

CHAMBERLINES

7th Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride

Despite the chilly temperature on Saturday morning, Nov. 3rd, 50 bicycling enthusiasts from around the state converged on Ansonville bright and early for the seventh annual Discover Anson Bike Ride.



The ride started promptly at 9 a.m. at Ansonville Elementary with the waving of the green flag from Ansonville Mayor Lyndell Ingram, and headed south with a 30-, 50- or 75-mile route winding through some of Anson County's most spectacular scenery. Along the way were SAG wagons that rode along with the cyclists and provided support if any riders became stranded or injured. There were also three rest stops, which provided rest rooms, water, Gatorade and snacks.

Anson County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lynn Edwards stated that 30 cyclists pre-registered before Saturday morning, which included a cycle club of 17. The longest traveler for the event was Matt Micalizzi who drove 13 hours from Toronto. He found out about the ride off of active.com. He said it is beautiful here and would like to come back to ride next year.

The Discover Anson Bike Ride is part of Ansonville's Homecoming Celebration, which concluded with a parade later in the afternoon and also featured the Ansonville Vol. Fire Department's annual barbecue sale.

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◀ NOVEMBER 2012 ▶

51st Annual Membership Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013 @ Lockhart Taylor Center in the Ingram Room, at 6:30 pm.

Community Awards at Chamber's Annual Meeting

The 50th Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet was held on November 13 at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center.

Leon Gatewood presented the 2012 Henry W. Little III Award for Community Leadership. Gatewood stated, "The person receiving this award is a natural born leader. If you go into a community and see it growing, that takes leadership." Gatewood stated that this person is the best County Manager we have ever had. Gatewood presented this year's H.W.



Little Award to County Manager, Lawrence Gatewood, who thanked everyone for the award but not for himself, but for the 240 county employees and Board of Commissioners. He also stated that he enjoys his work and has never had so much fun. He thanked Jeff Waisner for his work on the Belk Building, the library and the courthouse. He also commented on projects that include the new EMS Building, Agri Civic Center and supporting the new Anson County Hospital.

Dr. Fred Thompson, the 2011 Henry W. Little award winner, presented this year's W. Dunlap Covington Award. Thompson first acknowledged some of the past winners that included Lynn Edwards, Elaine Scarborough, Dana Maness and Todd Moore. He stated that they all show what leadership looks like. He went on to state that the recipient is a native to Anson County and is a leader. She is Chair of the Leadership Anson Oversight Committee, Chair of the Chamber's Annual Dinner,

Chair of the Chamber's Golf Tournament, holds a registration site for the Big Game Tournament, a member of Kiwanis and is involved in many different mission projects. Thompson presented this year's "Dunnie" award to Jilla Gathings. "I do the things I do because I enjoy it, especially Kiwanis," Gathings stated. She thanked everyone and said she was so honored.



Lawrence Gatewood & Jilla Gathings

Chamber's 50th Annual Membership Meeting



Josh Bricker of PNC Bank and Lewis Evans, Retired were unanimously elected as directors on the Chamber board at the 50th annual Membership Meeting and Banquet.

Chamber Past Chair Carly Little presented outgoing director Jay Wright, State Farm Insurance, with an appreciation plaque. Wright was unable to attend the banquet. Little thanked him for his service to the Chamber.

Lynn Edwards, the Chamber's Executive Director, opened the 50th annual meeting by welcoming everyone to Anson County Chamber's version of Mardi Gras which was the theme for the evening.

Edwards thanked the corporate sponsors, along with annual dinner committee members, for their assistance in planning the annual membership meeting and dinner; the banquet's caterers; Beth Rogers and Cathy Thompson, the volunteer servers (students from ACEC, AHS & AMS); and assistance from Freda Buchanan. There were 180 RSVP's, which was a record number, for the 50th membership meeting.

Vice Chair Jeff Rodgers recognized Chamber board members, and members of the following committees: Big-Game Hunt, Golf Tournament, Leadership Anson and Marketing/Bike Ride. In honor of Veterans Day, Rodgers also recognized the veterans who were in attendance for their service.

