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Big Prizes Given at Big Game Hunt Tournament!

hosted the 17th Annual Big-Game Hunt Tournament and it was one of the best ever!

Brian Bishop of Atlanta, Georgia and Raymond Perrero Jr. of Indian Trail earned top honors in the buck and doe categories, in the tournament held Thanksgiving weekend. Both of them earned prize money of \$800 each.

Bishopøs 4-point, 153 pound buck was short of the record by just over 30 pounds set last year by Bron Hyatt, 184.7pounds and 10 points.

Henry Ferguson Jr. of Matthews, placed second with a 7-point 148-pounder



Brian Bishop

pocketed \$475, followed by Lee Efird of Kannapolis, 3-point 1 4 2 pounds, \$ 3 5 0 : Colby

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Zimmerman of Trinity, 10-point 139pounds, \$250; Jacob Thomas of Marshville, 8-point 138-pounds, \$75; and Mike Edwards of Peachland, 8-point 133-pounds and a free 2015 tournament registration plus \$75 daily prize.

Mr. Perrero weighed in a 119-pound doe to earn \$800 in total prize money. Hunter Williams of Marshville placed second with a 105-pounder for \$500, followed by Brandon Surratt of Ansonville, 102-pounds, \$375; Cody Haigler of Lancaster, 101-pounds and \$200; Ronnie Mullis of Marshville, 100 pounds, \$125; and Neil Conklin of Wadesboro, 100 pounds, \$25 daily prize money and a free 2015 Big-Game Hunt registration.

In the youth buck category, Garrett Sikes of Lilesville won top prize money

Anson County Chamber of Commerce of \$300 with an 8-point, 160-pounder. This buck actually beat the top buck in the adult category this year. Nice job by Garrett. Kris Hill of Peachland took



Raymond Perrero Jr.

the buck category winning \$ 1 7 5 with a 4-point at 151pounds followed

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Caroline Ratliff of Oak Island, 8-point 112pounds \$100; fourth place was Wesley Barefoot of Raleigh, 3-point 98-pounds and \$65 in prize money; and Bailey Wicker of Indian Trail with a 6-point, 98-pounder \$15 daily prize and a free 2015 Big-Game registration.

Payton Coble of Mt. Gilead, won the youth doe category with a 103-pounder worth \$300. The record for the youth largest doe of 115.3-pounds was set by Elizabeth Tarlton of Wadesboro in 2008.

Anthony Gurley of Monroe, placed second with a 100-pounder and won \$175, followed by Donnie Coleman of Peachland, 91 pounds, \$100; Cole Sikes of Polkton, 89 pounds, \$75; and Michael Preslar of



Garrett Sikes

listed 47 buckøs and 60 doeøs grand total of 107 deer. Not the record but certainly a good harvest for the tournament.

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: Maddie Coble, youth gun; from the raffle, Otoniel Miranda, Henry Big Boy 357 Mag Lever Action Rifle; Tommy Burr, Binoculars; Brandon



Payton Coble

Surratt, \$100; Donnie Edwards. Charlotte Motor Speedw a y Truck Race tickets: from the

card game, Garrett Griffin, Patio Heater; Allyson Lee, European Mount. had two pick boards this year and those winners included, Kevin Thomas, who won a deer feeder; Drew Thomas, won Tommyøs Taxidermy gift certificate; Mason Hyatt, won a Deer Feeder and Jonathan Albertson won a Stuffyøs Taxidermy gift certificate. For the first time in the tournament a Silent Auction was also held and the winners of the five prizes were, Tim Knopp, a Ladies Gift Pack; Gary Sikes, a Home Speaker; Brandon Surratt, a Concealed Weapon Carry Class; Heather Lemmons, Bore Sighter; Kevin Hicks, 22 Long Rifle and Noah Carpenter, the Hoist.

Stacie Cato had the Ring Toss game again which seems to be a hit with all the little ones playing and winning prizes. Goody bags were also given out to all the kids.

