

# CHAMBERLINES

## Big Prizes Given at Big Game Hunt Tournament!

Anson County Chamber of Commerce hosted the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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



**Brian Bishop**

and pocketed \$475, followed by Lee Efird of Kannapolis, 3-point 142-pounds, \$350; Colby Zimmerman of Trinity, 10-point 139-pounds, \$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

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

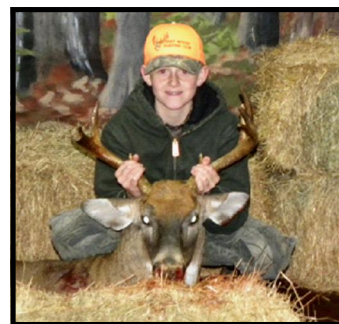


**Raymond Perrero Jr.**

second place in the buck category winning \$175 with a 4-point at 151-pounds followed by Caroline Ratliff of Oak Island, 8-point 112-pounds \$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**

Norwood, \$15 daily and a free 2015 Registration for his 85-pounder. The 2014 weigh-in breakdown listed 47 bucks and 60 does 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 Speedway Truck Race tickets; from the card game, Garrett Griffin, Patio Heater; Allyson Lee, European Mount. We had two pick boards this year and those winners included, Kevin Thomas, who won a deer feeder; Drew Thomas, won Tommy's Taxidermy gift certificate; Mason Hyatt, won a Deer Feeder and Jonathan Albertson won a Stuffed 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 tournament's host, gave a huge thanks to the all the hunters who participate each year and support





# 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.

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 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.

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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's Lockhart Taylor Center in the Ingram Room. For more information call 704-694-4036 or visit [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org).

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