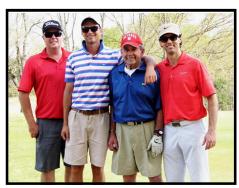


The Anson County Chamber of Commerce held its 14th annual **"Chamber Open,"** better known as the **"Premier Golf Event of Anson County"** on Friday April 11th at Twin Valley Country Club. With 34 teams booked and many volunteers lined up everyone was prepared for a great tournament. Players had their choice of an 8:00am or 1:00pm tee time and with weather looking very nice, it was sure to be a great day for golf!



1st Place - Wadesboro Tire & Auto

This õPremie Golf Eventö would not be as successful without the support of our sponsors, volunteers and especially the golfers. Deepest thanks goes to our **Presenting Sponsor** for this year, **Carolinas HealthCare System.**



2nd Place - Horwood

Special thanks also to Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Tyson, Refreshment Services Inc., R.A. Jefferies, and IGA of Wadesboro; and also a very special thanks to Russell Sikes of Plank Road Realty for cooking all the chicken. There are many others to thank for their contributions to this event as well, including Rep. Mark Brody who was the Lunch Sponsor, and Senator Gene McLaurin who sponsored the registration table, and Frank McGuirt Advertising for donating the goody bags. Several folks donated goody bag items, the team and hole sign sponsors, and we are very grateful to Holly and Jason Kiker for being the Drink Cart Sponsors this year through



3rd Place - NCEMC

Anson Family Optometric and Kiker Forestry Service. Thank you also to the four candidates running for Anson County Sheriff: Josh Beam, Ricky Little, Landric Reid and Mike Smith, for sponsoring the On the Course Prizes. A special thank-you goes to Mitch Moretz and the staff at Twin Valley Country Club for their support. õI certainly have to give my warmest thank- you to our Golf Committee: Jilla Gathings, Jeff Rodgers, Todd Moore, Terri Martin, Tommy Allen and Freddie Vega. Without these wonderful volunteers this event would not be as successful and I appreciate each one

of them,ö Edwards stated. Big thanks also to the 2014 Leadership Anson Class for helping out on this day as well.

Winners: First place winners of the tournament were Wadesboro Tire and Auto, in at second was Hornwood Inc., and coming in third was NCEMC. The winner of the Split- the-Pot was Stan Brock. Thank you to Chris Baxley of Pee Dee Electric for operating the bucket truck again this year for the ball drop event. õAlthough it got a little windy we were able to get the Ball Drop in. Everyone loves to see this part of the tournament,ö Edwards stated. The winner of the õGolf Ball Dropö was Greg Eudy. Longest Putt went to Mike Edwards for the morning and Alvin Bates for the afternoon. Longest Drive went to Jimmy Flake for the morning and Chance Emrich for the afternoon. Closest to the Pin was Gary Bell for the morning and Brandon Chewning for the afternoon. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Mark your calendars now for April 17, 2015 so you wongt miss the "Premier Golf Event of Anson County.ö





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Week of Young Child Parade in Downtown Wadesboro

Anson County Partnership for Childrenøs annual Week of the Young Child Parade on Tuesday, April 8 brought more than 400 young children and teachers dressed in their õfroggy finestö to Rutherford and Wade Streets in Wadesboro. The theme of the parade was õToo Many Frogs,ö based on the book by the same name. Young children from toddlers to kindergarteners marched up and down the streets, many dressed as frogs and a few as bunnies, based on the characters in the book. The family members and community leaders who gathered to support the children and watch the parade enjoyed the creative costumes and other efforts of the teachers and child care providers.

The Week of the Young Child is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and is an opportunity for all early childhood programs across the

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country to hold activities to bring awareness to the needs of young children. õAll young children in Anson County need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for success in life,ö said Elaine B. Scarborough, Executive Director of Anson County Partnership for Children. April has been declared the Month of the Young Child in North Carolina, a time to recognize young children and all the adults who care for them.

Vancine Sturdivant, current Anson County Champion for Children, served as Grand Marshal for the parade. She was escorted by police chief Thaddus Spencer and Magistrate Weaver Thomas. Two of the members of the Tarradiddle Players marched along with the children in costume for their performance of õToo Many Frogs.ö

The Anson County Partnership for Children provided free books to all children who attended the parade.

