

CHAMBERLINES

Big Prizes Given at Big Game Hunt Tournament!

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce hosted its 16th Annual Big Game Hunt tournament on November 29 & 30.

Shawn Mayhew of Indian Trail and Bud Ratliff of Wadesboro pulled off top honors in the buck and doe categories, in the tournament held Thanksgiving weekend. Both of them earned prize money of \$800 each.

Mayhew's 9-point, 162.6-pound buck was short of the record by 22 pounds set last year by Bryon Hyatt, 184.7-pounds and 10 points.

Tim Boone of Wadesboro, placed second with a 7-point 159.0-pounder and pocketed \$500, followed by Chris Eddins of Wadesboro, eight-point 145.2-pounds, \$375; Cecil Sikes of



Shawn Mayhew

Ansonville, eight-point 141.4-pounds, \$225; Brian Bishop of Georgia, 6-point 135.9-pounds, \$100; and Brett Sikes of Polkton, 11-point 131.3-pounds and a free 2014 tournament registration plus \$50 daily prize. All bucks brought in this year seemed to weigh less than those from last year.

Ratliff weighed in a 107.8-pound doe to earn \$800 in total prize money, but was a few pounds under the 2006 record doe of 119.1 pounds held by Tracy Holmes of Marshville.



Bud Ratliff

Brian Allen of Peachland placed a very close second with a 107.3-pounder for \$475, followed by Zach Smith of Wadesboro, 100.1-pound, \$400; JR Perrero of Indian Trail, 99.4 lbs., \$200; Cody Haigler of Lancaster, 98.9 lbs, \$75; and Kevin Thomas of Polkton, 98.2 lbs. \$25 daily prize money and a free 2014 Big-Game Hunt registration.

In the youth buck category, Thomas Maness of Oakboro won top prize money of \$300 with an 11-point, 150.1-pounder. Ryan Hill of Wadesboro took second place in the buck category and \$150 with an 8-point at 141.3-pounds followed by Jonathan Albertson of Matthews, 6-point 120.5-pounds \$90; fourth place was Hunter Williams of Marshville, 5-point 115.2-pounds and \$100 in prize money;

and Katherine McRae of Wadesboro, with a 5-point, 115.1-pounder \$15 daily prize and a free 2014 Big-Game registration.

Zach Sikes of Lilesville, won the youth doe category with an 89.1-pounder worth \$300. The record for the youth largest doe of 115.3-pounds was set by Elizabeth Tarlton of Wadesboro in 2008.

Alan Dale McRae of Wadesboro, placed second with a 87.4-pounder and won \$175, followed by Will Edwards of Peachland, 86.5, \$100; Wesley Barefoot of Raleigh, 84.9, \$75; and Mike Preslar of Norwood, \$15 daily and a free 2014 registration and a \$15 daily prize. The 2013 weigh-in breakdown listed 27 bucks and 69 does, with a grand total of 96 deer.

The entire bay area of the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department was available for the tournament again this year and there was still standing-room-only at the banquet held on Saturday night. Winners of the drawings include: Carson Sikes of Polkton, youth gun; Clint Taylor of Monroe, 308 Winchester Axis Rifle and Scope Combo; Leslie Dennis of Polkton, Scope; Patrick Jarman of Wadesboro, \$100; Curt Howell of Norwood, Rifle; Jeff McCormick of Polkton, Patio

Heater; and Dane Edwards of Peachland, took home a Deer Stand.

Stacie Cato had the Ring Toss game again which seems to be a hit with all the little ones playing and winning prizes.

Lynn Edwards, Executive Director of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, the tournament's host, gave a huge thanks to 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: Buck Shot Deer Processing, Title sponsor; Uwharrie Bank, Banquet sponsor; Gold sponsors; Cobb-Vantress, Duke Energy, N.C. Electric Membership Corp., Pee Dee Electric and Waste Connections, Silver sponsors; Locust Lumber, Tyson Foods, Village Pawn and Windstream, Bronze sponsors; 704 Outdoors, Anson Towing & Recovery, BB & T, Backwater Taxidermy, Lynn Clodfelter Attorney at Law, Lynn Thomas Grading, PNC Bank and McCollum Trucking & Grading, Youth sponsors; Dale McRae Farms and Four a Loader Work, Youth Daily sponsors; Dennis Concrete Finishing and Kiker Resource Management LLC.

