

# CHAMBERLINES

## VARIOUS BRAIDING SALON, GRAND OPENING!

A beautiful sunny morning set the stage for a grand opening and ribbon cutting at Various Braiding Salon in Wadesboro on May 1st.

Various Braiding Salon has been a long time dream for one of the owner-operators, Sherelle Funderburk, since she was nine years old. Not only is she an owner but also one of the five stylist on hand. The salon offers Micro Braids, Kinky Twists, Yarn Braids, Sew Ins, Corn Rows, Box Braids, Senegalese Twists and more. They are offering \$10 off during the month of May.

Carly Little, Chamber of Commerce president, remarked, "Congratulations and best wishes. Thank you for joining the business community and I wish you much success."

Bill Thacker, Wadesboro mayor, "We are always excited to see new businesses

come to Anson County and look forward to seeing you around for a long time."



Owners, Sherelle Funderburk and Ronnie Hicks (cutting the ribbon) and family and friends!

Anna Baucom, chairman of the Anson Co. Bd of Commissioners. "I know what

a leap of faith it is to make this kind of investment. The courage it takes to be an employer and an employee is a worthy commendation. I wish you all the success in the world."

One of the owner-operator's Ronnie Hicks thanked everyone for coming and supporting them. "I'm a little speechless I never thought I would be a business owner. I agree with the mayor; we hope to be here for many days to come."

Following the ceremony, visitors enjoyed a tour of the facility, free hot dogs, chips and drinks.

Various Braiding Salon hours are Sun-Mon by appointment only, Tues-Thurs 9am to 8pm and Fri-Sat 7am to 9pm. Walk in's are welcome.

Various Braiding Salon is located at 2470 Hwy 74 East, Wadesboro, in the old mini mart shopping center, 704-994-3722.

## "Lunch & Learn" 100% paid on the job training!

The Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce had a Lunch and Learn on May 11th sponsored by NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services. The topic was "It's simple as OJT, On the



Melissa Flynn, Business Relations Rep.

Job Training" and was presented by Melissa Flynn, Business Relations Representative for Anson, Richmond, Moore, Montgomery and Hoke Counties.

Employers across the state of NC are taking advantage of the 100% paid on the job-training program offered by VR. There were around 20 in attendance for insight on how the program works, "How VR can help employers hire at no cost for training."

Flynn presented each attendee with a packet of information. She went on to explain that VR is providing training in a specific trades with the aim of gaining employment. The advantage of hiring someone that is involved with Voc Rehab is: it minimizes your turnover, cuts your hiring and training cost, get a no cost follow-up, qualify for one or more tax breaks and retain valuable workers. On top of benefits like screened and qualified employees, customized consultation, and follow-up after the hire, you can be one of the thousands of employers who enjoy a tax savings when you employ someone referred by VR Employer Services. There are four kinds of tax incentives available. A Voc Rehab representative will go in a workplace look at the available job and the skills that are required to fulfill the position, how long of a training period is typical for the position and the representative will identify any qualified applicants. The business will interview the individuals' using company standard procedure, and if not satisfied with the individual, then the business does not have to hire them.

A VR representative will then follow-up with customized consultations to



Lunch & Learn attendees absorbing valuable information.

ensure that the new hire is a good fit. VR will pay up to four weeks of paid training for individuals at no cost to the business. Last year, NC businesses hired thousands of individuals referred by VR. To many of these folks, they provided counseling, evaluation, training or education.

Attendees at this event enjoyed a fabulous lunch provided by Events Catering, LLC. Door prizes were given out and all enjoyed networking with each other after the event.

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## ANSON SUMMER JAMS, are you ready?

Looking for something relaxing and free to do in Anson County, well Uptown Wadesboro Inc. (UWI) has you covered. UWI has scheduled three Summer Jam programs for the first Friday in June, July and August. Come and enjoy free music on a long summer evening.



The Summer Jam schedule:

- June 4th- Natural Reaction of Wadesboro. The concert will be held from 7-10 p.m. on East Wade Street in uptown Wadesboro.

- July 2nd- JoJo's Production of Concord. The concert will be held at Shelton Ball Field, Camden Road, Wadesboro, beginning at 7 p.m. A fireworks display in celebration of Independence Day is scheduled to begin at 10:15 p.m.



- August 6th- SmokeBreak. The concert will be held from 7-10 p.m. on East Wade Street in uptown Wadesboro. All three Summer Jams are free with free parking. Local organizations will be selling food. Also there will be activities for children. **Don't forget your chair!** For more information call 704-695-1644.



## New Member Sketches

*The following have joined the Chamber for Fiscal Year 2010-11*

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# Farmers Market

The Uptown Wadesboro Farmer's Market will kick off its second season on the square in Uptown Wadesboro on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Just like last year, the Uptown Farmer's Market will be open every Thursday from 4pm to 6pm, June through September. This year the market will also be open the first Saturday in each month from 8am to 12pm,



starting with the first Saturday in June and ending after the first Saturday in September.



