

CHAMBERLINES

Lunch & Learn with the Centralina Workforce Development Board

On June 24th the Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center, sponsored by the Centralina Workforce Development Board. Amie Coffey, Business Services, Division of Workforce Solutions introduced John Curtis, Instruction Coordinator, who gave a presentation on "Introduction to NC Works Online."

Mr. Curtis thanked everyone for coming and briefly spoke about the new office located at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center. The office was previously located on West Wade Street in Uptown Wadesboro. Curtis stated that the new focus of the Workforce Development Office is off of claims and is instead on getting people back to work. Everyone that attended used a computer and was directed to go onto the NC Works website, www.ncworks.gov, and to login. If they did not have an account already established, he assisted them in setting one up. Curtis showed everyone step by step how to go into the website as an employer and add an available position in which you are seeking to hire someone. Curtis also stated that if someone is seeking to find a job, they can put their resume in on the website and it is available for employers to view. He commented that the difference between Monster and Career Builders and NC Works is that NC Works is only for North Carolina jobs, whereas the other two are for jobs all over the United States. For more information on NC Works contact the Anson County Centralina Workforce Center at 704-694-6551.



Attendees of the Lunch & Learn



John Curtis

The lunch for this event was provided by the Centralina Workforce Development Board. Door prizes were given out and all enjoyed networking and sharing information with each other after the event.

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.

Carolinas HealthCare System Anson Now Open

Carolinas HealthCare System is transforming the way healthcare is delivered in Anson County. On Monday, July 14 Carolinas HealthCare System opened a new hospital in Wadesboro which took the place of Anson Community Hospital.

Carolinas HealthCare System Anson is more than just a new hospital; it's a new healthcare model for Anson County residents that will provide high quality care through traditional hospital services, patient and caregiver relationships, wellness and prevention education, and strong community partnerships. This well-rounded model of care is known as a "medical home" and ensures that

healthcare is a shared commitment between care providers, patients and the community.

As part of the new model, the hospital also embeds primary-care services within the Emergency Department, helping to reduce the number of unnecessary ED visits.

Carolinas HealthCare System Anson has partnered with local public health organizations, like the Anson County Health Department, and other community partners to provide access to faith-based community health programs, a mobile unit for convenient care, and educational opportunities focused on prevention and wellness.

The new facility offers 24/7 emergency care; 15 inpatient beds; patient-centered hospital services such as radiology, digital imaging, laboratory, pharmacy and surgery services; a free community room for health education; and access to specialty services through Carolinas HealthCare System.

Carolinas HealthCare System Anson is located at 2301 U.S. Highway 74 West in Wadesboro.



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DISCOVER ANSON BIKE RIDE - *New Date & Location!*

The Ninth Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014 in Wadesboro. This is a new date and location and includes new routes as well. The ride includes the choice of a 26, 43 and 62-mile route that will take you across the southern half of Anson County that has many Piedmont features of North Carolina's mountain foothills.

Main points of interest along the routes include the James Bennett house where Stephen Spielberg filmed *The Color Purple*, the old chimney of the Knox Inn in historic Sneedsborough, Lone Pine Church the oldest Methodist church in NC, a climb up the Devil's Backbone near Meltonville Church, and the birthplace of Hugh Hammond Bennett, father of soil conservation in America.



The entry fee is \$40 per rider (\$35 if entered by Friday, Sept. 26). A downloadable registration form is available at www.ansoncounty.org. On the day of the bike ride, registration begins at 8 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 309 Lee Avenue, Wadesboro, NC. The ride will receive the green flag at 9 a.m.

The Discover Anson Bike Ride is being held in conjunction with the Taste of the Pee Dee: Arts, Crafts & Outdoor Living in Uptown Wadesboro that will offer lots of fun activities, food, crafts and more that you and your family can enjoy. Funding for the Bike Ride Postcards and Flyers was provided by Anson County Tourism Development Authority. For more information, call the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at 704.694.4181 or visit www.ansoncounty.org.

