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19th ANNUAL BIG GAME HUNT TOURNAMENT

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce hosted the 19th Annual Big-Game Hunt tournament and it was once again, a great success!



Carson Davis of Polkton, and Blake Leviner of Rockingham, earned top honors in the buck and doe categories, in the tournament held Thanksgiving weekend. Both of them earned prize money of \$800 each.

Davis's 8-point, 161.5 pound buck was shy of the record by a little over 23 pounds set 2 years ago by Bron Hyatt, 184.7-pounds and 10 points.

Richard Allen, placed second with an 8-point 150.5-pounder and pocketed \$500, followed by Frank Curran of Polkton, 8-point 149-pounds, \$375; Terry Wagner placed fourth with an 9-point 138-pounder, \$200; Bryan Tucker of Morven, 11-point 136.2-pounds, \$75; and Michael Williams of Wadesboro, 8-point 134.9-pounds and a free 2017 tournament registration plus \$25 daily prize.



Mr. Blake Leviner weighed in a 122.7-pound doe to earn \$800 in total prize money. Lynn Clodfelter of Norwood placed second with a 101.4-pounder for \$475, followed by Alan Hildreth of Marshville, 101.4-pounds, \$400, Alvin Bates of Peachland, 99.8-pounds and \$200; Zac Tarlton of Wadesboro, 98.1 pounds, \$125; and Jordan Lowery of Morven, 93.2 pounds, \$25 daily prize money and a free 2017 Big-Game Hunt registration.



In the youth buck category, Garrett Maner of Ansonville, won top prize money of \$300 with a 10-point, 155.2-pounder. "Way to go Garrett," commented Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shelby Emrich. Seth Gathings of Wadesboro took second

place in the buck category winning \$125 with a 8-point at 138.4-pounds followed by Jordan Sikes of Wadesboro, 8-point 132.2-pounds \$100; fourth place was Sam Davis Smith of Polkton, spike 114.1-pounds and \$75 in prize money; and Garrett Sikes of Lilesville with an 6-point, 104.7-pounder \$15 daily prize and a free 2017 Big-Game registration.



Alan Dale McRae of Wadesboro, won the youth doe category with a 91-pounder worth \$300. The record for the youth largest doe of 115.3-pounds was set by Elizabeth Tarlton of Wadesboro in 2008.

Mason Dennis of Albemarle, placed second with an 82-pounder and won \$175, followed by Cole Sikes of Polkton, 76.5 pounds, \$100; Mallory Sikes of Wadesboro, 75.8 pounds, \$75; and Jack Flake of Wadesboro, \$15 daily and a free 2017 registration for his 74.5-pounder. The 2016 weigh-in breakdown listed 28 buck's and 40 doe's grand total of 68 deer. "Not a record but certainly a good harvest for the tournament," Emrich stated.

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The entire bay area of the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department was available for the tournament and there was still standing room-only at the banquet held on Saturday night. Winners of the drawings include: Cole Sikes, youth gun; Youth Crossbows donated by Whitley Power and Equipment and Reel Determined Outdoors went to Abbey Hill and Jack Flake. From the card game, Lane Thomas and Jimmy Williams won 308 rifles. There were two pick boards this year, John Albertson won a Patio Heater and Yeti Cooler. Alvin Bates won a Deer Finder and Tony Ricketts won a Deer Blind on stretch arm strong games. Henry Ferguson won a Tikka T3 Lite with scope; Chuck Horne won a Bushnell Deer Cam; Otoniel Miranda won \$100.00.

The 20th annual Big-Game Hunt Tournament will be held on November 24-25 of 2017. Best wishes for a great 2017 year!



Wadesboro Christmas Parade



On Thursday, December 1st the streets in uptown Wadesboro were filled with kids and kids at heart for the annual Wadesboro Christmas Parade. Chuck Horne, Hornwood, Inc. and Leon Gatewood, HOLLALA!, led the parade as Grand Marshals. Rep. Mark Brody and CHS were the sponsors for this year's parade. It was a beautiful day as the sixty plus entrants took to the streets.

With some of our favorites returning like the Trackless Train and the Oasis Steel Drum Band whose sponsors were H.W. Little & Company Hardware, Hornwood, Inc., Johnson Insurance Management, Pee Dee Electric, Wadesboro IGA, Leavitt Funeral Home and B&B Pest Control; and of course, Santa Claus.

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce was the host for the annual event. Shelby Emrich, Executive Director of the Chamber, gave thanks to the Wadesboro Police and Fire Departments, the Town of Wadesboro, Rodney Diggs, Russell Sikes, Jeremy Taylor, Harvey Leavitt, Joe Dutton, Dr. Don Altieri, John Witherspoon and Lois Crumpler for all of their hard work making it a fun and safe event.

