

CHAMBERLINES

Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Emergency Services Center

With the ceremonial turning of the dirt by the Anson County Board of Commissioners, construction is set to begin on the county's new emergency services center on Country Club Road in Wadesboro.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held Friday afternoon February 1st at the construction site. County Manager Lawrence Gatewood said that if all goes according to plan, a grand opening for the new center will be held in February 2014.

After Rev. Benny Clodfelter of First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro gave an invocation, County Commission Chair Anna Baucom told the crowd gathered that the new emergency services center is part of Anson County's investing in ourselves.

"We are building something for the people of Anson County," she said.



Jeff Rodgers, Chamber Chair

Wadesboro Mayor Bill Thacker thanked the county for its investment. "Anson County, you can be proud of what we're here for today, for what you're doing for the health and safety of our community."

Sheriff Tommy Allen reported that the new emergency services center will hopefully bring new jobs to the community as well, before he introduced Jeff Rodgers, chairman of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. Rodgers praised the "forward-thinking leadership" of Anson's local government,

pointing not only to the new emergency services center, but also to the recent renovations to the 100-year-old courthouse and Belk Building in uptown Wadesboro. "These are exciting times to be in Anson County," he said.

Allen said that work on the emergency services center has been ongoing for almost two years. Allen is part of the planning committee that has had input on everything from the design of the building to what services should be housed in the new building. The planning committee consisted of: Allen, county senior accounting officer Cathy Baxter, emergency services director/fire marshal Rodney Diggs, building inspector Keith Gaskins, Gatewood, IT director Randy Gullede, 911 director Holly Mullis, EMS director Ryan Teal, Jason Hopkins and Dan Mace with Moseley Architects, and Chris Malinowski with Messer Construction Co.

"This is more than putting up four walls," Allen said.

Mace also spoke at the groundbreaking ceremony. "A project like this is kind of in the background until you need these services the most," he said. "This facility will be built to withstand any kind of natural disaster. In times of disaster, the 911 center is the heartbeat of the community."

The 24,000-square-foot emergency services center will house Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the Fire Marshal/Emergency Operations Director and 911 Call Center.

"I hope the county gets many years of service and protection from this endeavor," Mace said.

Richard Taylor, executive director of the state's 911 board, said the new facility will be a benchmark for the rest of the state to follow. "Don't let the four walls of this building stop you from moving forward," he said. "Continue to move forward, and help make this a state and regional 911 network."

"Welcome to our field of dreams," Gatewood said after the commissioners turned the dirt to start the project. "When we started this project 28 months ago, we wanted it to be affordable and to meet our needs for years to come. I'm really proud of what we've accomplished here."

Gatewood promised that the building will be well constructed and will serve the needs of the Anson County community for many years to come.

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County Manager, Lawrence Gatewood



County Commissioners Anna Baucom, Ross Streater, Vancine Sturdivant, Jarvis Woodburn, Bobby Sikes, Wadesboro Mayor Bill Thacker, County Manager Lawrence Gatewood & Bonnie Huntley



SPCC's Small Business Center hosted a Lunch & Learn with Toiya Evans on "Basics of Excel"



On February 19th the Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn sponsored by South Piedmont Community College's Small Business Center with Director Dan Merle. The presentation was given by Toiya Evans, of SPCC on "Basics of Excel."

The attendees learned how Excel can be valuable in day-to-day operations. Evans gave an Excel tour and showed how to begin an Excel spreadsheet. She explained some of the different functions of the cells and how to apply them to your spreadsheet.

The lunch for this event was provided by Wadesboro IGA and the dessert from Soowee Treats. Door prizes were given out and all enjoyed networking and sharing information with each other after the event.

The Chamber and SPCC's Small Business Center have planned another Lunch & Learn for March 19th. If there is a topic you would like to learn more about, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 704-694-4181 and we will bring it to you in the near future.



Attendees of the Lunch & Learn

Chamber's Annual "Captain's Choice" Golf Tournament!

