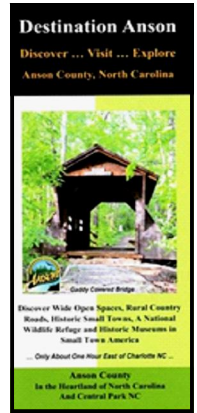


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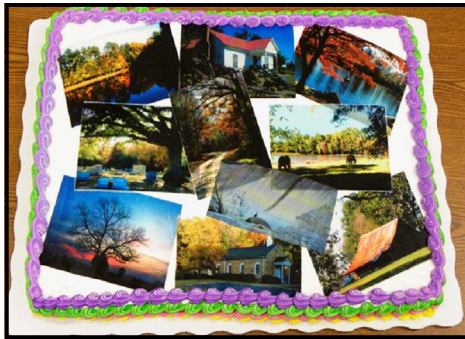
Business after Hours at the Chamber

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Business after Hours at the Chamber on July 24th between 5:00pm and 6:30pm. This event was held to promote the new brochure "Destination Anson" and the newest edition of "Anson County Postcards." Both of these marketing items will be a great way to promote our county. The brochure is a free full color first edition, filled with various pictures, information, a directional map and a list of some of the things that you can do in Anson County. The postcards, photos taken by Thomas Cureton, also show off the beauty of our rural countryside and places to visit in Anson County. The postcards come 10 to a pack and are for sale for \$5. The brochure and the postcards are on the Chamber's website at www.ansoncounty.org. If you wish to purchase the postcards you may stop by the Chamber at your convenience.

They will also be available at Allen's General Store, Parsons Drug Store and Lacy's.



Destination Anson County Brochure



Postcard Cake provided by Wal-Mart



The Destination Anson County Committee



GRAND RE-OPENING FOR WAL-MART WADESBORO



The Wadesboro Wal-Mart held a grand re-opening Friday, June 15th to celebrate renovations to the store.

Lynn Edwards, Executive Director of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, welcomed everyone to the event and acknowledged the Chamber board members present. Edwards introduced Ross Streater, Vice Chair of the County Commissioners. "On behalf of the County Commissioners we want to thank Wal-Mart for their community involvement," Streater stated.

Tembila Covington, Store Manager, thanked all the Wal-Mart associates on their hard work during the renovations. Nicole Pfister, Market Manager, recognized Covington for all her hard work for Wal-Mart but also for her involvement in the community. "We have a responsibility not just to ourselves but to the community," Pfister stated.

Store Planner Darwin Hicks, from Georgia, presented Covington with a plaque and then led the store associates in a Wal-Mart cheer before the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Ross Streater, Vice Chair of County Commissioners; Lynn Edwards, Chamber Executive Director; Tembila Covington, Store Manager & Wal-Mart Associates



Celebrate Agriculture at the 2012 Anson Ag Expo & Fair



It is that time of year again. Fall will be here before we know it, and so will the annual festivals and celebrations. While making plans for your family's fall events, mark your calendars to attend the eighth annual 2012 Anson Ag Expo & Fair.

Set for the weekend of September 21 and 22, the two-day festival will take place on the Lockhart-Taylor Center campus of South Piedmont Community College in Wadesboro. Returning activities are being planned, along with some new opportunities.

Event hours are 6-9 pm on Friday evening and 9-4 pm on Saturday. Both returning and new activities are being planned to provide a variety of entertainment and opportunities. On the line-up for this year:

- Ag Fair (foods, crafts and produce)
- Anson County 4-H Youth Livestock Show (goats, lambs & heifers)
- Annual Expo (food, information and commercial vendors)
- South Atlantic Woodsmen's Association Lumberjack Competition
- Pee Wee Livestock Show (new to ages 5 and under)
- Educational Exhibit Competition (high school age groups)
- Creative Squash Challenge (pumpkin, zucchini, squash decorating for youth)
- Local Foods Bake-Off (open judging for adults)
- Scarecrow Competition (new to for all ages)
- Kiddie Tractor Pull (youth weighing 30-72 pounds)
- Ag Scavenger Hunt (for youth)



New fair books this year will include information on these and other activities available. This year's book format will feature complete guidelines and registration procedures for all events within the two-day festival. Be on the lookout for them to arrive sometime in August.

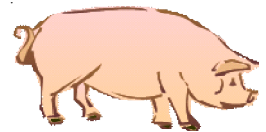
Last year's Ag Expo & Fair drew a crowd of 1600 for the week's events. There were 87 youth from 11 counties in the livestock show, showing 123 animals. The fair had 260 exhibits, and 82 youth participated in children's events through the day.

This year's event promises to be just as much fun and entertaining. Vendor applications for food, commercial sales and information will be accepted until September 14. Sponsor request letters have been mailed, and businesses have already responded in support of the agricultural festival.

For more information, contact Janine Rywak, County Extension Director, at 704-694-2915 or janine_rywak@ncsu.edu. Also check out the postings on the 2012 Anson Ag Fair & Expo Facebook page.

In addition, you can request applications from the Cooperative Extension Center, or access everything on the Anson County Cooperative Extension website at <http://anson.ces.ncsu.edu>. Click on the Spotlight link.

Come out and join the fun. There is something for everyone. Celebrate agriculture in Anson.





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CALENDAR

- The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 2.
- The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 21.
- The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 16.
- Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14.

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

August 4 — Rockingham Dragway - ATV Shootout! Including Bikes! For more information call 910-582-3400.
August 5 — Rockingham Dragway - VWø at ðThe Rockö sponsored by Valley Auto World. All Volkswagen Drag Race, Car Show, Swap Meet & More.
August 15 — Enjoy a delicious box lunch and homemade dessert while listening to the **music of violinist Janet Wright and pianist Elaine Johnson.** Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Tickets are available from the Arts Council, any AC board member, Lacyø, and Fancy Crafts. For more information call 704-694-4950.

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August 16 — Anson County's Cruise In at The Old Store, in Lilesville just left of Hwy 74, 5:00 pm until 8pm. For more information call 704-848-8385.
August 18 — Rockingham Dragway - Phantasm Street Wars. (Fun Runs for Imports, Domestic, Sport Compacts and bikes; Quick 8 classes for Slicks & DOTø!) Plus! Carolina Model Drag Series Remote Control Drag Series. For more information call 910-582-3400.
August 21 — The Anson County Circles of Hope will hold a Hotdog Fundraiser. Plates are \$5 & \$6. Call 704-994-2333 for more information.

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