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Proceeds benefit terminally ill patients and their families served by Hospice of Chesterfield County. Donations of new and gently used items greatly appreciated.

## Bowman Senior High School Class of 1978 Reunion

Any members of the Bowman Senior High School Class of 1978 who are interested in the upcoming 40th Class Reunion are asked to please contact any of the reunion committee members to update phone numbers, home and/or e-mail addresses.  
Ella M. Alexander 202-706-8643  
Ethel Hall 704-465-0162  
Becky Martin 704-475-0659  
Teri Parsons 704-391-6569  
Joan Waring 704-465-8724.

## Free Groceries for Families in Need August 2

For families in need, free groceries will be available. The Mobile Food Pantry and CHS Mobile Health Unit will be at Wingate Baptist Church, located at 109 Elm Street, on Wednesday, August 2. Please arrive and register between 8:30 and 11 a.m. The food distribution begins upon the truck arrival, usually between 10 to 10:30 a.m.

- Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food.
- Arrive between 9:30 to 11 a.m. to be sure you can receive food.
- If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, contact Anson Crisis Ministry for a recorded message to know if it is cancelled: 704-694-2445.
- You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

Interested in volunteering for the Mobile Food Pantry? Email [achrist@wnccumc.net](mailto:achrist@wnccumc.net). The goal of the Mobile Food Pantry is to feed the hungry and serve those in need.

If you are in need before or after the distribution of food date, please contact Anson Crisis Ministry at (704) 694-2445 or Union County Crisis Assistance at (704) 225-0440.

## The Anson Singers to Present Free Concert in Cheraw Sunday

The Anson Singers will be coming to Cheraw to present a free choral concert. The concert, *An American Journey*, will include American folk and patriotic songs. The concert will be on Sunday, July 30 at 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, located at 300 Market Street in Cheraw.

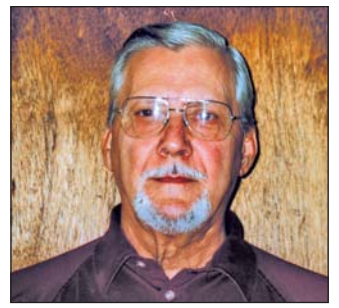
The group is comprised of members from Anson and surrounding counties, and is open to all who love to sing and create beautiful music. "Together, through music, we are unified as one voice, and that is one of the greatest treasures of singing!"

Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission for additional information at 843.537.8420 x 12.

For several years in the late 1990's and early 2000's Bill Billingsley wrote a column for *The Express*. It began with the title 'Billingsley's This and That' with the title later evolving to become Billingsley's "T N T".  
Bill managed WADE Radio station in Wadesboro for many years. He was extremely well known in the community, with many friends. He was also known nationwide for his pitch-perfect and authoritative 'radio voice.'  
Due to a computer mishap, it appeared that Bill's "TnT" columns were lost. But, after working on the project for several years, we have managed to recover at least some of his work. Because of that good fortune, we are proud to present a column below that Bill wrote for the June 30, 1999 edition of *The Express*.

## Billingsley's This and That

Everyone in Anson County must know about the "outhouse" being slipped to the square in Polkton every Halloween Night. It was done so many times without anyone seeing it put there that after every prankster in Polkton had been told it better not happen again, a certain sheriff's deputy promised to see that it was not done another time. So, he took up his watch station the next Halloween Night. He watched for several hours. It soon became nearly midnight with no action, no outhouse, no nothing. Then nature took a hand and caused the deputy to have to relieve himself. I imagine that you can finish the rest of the story, but I will.



While the deputy was out of his car for only a minute or two, the outhouse mysteriously appeared on the square. No noise, not even the sound of the vehicle that carried it or the gang lifting it to the ground. So, when the deputy returned to get in his cruiser he saw the thing that he had planned to catch being put in place. He walked directly to it and opened the door to see if there was anyone inside. No, and nobody in sight near or far. So, the deed was already done. The deputy had missed, so he left, still in a quandary as to how and by whom the outhouse got to the square every Halloween Night. Before he left, a car loaded with boys came by and saw him (probably knowing he was there) and asked how this outhouse got in there on the square. He told them to pass on so he could get his car out of there. He was through for the night after that episode. I guess the boys pulled away and once out of hearing distance began to laugh, wildly. They had done it again.

