

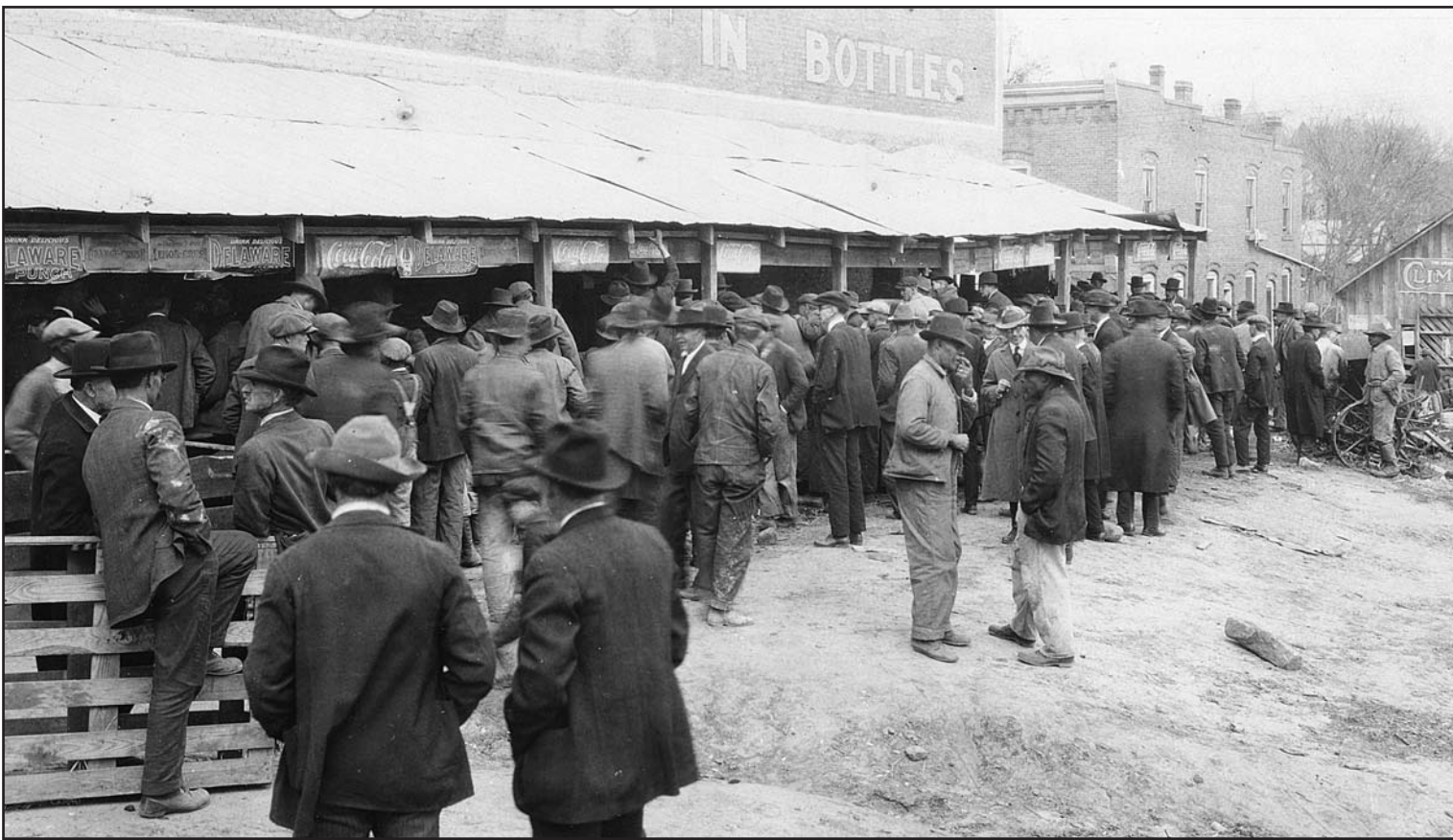
# THE EXPRESS

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Serving Anson County and the Municipalities of Ansonville, Lilesville, McFarlan, Morven, Peachland, Polkton and Wadesboro.

