

CHAMBERLINES

8th Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride

On Saturday morning, November 2nd, nearly 50 bicycling enthusiasts from around the state converged on Ansonville bright and early for the eighth annual Discover Anson Bike Ride.

The ride started promptly at 9 a.m. at Ansonville Elementary School with the waving of the green flag from Ansonville Mayor Lyndell Ingram, and headed south with a 30-, 50- or 75-mile route winding through some of Anson County's most spectacular scenery. Along the way were SAG wagons that rode along with the cyclists and provided support if any riders became stranded or injured. There



were also three rest stops, which provided rest rooms, water, Gatorade and snacks.

Anson County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lynn Edwards stated that 12 cyclists pre-registered before Saturday morning, but nearly 40 registered the morning of the ride. Edwards stated that the cyclist that traveled the farthest was from Germany. He was visiting family and decided to participate in the bike ride.

The Discover Anson Bike Ride is part of Ansonville's Homecoming Celebration, which concluded with a parade later in the afternoon and also featured the Ansonville Vol. Fire Department's annual barbecue sale.

2014: A Report to the Membership

◀ NOVEMBER 2013 ▶

52nd Annual Membership Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014 @ Lockhart Taylor Center in the Ingram Room, at 6:30 pm.

Community Awards at Chamber's Annual Meeting

The 51st Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet was held on November 12 at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center.

Lawrence Gatewood presented the 2013 Henry W. Little III Award for Community Leadership. Gatewood



Anna Baucom

Director of Information Services, and was appointed to the Anson County

Board of Commissioners in 1993. She served until 1998 and returned to the board in 2006, where she has served as chairman since that time. She is also active in the NC Association of County Commissioners as a trustee of the association's risk management program.

Gatewood presented this year's H.W. Little Award to Anna Baucom, Anson County Board of Commissioners Chair. Baucom thanked everyone and said she was honored. "It is a thank you to the entire County Commissioner Board," Baucom stated.

Jilla Gathings, the 2012 W. Dunlap Covington Award winner, presented this year's W. Dunlap Covington Award. Gathings stated, "This year's winner is a non-profit organization that was established in 1978 by local Anson County citizens." She stated that this group has brought together the talents of local and regional folks in the visual and performing arts, including painting, pottery, woodworking, textile art, sculpture, photography, decorative art,

folk art, jewelry, music, dance, drama, creative writing and poetry. She further stated that their mission is to enrich the cultural lives of the people of Anson County by nurturing and supporting excellence in the arts, promoting, presenting and encouraging educational activities, and increasing the community's awareness and appreciation of the arts. Gathings presented this year's "Dunnie" award to the Anson County Arts Council.



Johnie Pettiford

Johnie Pettiford accepted the award on behalf of the Anson County Arts Council.



Chamber's 50th Annual Membership Meeting



Jennifer Tarlton of Sam K. Turner, CPA and Richard Allen, API Security were unanimously elected as directors of the Chamber board at the 51st Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet.

Chamber Vice Chair Lewis Evans presented the outgoing chair plaque to Jeff Rodgers, Anson Community Hospital. Chamber Chair Jeff Rodgers presented outgoing directors Tommy Allen, Anson County Sheriff and Sam Turner, Sam K. Turner, CPA with appreciation plaques.

Lynn Edwards, the Chamber's Executive Director, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Edwards thanked the thirteen corporate sponsors for this year, Anson Community Hospital, Anson County Tourism Development, BB & T, Brown Creek Animal Hospital, Columbus-McKinnon, Duke Energy, Leavitt Funeral Home, NCEMC, Pee Dee Electric, Plank Road Realty, Sandhills Office Systems, SPCC and Uwharrie Bank. She also thanked the annual dinner committee members for their assistance in planning the annual membership meeting and



Sheriff Tommy Allen & Sam Turner

dinner; the banquet's caterers, Beth Rogers and Cathy Thompson, the volunteer servers (students from ACEC, AHS & ANTS); and assistance from Freda Buchanan.

Edwards recognized members of the following committees: Big-Game Hunt, Golf Tournament, Leadership Anson and Marketing/Bike Ride. She also thanked Jenny Prevatte with Twilite Computer Service for her help in making the Ansonian Adventures Board Game possible.