Dunnie Winners — 1995-2012

- 1995** Denise Beachum, Fancy Crafts, People Fest Chair, 1983-95
- 1996** Anson County Writers Club, producers of the outdoor drama, "A Ripple in the River," and the annual poetry and prose contests for youths and adults
- 1997** Chris and Robin Sanford, Wadesboro IGA
- 1998** Don Scarborough, Plank Road Realty
- 1999** Don Altieri, South Piedmont Community College
- 2000** Elbert Marshall, Anson County Chamber of Commerce
- 2001** Carol Smith, Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center
- 2002** Rev. Dr. Priscilla Durkin, First Presbyterian Church
- 2003** Russell Sikes, Plank Road Realty
- 2004** Uptown Wadesboro Inc., Main Street program successes
- 2004** Anne Covington, Thrift Loan & Finance
- 2005** Jarvis Woodburn, Coffing Hoist
- 2006** John Dunlap, retiree from Wansona Mfg.
- 2007** Dana Maness, Vice-President Anson Bank & Trust
- 2008** Lynn Edwards, Exe. Director Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce
- 2009** Elaine Scarborough & Anson Co. Partnership for Children
- 2010** Todd Moore, Pee Dee Electric
- 2011** Mary E. Little, HOLLA!
- 2012** Jilla Gathings, Anson Community Hospital



The W. Dunlap Covington Award for Community Service honors Mr. Covington, who was a founding father of the Chamber of Commerce. Dunnie, who served as chairman from 1963 through 1966, passed away in 1998.

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The Fifteenth Annual Big Game Hunt Tournament Committee registered 323 hunters for the November 23rd-24th event. Lynn Edwards, Executive Director of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, the tournament's host, gave a huge thanks to the all the hunters who participate each year and support this event. "We had several new hunters again this year and I welcome all of you to our tournament," Edwards commented.

Edwards thanked the tournament's sponsors of Four A Loader Work, title sponsor; Anson Bank & Trust and Buck & Doe Processing, youth tournament sponsors; Cobb-Vantress, N.C. Electric Membership Corp., Progress Energy, Pee Dee Electric and Perdue Farms, Gold sponsors; The Sportsman's Closet, Locust Lumber, Windstream, Silver sponsors; Backwater Taxidermy, BB&T, Lynn Clodfelter Attorney at Law, Dale McRae Farms, Lynn Thomas Grading, PNC Bank and McCollum Trucking & Grading, Bronze sponsors; and Dennis Concrete Finishing and Kiker Resource Management LLC, youth tournament daily sponsors.

"The Big Game Hunt tournament is very successful because of our great volunteers," Edwards said, singling out Marty Cato, Courtney & Jamie Webb, Abby Henry, Jessica Webb and helping out this year, Jake Henry, Abby's brother and Chance Emrich. "These special people give many hours to the tournament and I am most appreciative of their support," Edwards stated. She also pointed out the enormous effort that Marty Cato puts into this event each year. "Marty is a special person who simply loves hunting and puts a lot of energy into our tournament. Without him this event would not be what it is today," Edwards said. She also thanked Russell Sikes for cooking and his family for their help as well. She singled out Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Refreshment Services and Waste Connections for their contributions to the banquet, and the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department for allowing the event to be held at the fire department each year.

The 2012 first place winners were:

- Buck - Bron Hyatt, Peachland
184.7 pounds
- Doe - Jason Dunlap, Wadesboro
116.7 pounds
- Youth Buck - Wesley Barefoot, Raleigh
154.5 pounds
- Youth Doe - Sarah Little, Marshville
98.2 pounds

The 2012 raffle winners were:

- Frank Curran, Polkton - 1st place
- Sandy McRae, Rockingham - 2nd Place
- Ryan Burris, Wadesboro - 3rd Place

The 2012 pick board winners were:

- Chris Edwards, Peachland
- John Hyatt
- Jonathan Albertson, Matthews

The 2012 youth drawing winners were:

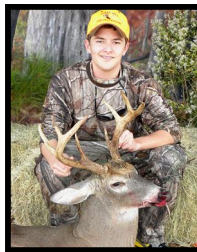
- Hunter Phifer, Polkton
- Colby Morton, Norwood



Bron Hyatt



Jason Dunlap



Wesley Barefoot



Sarah Little

◀ DECEMBER 2012 ▶

On Thursday, December 6 the streets in uptown Wadesboro were filled with kids and kids at heart for the annual Wadesboro Christmas Parade. Mr. Lawrence Gatewood, County Manager, led the parade as Grand Marshal. With a chilly day it seemed like Christmas as the eighty plus entrants took to the streets.