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- Anson & Union County Habitat for Humanity
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Changes Planned for This Year's Celebration of Agriculture



It is that time of year again. Fall will be here before we know it, and so will all the annual festivals and celebrations. To get ready, the Anson Ag Expo & Fair Planning Committee is also preparing for their 2014 event. Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 26-27. However, due to some location issues, this year's format will be different.

Set for the weekend of September 26 and 27, the festival will take place at Circle G Arena in Lilesville and the Cooperative Extension Center on McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. The annual 4-H Youth Livestock Show will be held at Circle G Arena on Friday and Saturday, while the Ag Fair will be held at the Extension Center on Saturday only. Due to having the events in different locations, the full Expo as has been held in past years will be on hiatus for 2014.

The 4-H Youth Livestock Show will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday with the Pee Wee and regular Youth Goat Show. The

arena will start back up again at 9:00 am on Saturday with the Pee Wee, Dairy and 4-H Youth Heifer Show, followed by the 4-H Youth Lamb Show. Last year's event featured 79 youth from 9 different counties showing 119 lambs, goats and heifers in the district showmanship circuit.

The Ag Fair will be open to the public on Saturday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm and will feature the traditional competition categories in foods, crafts, horticulture, ag, photography and art. Fair entries will be received on Thursday, judged on Friday, then open to the public on Saturday. Last year's fair had 304 entries from 73 participants.

Because the public looks forward each year to some of the established events that are normally part of the Expo, the planning committee felt they could not just cancel them because of a location situation. Therefore, some of those events will be hosted as part of the newly revamped Taste of the Pee

Dee Festival that will be taking place two weeks later on Saturday, October 11 in downtown Wadesboro. Those will include the Local Foods Bake-Off, Kiddie Tractor Pull and Creative Squash Challenge.

Last year's Ag Expo & Fair drew a crowd of 1500 for the week's events. Sponsor request letters have been mailed, and businesses have already responded in support of the this year's agricultural festival. For more information, contact Janine Rywak, County Extension Director, at 704-694-2915 or janine_rywak@ncsu.edu.

In addition, you can access information on the Anson County Cooperative Extension website at <http://anson.ces.ncsu.edu>. Click on the Spotlight link. Also check out the postings on the 2014 Anson Ag Fair & Expo Facebook page.

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 7.

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

August 16 ∅ **Lilesville Fire Department** will have an **All You Can Eat Breakfast** from 6:00 am to 10:00 am. Proceeds to benefit the Lilesville Fire Dept.

August 16 ∅ **The Caraway Foundation** will hold a **Back-to-School Bash** in uptown Wadesboro. The event will be held from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Students will receive school supplies, school uniforms and shoes for students who need them. Children must be present in order to receive school supplies! To make donations contact Sarah Burns at 704-761-4351.

August 16 ∅ **A Gospel Singing** will be at the **Ansonia Theatre** starting at 7:30 pm. For

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more information call 704-694-4950.

August 20 ∅ The **Anson County Arts Council** will hold their last **Bach's Lunch** of the summer at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall from Noon ∅ 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$10. Entertainment will be Gina Clarke and Melody Goodwin. Tickets may be purchased at the Anson County Arts Council or Lacy's. For more information call 704-694-4950.

August 21 ∅ **The Old Store in Lilesville** will hold their **Cruise In** starting at 5:00 pm. For more information call 704-848-8385.

August 22 & 23 ∅ **Cindabella: A Southern Fried Fairy Tale** will be at the

Ansonia Theatre starting at 7:30 pm on Friday and 3:00 pm on Saturday. Tickets are \$10 for ages over 12 and \$5 for children 12 and under. For more information call 704-694-4950.

August 24 ∅ **In One Era and Out the Other** will be at the **Ansonia Theatre** starting at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$15. For more information call 704-694-4950.

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