Dunnie Winners — 1995-2012

- 1995** Denise Beachum, Fancy Crafts, People Fest Chair, 1983-95
- 1996** Anson County Writers Club, producers of the outdoor drama, "A Ripple in the River," and the annual poetry and prose contests for youths and adults
- 1997** Chris and Robin Sanford, Wadesboro IGA
- 1998** Don Scarborough, Plank Road Realty
- 1999** Don Altieri, South Piedmont Community College
- 2000** Elbert Marshall, Anson County Chamber of Commerce
- 2001** Carol Smith, Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center
- 2002** Rev. Dr. Priscilla Durkin, First Presbyterian Church
- 2003** Russell Sikes, Plank Road Realty
- 2004** Uptown Wadesboro Inc., Main Street program successes
- 2004** Anne Covington, Thrift Loan & Finance
- 2005** Jarvis Woodburn, Coffing Hoist
- 2006** John Dunlap, retiree from Wansona Mfg.
- 2007** Dana Maness, Vice-President Anson Bank & Trust
- 2008** Lynn Edwards, Exe. Director Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce
- 2009** Elaine Scarborough & Anson Co. Partnership for Children
- 2010** Todd Moore, Pee Dee Electric
- 2011** Mary E. Little, HOLLA!
- 2012** Jilla Gathings, Anson Community Hospital
- 2013** The Anson County Arts Council



The W. Dunlap Covington Award for Community Service honors Mr. Covington, who was a founding father of the Chamber of Commerce. Dunnie, who served as chairman from 1963 through 1966, passed away in 1998.

It was great to have Senator Gene McLaurin and Representative Mark Brody attend the banquet this year as well. The Chamber has a board of 18 Directors in which 15 were able to attend this year: Jeff Rodgers, Dr. Don Altieri, Dr. Stan Sidor, Lewis Evans, Derek James, Brandis Chewning, Carly Little, Phyllis Dawkins, Don Scarborough, Chuck

Horne, Michael Freeman, Sheriff Tommy Allen, Sam Turner, Jeremy Wilson and Josh Bricker.

Everyone enjoyed the evening, especially the food and the Christmas Story game that was played at the end. How great it was to see snow falling as everyone left for the night.



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

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



The 2013 first place winners were:

Buck - Shawn Mayhew, Indian Trail
162.6 pounds

Doe - Bud Ratliff, Wadesboro
107.8 pounds

Youth Buck - Thomas Maness, Oakboro
150.1 pounds

Youth Doe - Zack Sikes, Lilesville
89.1 pounds

The 2013 raffle winners were:

Clint Taylor, Monroe - 1st place
Leslie Dennis, Polkton - 2nd Place
Patrick Jarman, Wadesboro - 3rd Place

The 2013 pick board winners were:

Curt Howell, Norwood
Jeff McCormick, Polkton
Dane Edwards, Peachland

The 2013 youth drawing winner was:

Carson Sikes, Polkton



Shawn Mayhew



Bud Ratliff



Thomas Maness



Zack Sikes

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◀ DECEMBER 2013 ▶

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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Plank Road Realty, Inc. proudly announces that Jeremy Taylor has joined the company as an Associate Broker.

◀ JANUARY 2014 ▶



The Leadership Anson Oversight Committee has selected 13 participants for the Class of 2014.

The 18th developmental program began the weekend of January 10th and January 11th with a Lake Tillery overnight retreat at the Uwharrie Lodge and Retreat Center.



Pictured above are the new partners of Turner & Tyson, PLLC formally known as Sam K Turner, Jr. CPA's office. The partners are Jennifer Tarlton, Sam Turner, & Wesley Tyson. As well as a new name, a new location in Locust has been added.

Lunch & Learn

On January 21st the Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn sponsored by South Piedmont Community College's Small Business Center with Director Lisa Rolan. The presentation was given by Shane Fraiser, of Social Networking Assistance on "How to Build Your Business through Networking & Social Media."



One year and one day from the time ground was broken, Anson County's new Emergency Services Center opened with a brief dedication ceremony and open house.



On February 18 the Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn sponsored by South Piedmont Community College's Small Business Center with Director Lisa Rolan. The presentation was given by Rose Plesz, Independent Senior Sales Director for Mary Kay on "Who Are You and What Does It Say About Your Business."