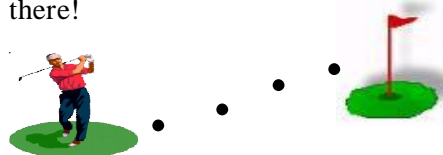
Friday, April 19th, at Twin Valley Country Club in Wadesboro, the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their Thirteenth Annual "Captain's Choice" Golf Tournament. The presenting sponsors for 2013 are Anson Community Hospital and CMC-Union.

Registration forms will be mailed out soon and will also be available at the Chamber office. There will be 44 teams, with 22 teams in the a.m. and 22 teams in the p.m. Afternoon golfers eat at 11:30 a.m. and morning golfers eat at 1:00 p.m. Register early to confirm your tee time. Sponsorship levels are Corporate-\$1000, Platinum-\$500, Gold-\$320, Silver-\$150. For detailed

information please call 704-694-4181.

Prizes will be awarded for both morning and afternoon golfers. Split the pot tickets will also be available again this year. Prizes include closest to the pin, longest putt, longest drive, hole-in-one, and lots of door prizes.

Goody bags will be given out to each player. If you are looking to have a great day golfing, chances to win some prizes and enjoy a great lunch, this is the "Premier Golf" event for you. See you there!



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Wadesboro Rotary Club Youth Shooting Team

The Wadesboro Rotary Club is proud to announce it has started a youth shooting team for kids in Anson County. The WRC Youth Shooting Team provides the opportunity for boys and girls in grades 4-12 to participate in the exciting and challenging sports of trap, skeet and sporting clays. The team will operate in a supportive environment taught by trained adult coaches focusing on the safe handling and use of firearms.

For the 2013 season the team will participate in events sponsored by the North Carolina Youth Shooting Foundation. These events are held on the first Saturday of each month. The team will also meet for practice twice a month. The Wadesboro Rotary Club supports the team with money raised from our Annual Sporting Clays Competition Fundraiser coming on March 23, 2013.



To find out more information on the WRC Youth Shooting Team or the Sporting Clays Competition please contact Jason Kiker 704-695-2810 or Kevin Thomas 704-694-8333.

CY 2013 Renewals

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CALENDAR

■ The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 7.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19.

■ The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 21.

■ Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12.

All of the above meetings will be held at the Chamber of Commerce.

Upcoming Calendar Events

March 12 — SOUL STREET DANCE of Houston, TX presents their newest concert "Breaking Backwards" where bustin' moves take on decades past. Performance at the Ansonia Theatre, 112 S. Rutherford St, Wadesboro NC starting at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30. Reserved Seating. Tickets \$10 available at 704-694-4950 or www.ansoniatheatre.com.

March 15 — The 5th Annual 4-H Clover Crawl will be held at the Twin Valley Country Club in Wadesboro, NC. For more information call 704-694-2915.

March 19 — Songs and Stories of Native Americans - Ansonia Theatre, 7 pm - \$5.

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Tickets are available in Wadesboro at the Anson County Arts Council (704-694-4950) and Lacy's and (for Ansonia events) online at www.ansoniatheatre.com.

March 22-23 — Anson County 2nd Annual Wild Hog Roundup. This is a hunting tournament for feral hogs. Cash prizes will awarded Saturday night after 7:00pm for the biggest and the most hogs killed by single person or team over the two day period. Pre hunt registration is \$25 per person per category. All entry fees must be in by March 21, 12:00 pm. All hunters must be licensed in North and South Carolina to participate. Event rules and entry details are available

at www.ansoncountywildhogroundup.com.

March 23 — "An Evening with John Denver," a tribute concert celebrating the music of the late artist featuring 2 guitarist and a keyboardist-Ansonia Theatre, 7 p.m. - \$10. Tickets are available in Wadesboro at the Anson County Arts Council (704-694-4950) and Lacy's and (for Ansonia events) online at www.ansoniatheatre.com.

March 23 — Wadesboro Rotary Club Sporting Clays Competition will be held at Buchanan Shoals. For more information contact Jason Kiker 704-695-2810 or Kevin Thomas 704-694-8883.

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