Lynn Edwards, executive director of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, the tournamentos host, gave a õhuge thanksö to the all the hunters who participate each year and support

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this event. õWe had record number of hunters this year, 350 to be exact, and I thank you all for participating,ö Edwards commented.

Edwards thanked the tournament of sponsors ó 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, Lynn Thomas Grading, Tyson Foods, Valley Proteins, Inc., Wesley Holbert Taxidermy, and Windstream, Bronze Sponsors; 704 Outdoors, Anson Towing & Recovery, BB & T, Backwoods Hog Hunters, Lynn Clodfelter Attorney at Law, PNC Bank and McCollum Trucking & Grading, Take Aim Training Range and Village Pawn; Youth Sponsors; Dale McRae Farms and Four a Loader Work, Youth Daily Sponsors; Dennis Concrete Finishing and Kiker Resource Management LLC. There were also a couple of Silent Sponsors this year and we certainly appreciate their support.

õThe Big-Game Hunt Tournament is very successful because of our great volunteers,ö Edwards said, singling out Marty Cato, Courtney & Jamie Webb, Abby Henry, Jessica Webb. Also back again this year was Jake Henry, Abbyøs brother and Luke her husband, Meagan and Dempsy Sellers. õThese special people give many hours to the tournament and I am most appreciative of their support,ö Edwards stated. She also expressed the outstanding effort that Marty Cato puts into this event each year. õMarty is a special person who simply

loves hunting and kids and puts a lot of energy into our tournament. Without him this event would not be what it is today,ö Edwards said. She also thanked her husband and son Walter and Tyler Edwards and John Hyatt for cooking at the event this year. Edwards would also like to thank Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Refreshment Services, Wadesboro IGA and the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department for allowing the event to be held at the fire department each year.

The 18th Aannual Big-Game Hunt Tournament will be held on Nov. 27-28 of 2015. The Chamber is looking forward to another successful tournament! Best wishes for a great 2015 year!

Chamber's Web Calendar!

If your company or organization has planned or is planning an event for 2015, please let us know so we can place it on our web 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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Leadership Anson 2015

The Leadership Anson Oversight Committee has selected 12 participants for the Leadership Anson Class of 2015 that begins in January.

The 19th annual developmental program will kick off with an overnight retreat at the Beth Haltiwanger Center in Montgomery County January 9-10.

The Leadership Anson Class of 2015 participants are: Tammy Almond, Anson County EMS; Laura Byrd, South Piedmont Community College; Jodi Davis, Anson County Schools; Kyle Davis, Anson County Schools; Robert Efird, Hornwood, Inc.; Riley Eudy, Carolinas HealthCare System Anson; Margaret Gibson, South Piedmont Community College; Caroline Goins, Anson County Partnership for Children; Gary Henderson, Carolinas HealthCare System Anson; Roslynn Ingram, Anson County Government - Wastewater Treatment Plant; James Jenkins, Anson Community Hospice/Richmond Hospice; LaShonda Spencer, Anson County Communications.

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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.



Wadesboro Christmas Parade

On Thursday, December 4th the streets in uptown Wadesboro were filled with kids and kids at heart for the annual Wadesboro Christmas Parade. Sheriff Tommy Allen, Retired led the parade as Grand Marshal. Rep. Mark Brody was the sponsor for this year¢s parade. It was a beautiful day as the eighty plus 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 Branch Banking & Trust, 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. 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 Tommy Allen 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 childrengs 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.



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CALENDAR

- ■The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 8.
- The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20.
- ■The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 15.
- ■Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13.

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

January 30 — Anson County Partnership for Children will hold the 9th Annual Barn Blast Fundraiser from 5:00 pm to 11:30 pm at SPCC Lockhart Taylor Center in the Ingram Room. For more information call 704-694-4036 or visit www.ansonchildren.org.



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