

Anson Middle School Sports Release

- **FOOTBALL PRACTICE** The 1st day of practice will be on Monday, August 22. Please bring your sports physical documentation to practice on this day. Practice will run each day of the week, August 22-26, from 6 to 8 p.m.
 - **CHEERLEADING/GOLF/VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS** Tryouts will start once school is in session. Please get a physical before tryouts start. Dates and times will be announced at school.
- All Athletes must have a current physical in order to tryout for any sport at AMS. Complete physicals, including eye exam, hearing exam, urinalysis, blood work and more are available at Anson Pediatrics in Wadesboro. Avoid the rush by calling for an appointment now at 704-994-2300.
- Also, physicals will be available at Anson Regional Medical Center (ARMS), located at 203 Salisbury Street in Wadesboro, on August 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$10 cash only. A parent/guardian is required.

Remembering.....
By Ed McBride



Hightower Ice and Fuel

Do you remember when we did not have modern refrigeration? Or when the "ice man" delivered ice to your home? The first ice plant that I remember was at Ansonville where Highway 52 and Plank Road intersect - across the street from the Ansonville Methodist Church. The Masonic Lodge was on the other side of the street, and I was about 10 years old.

They would take 300 pound blocks of ice and cut some into 25 pounds, 50 pounds and 100 pounds to deliver to your home, or you could pick it up at the ice plant.

All of this reminds me of Foyle Hightower's "ice making history." His first plant was on Martin Street, not far from the them Wadesboro City Hall, the fire station, Leavitt Funeral Home, Rufus Meachum Furniture and so on.

Foyle later purchased the Carolina Ice plant and operated it for many years on South Rutherford Street. He then built a new plant in 1955 on Stanback Ferry Road - closing the Rutherford Street location. This is when I came into the picture. Foyle "fixed up" the old building for us, and we spent many years there. It is pictured above with the McBride's Radio-Television-Signs sign. The old Dodge panel truck on the left had a few miles on it - and me too!

For many years very deep wells supplied the fresh water to make ice - no chemicals - just cool, clear water!! And now the weather is a little cooler since we are talking ice, I think!!

Ed

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EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAMS FUNDING

Anson County Emergency Food and Shelter Programs may once again be granted supplemental funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP).

Chaired by FEMA and consisting of representatives from the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the Salvation Army, United Jewish Communities and United Way Worldwide, The National Board of the EFSP awards funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country. Funds previously awarded to Anson County have helped serve the needs of many Ansonians, having been distributed to Anson Crisis Ministry, Feed My Lambs, Greater Deliverance Food Pantry, South Anson Community Outreach Ministry, Wadesboro Area Community Outreach Ministry, and Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center.

The EFSP Local Board, comprised of representatives from the County of Anson, Anson United Way, local chapter of American Red Cross, area church organizations, ministerial associations, homeless shelter(s), and other organizations, is responsible for making funding recommendations based on applications received from qualifying service agencies in the County. Under the terms of the Federal grant, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private, voluntary, non-profits or units of government; 2) be eligible to receive federal funds; 3) have an accounting system; 4) practice nondiscrimination; 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and, 6) if a private, voluntary organization, must have a voluntary board.

Applications are currently being accepted for Fiscal Year 2015, in preparation for Phase 33 of the Program. Qualifying (private voluntary or public) agencies are encouraged to submit an application as soon as possible to:

Connie Kiker, Local Board Contact
Anson County Department of Social Services,
118 North Washington Street
Wadesboro, NC 28170,
ckiker@co.anson.nc.us (704) 694-9351

Application deadline is August 31, 2016.

Partnership Accepting Applications for NC Pre-K

Anson County Partnership for Children is accepting applications for the North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year. NC Pre-K is a free high-quality kindergarten readiness program that is proven to help four-year-olds gain basic skills for success in school. Children who are four years of age before August 31, 2016 are eligible to apply for the program.

"NC Pre-K is a wonderful opportunity for children in Anson County to prepare for success in school; however, availability is limited," said Caroline Goins, Anson County Partnership for Children Executive Director. "Parents who are interested in enrolling their four-year-old children should apply as soon as possible."

A new research study of the NC Pre-K Program conducted by UNC's Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute reports students enrolled in NC Pre-K show significant growth in language and literacy skills, math skills, general knowledge, and social skills.

The study also shows that children enrolled in the state's Pre-K program continued to make gains even after leaving it. At the end of third grade, children from low-income families who had attended pre-k had higher reading and math scores on the North Carolina end-of-grade (EOG) tests than similar children who had not attended the state's program.

A high priority is placed on serving children who are "at-risk." A child is considered to be "at-risk" if the child's family is at or below 75% of the state median income level or if a developmental delay has been identified. Enrollment is also open to students who have limited English proficiency, disabilities, chronic health conditions, or a parent who is active military service personnel.

NC Pre-K classes operate on a regular school calendar and are of the highest quality. The environment is 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.net or visit www.ansonchildren.org for an NC Pre-K application.

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