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce was the host for the annual event. Lynn Edwards, Executive Director of the Chamber, gave thanks to the Wadesboro Police and Fire Departments, the Town of Wadesboro, Rodney Diggs and his crew, Mr. Russell Sikes and Mr. Harvey Leavitt for all of their hard work for making it a fun and safe event.



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◀ JANUARY 2013 ▶



The Leadership Anson Oversight Committee has selected 13 participants for the Leadership Anson Class of 2013 that begins in January.

The 17th annual developmental program will kick off with an overnight retreat at the Beth Haltiwanger Center in Montgomery County January 11-12.



Dozens of Anson County leaders turned out on Thursday morning January 10 for a meet and greet with newly-sworn in 8th District Congressman Richard Hudson at the Chamber of Commerce office in Wadesboro.



Local leaders in attendance

Lunch & Learn

On January 15th 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 "Record Keeping & Taxes."



◀ FEBRUARY ▶

With the ceremonial turning of the dirt by the Anson County Board of Commissioners on February 1st, construction is set to begin on the county's new emergency services center on Country Club Road in Wadesboro.



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



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 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.





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◀ MARCH ▶

On March 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 Christie Winfield and Lauren Sellers of SPCC on e-Verify.



The 2013 Anson County Wild Hog Roundup is now history. There were 21 sponsors and 26 hunters participating and 19 hogs were killed. Hosted by Allen's General Store, the wild hog hunt provides a valuable service to area farmers and landowners whose land is overrun with wild hogs that can damage crops. This year's event drew 26 hunters from Union, Anson, Stanly, Montgomery, Guilford and Mecklenburg counties.



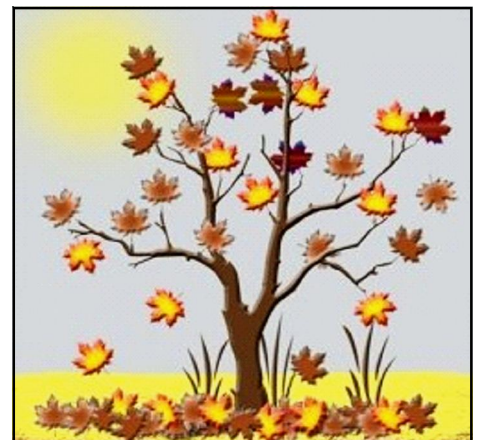
◀ APRIL ▶

Golf

The best ever "Premier Golf Event of Anson County Chamber" was held on Friday, April 19th at Twin Valley Country Club. With 46 teams booked and many volunteers lined up, everyone was prepared for a great tournament. With 175 players choosing their tee time of 8:00am or 1:00pm, it was sure to be a very busy day for everyone. The weather was overcast for the morning players but was unpredictable for the afternoon with rain storms approaching. The players were encouraged by Chamber Director Lynn Edwards to play quickly due to bad weather drifting in for later in the day. The Wadesboro Tire and Auto Team (pictured below) were the first place winners.



Buchanan Shoals was a beautiful setting on Saturday, March 23 for the third annual Wadesboro Rotary Club Sporting Clays Competition. Despite morning downpours, by start time the sun was shining and the 36 competitors enjoyed beautiful weather and a great event. Proceeds totaled nearly \$4,000 and will be used to support the Rotary Youth Shooting Team and other community projects. First place winner was Lynn Thomas Grading (pictures below) - John Phillipy, James Phillipy, Seth Floyd and BJ Hill.



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Young children filled the streets of downtown Wadesboro on Tuesday, April 16, for the annual Week of the Young Child Parade sponsored by the Anson County Partnership for Children. This year's theme was "The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs," told from the perspective of the wolf, who declares his innocence. Approximately 450 children dressed as pigs and wolves, along with their teachers and parents, participated in the parade.



◀ MAY ▶

On May 7th the Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn sponsored by South Piedmont Community College's Small Business Center. The presentation was given by Christie Winfield and Lauren Sellers of SPCC on "Managing & Merging the Generational Mix." Dan Merle, Executive Director of Continuing Education introduced the new Small Business Center Director, Lisa Rolan.



The Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn on May 29th sponsored by the Wadesboro Rotary Club. The presentation was given by Nicole Greer of Vibrant Coaching on "SHINE: A Brilliant Approach to Ethics."



Sandhills Behavioral Center, Inc. celebrated a grand opening at their new office located at 146 Stanback Ferry-Ice Plant Road, Wadesboro.