## Important Board of Election Dates

- **Tuesday, January 12** Regular monthly board meeting 5 p.m. *Agenda:* Approval of minutes (if applicable); polling place & poll worker needs & discussion (Wadesboro 1, 2, 3 & White Store); Early Voting staff schedule; upcoming dates & events (go over all dates); and other concerns & matters
- **Friday, January 15** 17 year olds who will be 18 by November 8, 2016 can register to vote
- **Monday, January 18** Martin Luther King Day county offices closed
- **Monday, January 25** Absentee by mail ballots available for March 15 Election
- **Saturday, January 30** Begin publishing require election notices
- **Sunday, January 31** to Tuesday, February 2 Elections training in Durham
- **Tuesday, February 9** Regular monthly board meeting 5 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 11** L&A equipment testing at BOE office 9 a.m.
- **Thursday, February 18** Mock election
- **Friday, February 19** Voter registration & party changes deadline
- **Tuesday, February 23** Absentee meeting 5 p.m.
- **Saturday, February 27** Early Voting observer list due from political parties by 10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, March 1** Absentee meeting 5 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 3** Early Voting begins
- **Tuesday, March 8** Absentee meeting 5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 8** Last day to request absentee by mail 5 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 10** Election day observer list due by 10 a.m.
- **Saturday, March 12** Early Voting ends 1 p.m.
- **Monday, March 14** Absentee meeting (pre-election day) 5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 15 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY** Polls open 6:30 a.m. & close 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 15** Deadline for civilian absentee ballot return 5 p.m.
- **Friday, March 18** Sample hand to eye / provisional county 12 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 22** County canvass of Primary Election 11 a.m.
- **Thursday, March 24** Deadline to request 2nd Primary by 12 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 24** Deadline to file election protest by 5 p.m.
- **Friday, March 25** Good Friday, county offices closed



**Wadesboro Hog Auction. Photo Taken on March 15, 1923.**

*It was a popular event! That's all we know about this auction that took place 92 years ago. Can anyone identify this location in Wadesboro?*

## Veterans Christmas Party Held on Thursday, December 3

### Anson Veterans urged to attend meetings

On Thursday, December 3 about 75 veterans and guests enjoyed a great night of fellowship, singing, entertainment, homemade chicken and dumplings and a visit from Santa Claus. The memorial committee gave an update on the memorial being planned for Wadesboro Park and the fundraising activities needed to raise the money. All Anson County veterans are invited to come to these meetings and show support for all who serve our country.



## Connections Family Support Group Meets Monthly

**For those serving children with emotional, learning or behavioral challenges**

On the third Tuesday of each month the Connections Family Support Program holds a group meeting for parents, grandparents and foster parents serving children with emotional, learning or behavioral challenges. These meetings are free and include brunch.

The meetings take place at the Hampton B. Allen Library, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information contact Suzanne Maness, Family Advocate, at 877-211-5995 (toll free) or email [connectionsfsfp@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsfsfp@gmail.com).

## Carolinas HealthCare System Mobile Medical Unit Schedule

- The Carolinas HealthCare System Mobile Medical Unit will visit the locations below during January:
- Friday, January 8 - Peachland 9am-12 noon
  - Monday, January 11 - Lilesville Town Hall 9am-1pm
  - Wednesday, January 13 - Ansonville Fire Department 9am-12 noon
  - Friday, January 15 - Polkton Depot 9am-12 noon
  - Friday, January 22 - Grace Senior Center 9am-1pm
  - Monday, January 25 - Burnsville Fire Department 9am-12 noon
  - Friday, January 29 - Glennie Bennett Community Center in Morven 9am-1pm
- For more information contact Stephanie Wilson at 704-994-4972.

## Indoor Corn Hole Tournament January 23

You are invited to come show your skills at playing Corn Hole while supporting the efforts of area baseball players. The Stars Sports Indoor Corn Hole Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 23 beginning at 12 noon. It will take place at 1584 Highway 151 South in Pageland, SC, just a short distance from Anson County. There will be food, prizes, raffles and more fun too! The funds raised will help the 12U Stars baseball team compete in Omaha, Nebraska this summer. The cost is \$30 per team if you sign up before January 22, \$40 at the door. There are free t-shirts for those who sign up before January 15. Call or text Sherry at 704-534-5327 for information or to sign up.

## Parks and Recreation Spring Registration 2016

Anson County Parks and Recreation will hold Spring Registration for the following activities:

- Tee Ball Ages: 4-6 • Coach Pitch Ages 7-8 • Minor Baseball Ages 9-10 • Major Baseball Ages 11-12 • Girls Softball Ages 4-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15 • Micro Soccer Ages 3-4 • Youth Soccer Grades: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12.

