

CHAMBERLINES



Congratulations Leadership Anson Class of 2015!



The Leadership Anson (LA) program enjoyed its 19th graduation ceremony on June 16th in the Community Room of Carolinas HealthCare System Anson. Leadership Anson was created to develop a commitment to community through leadership. This graduating class totals 284 participants that have completed the program. A number of family, friends, and sponsors of the program attended this special event.

Jodi Davis of the Leadership Anson class started the program by singing "I Want To Leave A Legacy." Davis commented that during their time together, they talked about having a heart for the Lord and leaving their legacy for Anson County.

The speaker for the evening was Karen Baucom of Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition. She has been with the organization for 10 years and has 20 years experience with domestic violence. Baucom commented, "We are doing great things in Anson County" and encouraged the group to "get involved to be able to help make a difference." A presentation was made to Baucom and the Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition. This year's class gathered donated items from their work places and individuals to assist with victims who have to relocate and need household items. There was also a monetary donation of \$250 given to the organization. Baucom was very appreciative and thanked everyone.

Testimonials were given from a couple of class members that touched all in attendance. LA graduate Gary Henderson mentioned the passing of class member Tammy Almond in



Front Row (l-r): Katie Ingram, Anson County Wastewater Treatment Facility; Jodi Davis, Anson County Schools/Anson New Tech High School. Second Row (l-r): David Jenkins, Anson Community Hospice/Richmond County Hospice Inc.; Caroline Goins, Anson County Partnership for Children; Rob Eford, Hornwood Inc. Back Row (l-r) Kyle Davis, Anson County Schools/Anson High School; Gary Henderson, Carolinas HealthCare System Anson and Laura Byrd, South Piedmont Community College.

February of this year due to cervical cancer. In honor of her, each class member wore a teal and white ribbon he explained. Henderson and his wife also wore gray ribbons in honor of her father who passed away this year due to brain cancer. The class presented Lynn Edwards and Scott Collier with gifts in appreciation of their commitment and passion for Leadership Anson and Anson County. Chamber Director Lynn Edwards stated that all of the class members learned so much more about Anson County, the community and themselves. The goal of this program is for those who participate to take what they have learned and use it in a way that will not only better themselves but the community as well.

Each Class member earned a Continuing Education certificate from

South Piedmont Community College and received a Leadership Plaque from the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. These were presented to them by Lynn Edwards, Chamber Director and Scott Collier & Scott Rivers both of SPCC.



Karen Baucom of ACDVC with items donated by the 2015 Leadership Anson Class.

New boat launch opens in Ansonville

Just in time for summer, a new boat launch for canoes and kayaks opened on the Rocky River on Friday.

The boat launch is in Ansonville on Plank Road, just past the intersection for Plank and Woodall Roads.

The launch was paid for by REI, an outdoor clothing and equipment company, and Carolina Thread Trail, a regional trail network with the goal of connecting 15 counties. Anson County Parks and Recreation will maintain the launch location.

Anson County Parks and Recreation director Jeff Waisner said he expects the new boat launch will be put to good use. He quoted the 1989 movie "Field of Dreams," saying, "If you build it, they will come."

Roger Dick, president and CEO of Uwharrie Capital Corp and a member of the Carolina Thread Trail governing board, said he has paddled on several rivers, but has never been on one more beautiful than the Rocky River.

Dick foresees a number of benefits from the boat launch. "Really, some of the impact of this kind of effort from communities is just good health, whether it be mental, spiritual or the physical, from the exercise and being out and enjoying God's creation," he said. "Also, when you get out here and participate and see this, your awareness about what we do have in terms of our natural resources, the animals, the vegetation, the plants, it makes you cognizant that it's something we need to work to protect. We are blessed in this part of the country with these rivers, so it's not just about the economics, which is also important."

Economically, the launch will help the area as visitors will buy local foods, crafts and more, Dick said.

Waisner said that while he has not done a cost-analysis yet, the maintenance costs of the launch should be low. The gate to the site will be controlled by an electronic timer, limiting the number of trips staff will have to make to the launch, though staff will still visit to mow and check the site.

The gate to the site will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. from March 1 to October 1, and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. from October 1 to March 1. The trailhead address is 5347 Plank Road, Wadesboro.

The boat launch is intended only for

kayaks and canoes. No overnight camping, swimming, wading or bathing, fire or portable grills, alcohol, hunting, or discharging firearms are allowed. For more information, contact Parks and Rec by emailing recreation@co.anson.nc.us or calling 704-694-5868.

To learn more about the Carolina Thread Trail, visit www.carolinathreadtrail.org.



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CALENDAR

■ The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 9.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21.

■ The AEDC will not meet the month of July.

■ Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14.

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

July 3 ♂ The **Summer Jam 4th of July Celebration** will be held on East Wade Street in the Plank Road Parking Lot starting at 6:30 pm. For more information call Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. at 704-695-1644.

July 4 ♂ **Independence Day!**

July -- **Children's Story Time** at the **Hampton B. Allen Library** in Wadesboro will be held each Tuesday at 10:00 am.

July -- **Story Time** at the **Anson County Partnership for Children** for ages 3-8 will be held each Monday & Wednesday from 10:00am to 10:30am..

July 16 -- **The Old Store in Lilesville** will hold their **Cruise In** starting at 5:00 pm. For more information call 704-848-8385.

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