◀ JUNE ▶

In celebration of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce's 50th anniversary, Chamber Director Lynn Edwards has created a board game of Anson County. At this point the game has not been named, but Edwards promises it will be fun and interesting to play.



Leadership Anson 



Graduate of the Leadership Anson Class 2013 Front Row (l-r): Rosezetta McCray, Anson County Partnership for Children; Sharon Dawkins, Carolinas Primary Care; Lindsay Wallace, CMH Space Flooring Products; Catherine Crandell, Anson County Arts Council; Cindi Pope, Town of Wadesboro; Jennifer Tice, Anson Community Hospital

Back Row (l-r): Brian Nance, Anson County EMS; Truman Teal, API Security; Alex Sewell, Town of Wadesboro; Damer Chapman, Anson County Sheriff's Office; Wes Stegall, Anson County EMS; Holly Mullis, Anson County Sheriff's Office; Ashley Steele, Anson Community Hospital.



Michael Freeman was elected Superintendent of the Anson County Schools in a unanimous vote by the Board of Education, the board announced on Tuesday, June 4th.



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◀ JULY ▶

Uwharrie Capital Corp, a multibank holding company that owns Bank of Stanly, Cabarrus Bank & Trust, and Anson Bank & Trust, is pleased to announce the new name for the consolidation of their three community banks: Uwharrie Bank.



◀ AUGUST ▶

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce along with the Wadesboro Rotary Club held a School Supplies Drive during the month of August.



On August 27th the Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn hosted by Hospice of Union and Anson County with Crystal Robinson, Hospice of Anson County Secretary. The presentation was given by Tami Harris, Hospital Liaison/Admissions RN Hospice of Union and Anson County.



◀ SEPTEMBER ▶

The weather was beautiful on September 13th for the Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Cobb-Vantress' new location at 300 Cobb Street, Wadesboro. The Executive Director of the Anson County Chamber, Lynn Edwards, welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for coming to celebrate the new facility.



On September 17th the Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn sponsored by Carolinas Healthcare System. Trenea Norwood with CHS, introduced Eva McNeill, Director of the Employee Assistance Programs, whose presentation was on The Cost of Troubled Employees on Your Bottom Line.



Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. along with 50 volunteers gathered on Tuesday morning, September 11th to place 2,977 American flags on the Court House lawn.



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Over 180 farmers, livestock producers, business and community leaders from across the county were in attendance at the annual Farm-City Week Dinner, held Tuesday, September 24 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center.

Plaques given during the evening were: Outstanding Farmer of the Year Award to Calvin and Tracey Phillips of Phillips Farms, Outstanding Agri-Business was awarded to Gary Sikes of Bountiful Harvest and Lannie Allen of LA Farms received the 2013 Conservative Farm Family Award.

Nichole Carpenter, Brown Creek SWCD Supervisor, recognized Resource Conservation Workshop Participant Dillian Wessels for his participation in the named program they sponsored at N.C. State University this summer.

◀ OCTOBER ▶

On October 24th Southern Medley Wine Cellar held a Grand Opening and Ribbon

Cutting Ceremony at their location, 118 N. Rutherford Street, Wadesboro. The Executive Director of the Anson County Chamber, Lynn Edwards, welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for coming.



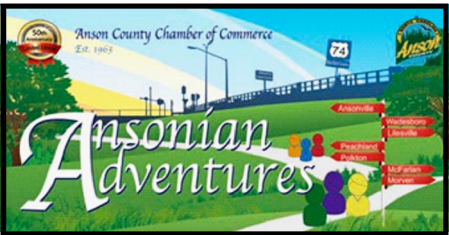
On October 26th, Uptown Wadesboro Inc. held their FALL FESTIVAL.



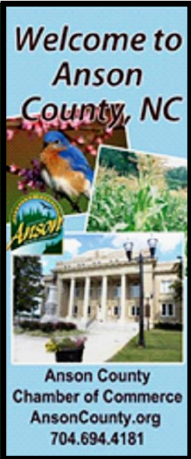
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The November 2013 "Annual Report" issue is Vol 20 No.11 for a total of 229 newsletters, to date.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- The 8th Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, November 2nd. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Ansonville Elementary School.
- The Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner will be held on November 12th. Remember to RSVP no later than November 5th.
- The 16th Annual Big Game Hunt will be on Nov. 29th & 30th. Last day to register is on Monday, November 25th. Late registration will only be taken at the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, November 27th by 5 p.m.

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