Haywood Thomas told me that some boys (without identifying themselves) asked him if they could have two outhouses that were on his property. He told them they could have them if they would fill up the hole left when they moved them. They never got them and they have just about rotted down.

Polkton has city water and sewer now and does not allow outhouses for use. But, these were still standing on property he does not use, at all.

Then there was the prank some fellows pulled concerning a car and a burned-out building in Polkton. Originally the car was parked on the street in front of a very high paved sidewalk which had a high step up to it right in front of a drugstore building that was recently (then) burned and completely cleaned out. As I recall, the partitions for the front windows and door were torn away, making the whole front of the building wide open. How these pranksters did it, I'll never know. But, they lifted this poor man's car from its parking spot to that high sidewalk and then into that empty building side-ways or crossways. The owner of the car could not go forward or backward enough to turn the car sufficiently to come out the front of the building. Then even if he did have enough room he couldn't have driven the auto onto the street because of the step-up-high paved sidewalk, so the only thing for him to do was to call a wrecker (luckily Polkton had a large garage with wrecker service then), so with the loafers bench moved in front of the Billingsley and Harrington Grocery, under the shed, he and the wrecker could make it all the way out to Polk Street. This was done at quite some expense to the owner.

Now, I have only secondhand knowledge of this event, although I did see the car in the building and helped move the bench so the wrecker could bring the car out without too much trouble. I say, this was quite an expenditure for something the owner still wonders about!

Now, some old sayings:

- Fagged out - too tired to move. completely exhausted*
- Worn to a frazzle- same as above*
- Pyert-feeling pretty good, better than have been.*
- Rickety-about to fall or shaky.*

A couple of old songs:

- Please Don't Play B17*
- Country Roads*
- Don't You Want to Go Home, Boys*
- "Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length"*
- Robert Frost*

## Anson County Parks and Recreation Fall Sports Registration is Happening Now

- Anson County Parks and Recreation is offering the following fall sports programs
- Youth Flag Football for grades K-2, 3-4, 5-6
  - Tee Ball for ages 4 to 6 years old
  - Coach Pitch Baseball for ages 7 to 8 years old
  - Micro Soccer for ages 3 to 4 years old
  - Youth Soccer for grades K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12
- Youth Soccer, Micro Soccer, Tee Ball, Coach Pitch are \$25, Youth Flag Football is \$30.

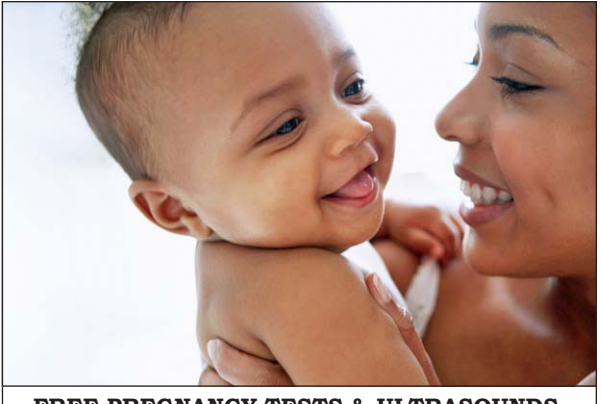
You may come to the Parks and Recreation office at Little Park, located 845 Airport Road, to register Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or you can also go to their website at [www.co.anson.nc.us](http://www.co.anson.nc.us) and fill out a registration form and send it in by email.

The deadline to register is Friday, September 1.

Registrations will also take place at the following locations:

- Wadesboro Walmart, Tuesday, August 15, 3 to 5 p.m.
- Wadesboro Walmart, Tuesday, August 22, 3 to 5 p.m.

- Wadesboro Primary, Tuesday, August 29, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
  - Wadesboro Elementary School, Tuesday, August 29, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
  - Peachland-Polkton Elementary School, Wednesday, August 30, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
  - Ansonville Elementary School, Wednesday, August 30, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
  - Morven Elementary School, Thursday, August 31, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
  - Lilesville Elementary School, Thursday, August 31, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
- For more information contact: Jeff Waisner at 704-695-2550, Wendell Small at 704-695-2782 or Morris Gatewood at 704-694-5751.



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