You may come to Little Park to register Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration will also take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the schools on the dates below:

- Wednesday, January 20 at Wadesboro Elementary
- Thursday, January 21 at Peachland-Polkton Elementary
- Monday, January 25 at Lilesville Elementary
- Tuesday, January 26 at Ansonville Elementary
- Wednesday, January 27 at Morven Elementary
- Thursday, January 28 at Wadesboro Primary

The deadline to register is Friday, January 29. Cost for athletic programs is \$25. For more information contact Jeff Waisner 704-695-2550, Wendell Small 704-695-2782 or Morris Gatewood 704-694-5751. The email address is [recreation@co.anson.nc.us](mailto:recreation@co.anson.nc.us).

## Free Parenting Classes, Diapers, Ultrasounds & Pregnancy Tests

Learn about parenting in a small group setting while earning free diapers. Free parenting classes are offered by HOPE Pregnancy Resource Center at 3 p.m. on Tuesdays. They take place at the HOPE Office located at 19 South Williams Street in Polkton. Attendees earn a pack of diapers for every two classes they participate in. To sign up call 704-690-6689. HOPE brings their mobile ultrasound unit to the Wal-Mart shopping center in Wadesboro on the third Thursday of each month, from 2 until 5 p.m. for free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. They also have an ultrasound machine at their office and set up ultrasounds on the first Monday of each month. They can give pregnancy tests in the office as well. It is always best to schedule the tests and ultrasounds, but they do try to accommodate walk-ins when possible. Be sure to ask about HOPE's clothing ministry. The website for HOPE is [www.hprc-anson.org](http://www.hprc-anson.org).

## Bingo at Grace Senior Center

Bingo games are held every third Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center at 1 p.m. All seniors are invited to attend for fun and fellowship. For more information or to register to play call the center at 704-694-6616.

## Unemployment Claimants Now Required to Make Five Employer Contacts Per Week

The Division of Employment Security (DES) has announced that effective January 3, 2016, individuals filing new unemployment insurance claims must make five valid job contacts with potential employers for each week claimed. Senate Bill 15 was passed on September 10, 2015, and changed prior legislation which required that those claimants receiving unemployment benefits make contact with two potential employers on two separate days of the week. If a claimant filed prior to January 3, 2016, they will continue to search for work on two separate days with two potential employers. "This change allows claimants to make the required contacts all in one day or throughout the week," said DES Interim Assistant Secretary Ted Brinn. Failure to make five contacts in a week may result in a delay or denial of benefits for that week. For any week that a claimant files for unemployment benefits, they must keep a detailed record of their work search activities. Work search records are checked and claimants may be asked to produce work search records for up to five years after filing a claim for benefits. A work search record form may be downloaded from the DES webpage at [www.ncesc.com](http://www.ncesc.com). Click on the 'Downloads' tab, then 'Forms for Individuals.' For more details about work search requirements see the frequently asked questions (FAQs) at [www.ncesc.com](http://www.ncesc.com).

## Toys for Tots Gratitude Banquet is this Saturday

The Toys for Tots Gratitude Banquet will be held Saturday, January 9 at Lockhart-Taylor Center at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be David Mitchell, Lanesboro Correctional Institution Director, and the theme is "Bringing Joy and Hope to a Child." Employees at Lanesboro Correctional Institution joined with the Toys for Tots Program and concluded their three week new toy donation drive on December 16 when toys were distributed to the local program coordinators. During this year's campaign Lanesboro employees donated 832 new toys that included a variety of dolls, games, footballs, stuffed animals, books and a total of 53 bicycles. All supporters are invited to attend the Gratitude Banquet for free. Toys for Tots Director Vancine Sturdivant said, "Due to the support and donations we received from many businesses, organizations and individuals, we were able to bless over 3,000 youth, 800 families, all the schools and 12 churches. All donors and contributors are invited to attend this celebration event free." For more information on the banquet or Toys for Tots call Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

## 50+ Club Meeting to Feature Country and Southern Gospel Music

Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, January 11 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Robbie Griffin, Brady Green and Don Shell will be presenting a program of country and southern gospel music. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy a morning of music. For more information call 704-694-5177.

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

The Faith-Based Center of Hope continues their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program. They have distributed coats to several of the churches and schools in Anson County. Blankets for the elderly are also available. Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church is the pick up site, or you can deliver donated items there too. Just call to schedule it. To donate coats and blankets or to request help, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412 or Ester Lindsey at 704-848-8452.

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