Following the parade, the NC Pre-K classrooms attended the performance of õToo Many Frogs,ö by the Taradiddle Players, in the historic Ansonia Theatre. Awards were presented to Central Headstart (classroom of Karen Gerald), Anson Childrenøs Center (classrooms of Bunny Call and Janateer Merritt) and Open Doors (classrooms of Margaret Goins and Dayna Faw) for best portrayal among parade entries of the theme of the book.

The Partnership and the Anson County Arts Council sponsored a free evening performance of õToo Many Frogsö for children and family members. More than 150 attended the performance and all children who attended also received a free book from the Partnership.

Anson County Partnership for Children would like to thank Jean Gardner with Anson County Arts Council; Wadesboro Police Department for traffic control; Beth Rogers, Sharon Little, and Josh Bricker for serving as judges for the parade; Jeff Harris for handling the road closures and openings; and the Town of Wadesboro for their assistance. We would like to thank the Anson County Arts Council for co-sponsoring the performances which provided Anson Countyø youngest citizens with exposure to the theatrical arts.





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Wadesboro Rotary Club hosts another successful Sporting Clays Competition!

Rain couldn't put a damper on the fourth annual Wadesboro Rotary **Club Sporting Clays Competition** held at Buchanan Shoals on Saturday, March 29. Despite occasional downpours, the 60 competitors enjoyed a great event. Proceeds totaled over \$6000 and will be used to support the Rotary Youth Shooting Team and other community projects. A big thank you to this year's sponsors: Strategic Investments (Title Sponsor), Kiker Resource Management, Pee Dee Electric, Gaston Young Guns, Kendall Trucking, Linder, RE Burns, The Fork Farm, Covington Eye, Lynn Thomas Grading, Anson Family Optometric, Hornwood Inc., Jordan Lumber, Ben Chewning, LKC Engineering, Dewitt's Outdoor Sports and Quality Equipment.



Lynn Thomas Grading Team



Jordan Lumber Team

Winners included: 1st Place Team-Lynn Thomas Grading (BJ Hill, Derek Lambert, James Phillipy, and John Phillipy), 2nd Place Team – Jordan Lumber (Jay Jordan, Jeff Jordan, Doug Richardson, and Tony Norman), and 3rd Place Team - Buddy Waddell Farms (Buddy Waddell, Brian Allen, Mike Preslar and JJ Harrington).



Buddy Waddell Farms Team



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CALENDAR

■The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 1.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20.

The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 15.

Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13.

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

May 2 ô First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro will have a **Salad Luncheon** from 11:30 am ó 2:00 pm. The cost is \$7 per plate and tickets may be purchased at the church office Monday ó Thursday from 9:30 am ó 1:00 pm or you can purchase a ticket the day of.

May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 & 11 6 The Anson County Arts Council will present Godspell, the musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Performances times will be Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at Lacyøs in Wadesboro and the Anson County Arts Anson County Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 305 ● 107-A E. Wade St. Wadesboro, N.C., 28170-0305 Information: 704-694-4181 Website: www.ansoncounty.org E-mail: ansonchamber@windstream.net



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Council Monday thru Friday from 11:00 am to 6:00pm. Tickets can also be purchased online via Paypal at www. ansoniatheatre.com. This is reserved seating so get those tickets early.

May 10 ó Lilesville Fire Dept. will have an All You Can Eat Breakfast from 6:00 am ó 10:00 am at the fire department. Cost is \$6. May 11 ô Mother's Day.

May 15 ô **The Old Store** in Lilesville will hold their **Cruise In** starting at 5:00 pm. For more information call 704-848-8385.

May 17 ô HOLLA! will host a 5K Fun Run/ Walk to raise awareness to the plight of illiteracy. Registration begins at 8:00 am at the HOLLA! Let& MOVE Fitness Center in Morven. Individual registration fee is \$20 or team registration fee (10 or more people) is \$100. For more information call 704-851-3144.

May 17 ô HOLLA! will hold their Annual Literacy Festival from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the HOLLA! Center in Morven. For more information contact HOLLA! at 704-851-3144.

May 26 ô Memorial Day.