"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 again this year, Jake Henry, Abby's brother and Chance Emrich. Also joining our volunteers this year were Meagan and Dempsey Sellers. "These special people give many hours to the tournament and I am most appreciative of their support," Edwards stated. She also expressed the outstanding 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 and Walter Edwards her husband, for cooking the great meal. Edwards would also like to thank Coca-



Thomas Maness



Zack Sikes

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Cola, Pepsi, Refreshment Services and the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department for allowing the event to be held at the fire department each year.

Tournament will be held on Nov. 28-29 of 2014. The Chamber is looking forward to another successful tournament next year! The Chamber of Commerce hopes you all have a safe and Happy Christmas season!

The 17th annual Big-Game Hunt

Wadesboro Christmas Parade

On Thursday, December 5 the streets in uptown Wadesboro were filled with kids and kids at heart for the annual Wadesboro Christmas Parade. Sen. Gene McLaurin and Rep. Mark Brody led the parade as sponsors for this year. With unusually warm weather it still seemed like Christmas as the nearly eighty entrants took to the streets.

With some of our favorites returning like Sir Purr from the Carolina Panthers; the Oasis Steel Drum Band whose sponsors were B&B Pest Control, Leavitt Funeral Home and Sam K. Turner, CPA; and of course, Santa Claus.

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.

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 cider for everyone.



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Leadership Anson Class Has Been Selected for 2014



The Leadership Anson Oversight Committee has selected 15 participants for the Leadership Anson Class of 2014 that begins in January.

The 18th annual developmental program will kick off with an overnight retreat at the Beth Haltiwanger Center in Montgomery County January 10-11. An orientation to prepare participants for the weekend retreat and the ensuing sessions will be held at the Anson County Chamber of Commerce office from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 6.

The Leadership Anson Class of 2014 participants are: Sarah Burns, The Caraway Foundation; James Chanter, Anson Community Hospital; Kari Eudy, Carolia Title Company, Inc.; Tammy Henry, Anson Community Hospital; Sarah Hutchinson, Anson County EMS; Steven Kelly, Wadesboro Police Department; Dawn McElroy, Anson Community

Hospital; Ginger McLain, South Piedmont Community College; Jason Miller, South Piedmont Community College; Jennifer Ricketts, South Piedmont Community College; Burnelle Sturdivant, Anson County Jail; Megan Sellers, Anson County Partnership for Children; Jeremy Taylor, Plank Road Realty; Emily Trexler, South Piedmont Community College; James Willoughby, Hornwood, Inc.

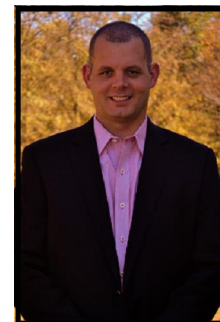
The Leadership Anson program was implemented in 1997 by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. The program, with assistance from South Piedmont Community College and Hornwood Inc., is designed to develop a commitment to community through leadership.



Jeremy Taylor Joins Plank Road Realty, Inc.

Plank Road Realty, Inc. proudly announces that Jeremy Taylor has joined the company as an Associate Broker. Jeremy, who recently received his North Carolina Real Estate License, is a native of Anson County and the son of Rodney and Teresa Taylor of Peachland.

Jeremy and his wife Whitney Scarborough, an attorney with Poisson, Poisson and Bower, PLLC, reside in Peachland. Jeremy has spent the last eleven years employed by ATI Allvac in Union County. Jeremy is handling residential, land and commercial real estate. He can be reached at (704) 694-9570 or Jeremy@plankroadrealty.com. The Realtors and staff of Plank Road Realty welcome Jeremy to the company.



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CALENDAR

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

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

■ The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 16.

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

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

January 31 — Anson County Partnership for Children will hold the 8th Annual Barn Blast Fundraiser from 6:00 pm to 11:30 pm at SPCC's Lockhart Taylor Center in the Ingram Room. Tickets are \$40 until January 17; then the price will go to \$50. For more information call 704-694-4036 or visit www.ansonchildren.org.



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Chamber's Web Calendar!

If your company or organization has planned or is planning an event for 2014 please let us know so we can place it on the calendar.

Also, we are updating our membership records. If any of your information has changed within your company such as email address, website, phone or fax number, please let us know. If you have updated business cards and/or brochures please make sure we have those to place in our lobby as well.



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