundant Living Healthy Cooking & Seminar

Don't put it off anymore, your health depends on it! You have a great opportunity to learn how to put together meals that will bust the fat, reverse diabetes, heart disease, cancer, arthritis, high cholesterol and high blood pressure! Come learn more at the next healthy living and cooking classes at Pathway to Peace Ministries on Sunday, August 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. The seminar is free, and you will also be able to eat dinner.

Pathway to Peace Ministries is located at 11775 NC Highway 109 South, Peachland. On 109 South, go 2 miles past Deep Creek Road towards Mt. Croghen, SC. For more information call 704-695-1441.

## Free Movie is Emma's Chance

The free movie at Hampton B. Allen Library on Monday, August 22 is *Emma's Chance*. It plays at 10:00 a.m. in the Pritchett Room. *Emma's Chance* is a wonderful movie starring Green Grammer, Joey Lawrence and Missi Pyle. While fulfilling her community service hours at a horse rescue ranch, Emma forms an unlikely bond with an abused show horse who won't let anyone ride him. Gaining new skills and confidence, Emma hatches a plan to redeem herself and ultimately save the ranch she's grown to love. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy the movie.

For more information call 704-694-5177.

## Reception Honoring Citizens 90 Years Old and Older

You are invited to attend a reception at the Ansonville Historical Society Museum honoring Ansonville citizens who are 90 years old and older. The event will be held on Sunday, August 28, from 3 to 5 p.m.

For more information call 704-826-8129.