Immediately following the parade, the Anson County Partnership for Children gave out free children's books along with a visit with Santa. The Town of Wadesboro held a tree lighting ceremony that included Christmas caroling and hot chocolate for everyone that was provided by Uptown Wadesboro, Inc.



Welcome to our new faces!

The Anson Economic Development Partnership chose John Marek to lead the organization as Executive Director, effective October 1, 2016.



Marek is an accomplished economic development professional with more than 20 years' experience as a local developer, consultant and corporate trainer in the Charlotte region. He is coming to

Anson County from Statesville Regional Development (SRD) where he most recently served as interim director, and before that as director of business retention/expansion and marketing. During his tenure at SRD, the Statesville region was named the #1 Micropolitan for new and expanding industry four times by Site Selection magazine and SRD was twice named to the publication's list of best economic de-

velopment organizations in the United States.

Prior to joining SRD, Marek was a principal with MarketPath Consultants, LLC, where he worked with chambers of commerce, economic development organizations and corporate clients on projects relating to community branding and development, strategic planning and rural entrepreneurship. He is a 1985 graduate of Bowling Green State University.



Check the Anson County Chamber event calendar for special events and free business development courses!

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The Anson County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors announces that Megan Sellers has been hired as the Administrative Assistant, effective December 5th.

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve my community. The more I learn about the Chamber and it's members the more excited I am to help promote Anson County. The Chamber of Commerce is here to help our local businesses, and to improve quality of life for our communities. Being a part of the Chamber is exciting and I can't wait to serve our members and community," said Sellers.

Sellers was previously employed by the Anson County Partnership for Children as the Administrative Assistant. She is married to Dempsey Sellers and has two four legged children. She is an avid hiker and enjoys her daily strength and conditioning workouts.

Sellers has volunteered for the Chamber of Com-

merce for 4 years. She graduated from the Leadership Anson class in 2013, has volunteered at the Big Game Hunt Tournament for 4 consecutive years, and participated in the Chamber Golf Tournament as well as attended the Chamber's Annual Membership Meeting.

"I look forward to working with Megan on a day to day basis, as we pull together with the Chamber Board of Directors, to help promote our county," states Anson County Chamber of Commerce Director Shelby Emrich.



To learn more about the Anson County Chamber of Commerce visit our website at www.ansoncounty.org or stop by our office on East Wade Street as we are here, to serve you.

Chamber Business After HOURS

Networking at its Best...

A Business After Hours (BAH) is a business/social gathering of Chamber members and their guests at your business or chosen location. As a business after hours sponsor, the BAH provides you with the opportunity to showcase the products and services of your business, and offers area business people a chance to get to gather informally, see old friends, make new business contacts, and find out what our area businesses have to offer.

The BAH generally takes place at the end of the business day, from 5:00 – 6:30 P.M. It is usually held on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening. All Sponsoring parties must be current members of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. Businesses may also co-sponsor a BAH.

Thank you to our most recent Business After Hours hosts: H.W Little and Company Hardware and Anson County Partnership for Children.

Next Business After Hours will be held at on December 8th at Anson County Cooperative Extension Center, 501 MCLaurin St., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

It's Time for Chamber Information Update!

The New Year will be here before you know it and the Chamber wants to make sure all of our information is correct for its members. If your business has created or changed a website, email address, physical address or phone number, we need to hear from you. Please take a moment and go to our website, www.ansoncounty.org and verify your information. If it is not correct, please contact the Chamber at ansonchamber@windstream.net or call 704-694-4181 so that we may update your information. Keep in mind that if you are planning an event or activity, the Chamber needs information as soon as possible so that it can be placed on the web calendar. The Chamber promotes this as the Community Web Calendar and it has become a great tool for many organizations, groups and individuals looking to plan or just attend an event, as well as avoid any conflict when setting a date. We look forward to hearing from you in the New Year.



C & M Auto Supply Inc. of Wadesboro celebrated it's 40th year anniversary on November 1, 2016. Mr. McCormick has hosted these events for the business' 30th, 35th and now 40th year celebrations. McCormick said a lot of preparation goes into the event, but that it is always a great success. The store is located on U.S. Highway 74 next to Martin Furniture. Congratulations from the Anson County Chamber of Commerce on 40 years of success!



We would like to welcome our newest member to the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. D & K Skull Mounts located at 1901 Wheat Street, Rockingham, NC. For more information, contact them at 910-331-3683.



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce will be closed for the Christmas holiday on December 26th and 27th. We will reopen at 8:00 on Wednesday, December 28th.

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