Locally grown and made products available at the market will include vegetables and fruits, locally raised, hormone-free beef, fresh local eggs, gourmet pies, honey, homemade breads, pastries, jams, jellies, plants, flowers, herbs, preserves, local crafts and much more.



## NVBBDI's Spring Business After Hours!



New Ventures Business Development, Inc. held a spring Business After Hours on May 18th. On display for purchase were beautiful art pieces by local artists.

The Olde Mill Gallery is located at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center on Washington St. For more information 704-272-5457.



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# Dedication Ceremony for Wadesboro Park!

On May 27th a dedication ceremony was held for the new Wadesboro Park. Honored guests were members of the Little family, who donated the land for the park to the town.

Wadesboro Mayor Bill Thacker opened the remarks by saying "Thank you for being with us this afternoon ... it is our pleasure to have you here."

Thacker then recognized current and former council members and spouses who worked on the project: Lynn Horton, Ed Emory, Bob Blalock, Al Cole, Derek James, F.M. Hightower, Paula Tice, Don McRorie, Mrs. Sam McLendon, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gatewood, James David Lee and Bobby Usrey.

Thacker read a letter from N.C. Rep. Pryor Gibson who apologized for not being present, but said that he and his family had already made use of the park. "Congratulations on an exciting new facility," Gibson wrote, "I know it will be an asset and source of pride for years to come." Thacker concluded his remarks by introducing N.C. Senator Bill Purcell, David Deese (representing U.S. Rep. Larry Kissell).

Town Manager John Witherspoon told

the onlookers that he could summarize the project in five chapters. He began with the second chapter by saying that after the town received the property from the Little family, the council formed a Park Advisory Committee. "They took the ideas of the citizens and condensed them down to a written plan, they needed a picture," Witherspoon said. An architect,



From left, Holly, Carly and Cynthia Little (Henry Little family) and Charles Little, Corrinne Nicholson and Lucy Little (Charles Little family)

Blair Israel, Regional Planner at Centralina COG, was hired. "What you see is what he designed from what we wanted," Witherspoon said.

Chapter Three was "we didn't have enough money. Wal-Mart made a donation and "an angel dropped out of heaven in the form of the Yost Foundation



and got us going. We sold the timber on the land and got us a grant."

In Chapter Four, Witherspoon said, Hugh James, director of public services for the town, and Adam Allison of Hobbs Upchurch laid out the park. Hugh James laid out the trail. Anson Contractors, gave us a wonderful bid and as you can see, they did a wonderful job." "We had an idea for a shelter and restrooms," Witherspoon continued, "but Max Kendall had a better idea and built them for less than we could have done otherwise."

Witherspoon expressed thanks to the Dedication Committee, Brenda Parker and Don McRorie, who put together the food and the balloons that were released after the official remarks. Bob Blalock and Eddie Pope helped with the food, and Wal-Mart, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Pepsi Cola contributed food and drinks. Witherspoon then returned to "Chapter One" saying that the families of Charles and Henry Little had provided the land. "Without them, the park would not have been possible. A plaque has been placed in memory and appreciation of the Little family. View more photos, visit

[www.cityofwadesboro.org](http://www.cityofwadesboro.org)

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## CALENDAR

- The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 10.
- The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15.
- The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 17.
- Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 17.

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

## Upcoming Calendar Events

**June 5** — The Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center will host **JOHN BREWER DAY**, beginning with a yard sale at 6:30 a.m. A benefit breakfast will be served from 7:00-10:00 a.m. (for a \$5 donation). From 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., free hotdogs will be available; sodas and sno-cones will be sold throughout the day for \$1 each. Also scheduled is music, a horseshoe tournament, a basketball shootout, and games for children. A photographer will be on hand to snap family photos. A youth dance will begin at 7:00 p.m. (\$5 admission); dancers will be judged for their outfits with three winners being awarded cash prizes. Vendors are welcome to set up

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for the day. For more information, call Jewel Brewer at 704.385.9777.

**June 21-25** — The Rotary Planetarium and Science Center will host a **SCIENCE CAMP** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The Monday-Friday topic will be "Ooey Gooley Week." Cost is \$100 per child (scholarships are available). For more information, call Lanette Phillips, camp director, at 704.694.7016 or e-mail [phillips.lanette@anson.k12.nc.us](mailto:phillips.lanette@anson.k12.nc.us).

**June 28-July 2** — The Rotary Planetarium and Science Center will host a **SCIENCE CAMP** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The Monday-Friday topic will be "Going Green Week." Cost is \$100 per child (scholarships are available).



## Happy Father's Day

June 2010



from your Chamber!

June is a very busy month!  
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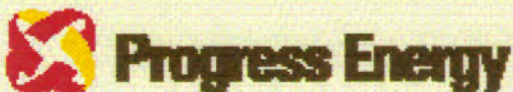
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