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◀ MARCH ▶

On March 26th the Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn sponsored by Insuperity. The presentation was given by Mary Anne Clarkson Barkley, Business Performance Advisor for Insuperity.



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. First place team was Lynn Thomas Grading (BJ Hill, Derek Lambert, James Phillipy and John Phillipy).



◀ APRIL ▶

Golf

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 "Premier Golf Event" 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**.



Anson County Partnership for Children's annual Week of the Young Child Parade on Tuesday, April 8 brought more than 400 young children and teachers dressed in their "froggy finest" to Rutherford and Wade Streets in Wadesboro. The theme of the parade was "Too Many Frogs," 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.





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◀ MAY ▶

The NC Dept. of Labor honored Anson, Richmond and Montgomery County employers and employees at the agency's annual Safety Awards Banquet that was hosted by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce and was held at Oliver's in Wadesboro on Monday, May 5. Approximately 45 people attended the event, many of them for the first time.



The Anson County Animal Shelter, which has been open since April 28, held a dedication and open house on Saturday, May 17 that drew in people from around Anson and surrounding counties.



◀ JUNE ▶

Leadership Anson



Graduates of the 2014 Leadership Anson Class. Front Row (l-r): Megan Sellers, Anson County Partnership for Children; Jennifer Ricketts, SPCC; Tammy Henry, Anson Community Hospital; Dawn McElroy, Anson Community Hospital; Ginger McLain, SPCC; Emily Trexler, SPCC; Kari Eudy, Carolina Title Company, Inc.; Sarah Hutchinson, Anson County EMS; Burnelle Sturdivant, Anson County Jail. Back Row (l-r): O'Brian Willoughby, Hornwood, Inc.; Jason Miller, SPCC; Jeremy Taylor, Plank Road Realty; Steven Kelly, Wadesboro Police Dept.

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The Anson County Chamber of Commerce staff and Board of Directors hosted a Membership Appreciation Lunch on June 6th at noon just outside the Chamber office at the gazebo. It was a nice sunny day with a little breeze that was just right for hotdogs with all the trimmings, chips, drinks and cookies.



Sen. Gene McLaurin with Chamber staff & directors

◀ JULY ▶



On June 24th the Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center, sponsored by the Centralina Workforce Development Board. Amie Coffey, Business Services, Division of Workforce Solutions introduced John Curtis, Instruction Coordinator, who gave a presentation on "Introduction to NC Works Online."



Carolinas HealthCare System is transforming the way healthcare is delivered in Anson County. On Monday, July 14 Carolinas HealthCare System opened a new hospital in Wadesboro which took the place of Anson Community Hospital.



◀ AUGUST ▶

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce along with the Wadesboro Rotary Club held a "School Supplies Drive" during the month of August.



Anson County Centralina Workforce Center celebrated a grand opening with a ribbon cutting at their new location at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center, 514 N. Washington St., Wadesboro on Friday, August 22.



◀ SEPTEMBER ▶

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. along with 40 volunteers gathered on Tuesday morning, September 11th to place 2,977 American flags on the Court House lawn.



Over 170 farmers, livestock producers, business and community leaders from across the county were in attendance at the annual Farm-City Week Dinner, held Tuesday, September 23 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center.



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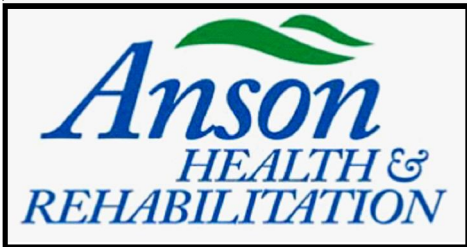
◀ OCTOBER ▶



On October 15th, Auto Star of Wadesboro held a Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.



Anson Health & Rehabilitation held a Business After Hours on October 16th.



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On October 25th, Uptown Wadesboro Inc. held their FALL FESTIVAL that over 150 children enjoyed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner will be held on November 11th. Remember to RSVP no later than November 4th.
- The 17th Annual Big Game Hunt will be on Nov. 28th & 29th. Last day to register is on Monday, November 24th. Late registration will only be taken at the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, November 26th by 5 p.m.
- The Wadesboro Christmas Parade will be held on Thursday, December 4th at 4:00 pm. Entry forms are to be turned into the Chamber of Commerce no later than Wednesday, November 26th.

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