

### New Office Hours at Cooperative Extension

The Anson County Cooperative Extension Center will be operating under new office hours in 2015. Beginning January 1 the office will be closed during the hours of 12 noon until 1 p.m. A statewide reorganization has created staffing changes that will impact office coverage. To be able to meet client requests and program demands the local office will be closed to the public for lunch. During that time telephone calls will be received by an automatic operating system and returned after 1 p.m. However, meetings scheduled at the Extension Center during lunch hours will still be allowed. In addition, due to scheduling and work load, at various times only one staff member may be available to man the office. During those times the door will be locked with a sign indicating that clients should ring doorbell for entry. These new operating procedures are intended to improve customer service standards, while providing for the professional and safety needs of the Extension staff. Clients are asked to understand these challenges and work with staff through the new changes.

### Tracking Santa around the World on Christmas Eve

Thanks to advances in technology, Santa can be tracked online as he travels around the world on Christmas Eve. If your children want to follow Santa's route, you can find many websites that will track his trek across the globe. "Some of these websites are nice, but some are naughty, so it's important for parents to monitor your children's activities online," said Better Business Bureau President Tom Bartholomy. The most popular Santa tracking website is NORAD with 22 million people following Santa's trip last Christmas Eve. NORAD has a new downloadable app to follow Santa on your smartphone or on Facebook, Twitter and Google+. NORAD has partnered with Microsoft to offer Santa tracking in 3-D this year. "NORAD has also announced that Santa will be escorted by two fighter jets," said Bartholomy. "If children are concerned for Santa's safety, parents should be prepared to explain how the military escort makes his trip faster." Google also has a Santa tracker that uses Google Maps. All websites directed at children should have a privacy policy that includes:

- The website's information collection practices.
- The name of the company and the company's complete contact information.
- Whether the company shares information with third parties, including advertisers.
- Whether the company publicly discloses information it gathers or retains the information for any future purpose.

Here is advice for parents whose children want to follow Santa online on Christmas Eve. • Do not allow your children to give out personal information online. • Check websites for unwelcome content. Some Santa websites are for adults and may contain language or advertising that is not for children.



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**Line Dancing Class**  
 Line dancing class begins January 8, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm; runs for 8 Thursdays (January and February). Cost is \$40.00. For more information or to register, contact Kathy Moore at [kmoore@spcc.edu](mailto:kmoore@spcc.edu) or Wendi McCarn at [wmccarn@spcc.edu](mailto:wmccarn@spcc.edu).



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