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4th Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride

The fourth Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride took place on Saturday November 7, 2009 in Ansonville.

Forty-one riders participated in the event, which included a 30-mile, 50-mile and new riders.



(for seasoned riders) a 70-mile Riders line up for the 9:00 a.m. start of the 4th annual route. Twenty of these were Discover Anson Bike Ride Nov. 7.

The Marketing/Discover Anson Committee was elated with joy regarding the number of riders. The riders bicycled through Anson County's historic rural countryside. Among returning riders were biking buddies Jessie Blackwelder of Mt. Pleasant and Kim Coyle of Norwood. Both expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming ride. The 2009 ride was "great," said Blackwwelder, mentioning the beautiful scenery along the routes. "And I love when you get back there's all this great food," she added.

Maness and Leavitt to end term!

Maness has served six years as a board member

Retiring Board member (2005-2010) Dana Maness said, "It has been an extreme pleasure to be Dana Maness able to serve two



terms on our chamber board. During my time on the board I was afforded the opportunity to serve in several capacities; board chairman, the membership committee and on the finance committee. Having been involved in the financing of our local economy for numerous years, currently as President of Anson Bank & Trust Co., I have been able to see first hand the direct relationship between a vibrant chamber of commerce and a viable economy. I strongly encourage all citizens and businesses to support our chamber of commerce and serve if asked to do so. Your service is a solid investment with returns being paid to our local economy. I would be remiss if I did not say remember to "shop local". Spending your money in Anson County does make a difference."

Leavitt has served six years as a board member

Serving his terms as board member (2005-2010), Harvey Leavitt stated, "It



has been a privilege Harvey Leavitt

and honor to serve our Chamber of Commerce. The staff is totally dedicated to the mission of the Chamber and they are constantly seeking ways to promote our community. Their enthusiasm appears to be endless and if you spend any time with them, you will learn it is also contagious. The Directors are a dedicated group of people who genuinely want to see our community thrive and grow.

For myself, I have been around long enough to see the Chamber through some lean times but all the while learning to build on their successes. In closing, I leave the board with the confidence of knowing that the Chamber is in good hands with outstanding board leadership and a dedicated staff that is poised to lead us in the years to come."

(A full list of Chamber Directors is found on Page 4.)

2010: a report to the membership

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One hundred and fifty-three people attended the 47th annual Membership Meeting & Banquet on November 17, 2009 at Lockhart-Taylor Center in the Ingram room.

Jay Wright, State Farm Ins., were reelected to a second term on the Chamber's Board; Carly Little, H.W. Little & Co., Jeff Rodgers, Anson Community Hospital and Ashlie Jones, Anson Co Partnership for Children, was elected to a three-year term.

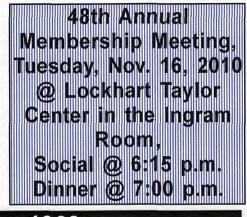
At the Membership Meeting and Banquet, the following members were recognized as outgoing board directors:

 Sheriff Tommy Allen, Anson Co. Sheriff Department, was honored for his six years of service on the Chamber Board.

 Jarvis Woodburn, Coffing Hoist, was honored for his six years of service as a Board member.

Lynn Edwards, Executive Director, Anson County Chamber of Commerce, recognized Jilla Gathings and Marty Cato as volunteer committee chairs.





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The 16th annual W. Dunlap Covington Award for Community Service was presented by Elbert Marshall to Elaine Scarborough and co-winners A. C. Partnership for Children.

Scarborough and the Partnership for Children are the 16th recipient of the prestigious Chamber award since 1995. The award is in honor of W. Dunlap "Dunnie" Covington, who was instrumental in starting the Chamber of commerce here in 1963. Elbert said,"In the 13 years that the Partnership has been serving Anson County, there has been an important impact on the methodology of preparing children in their pre-school years," he said, adding, "of working with young adults, parents and guardians ... of establishing a rating system for child care centers ... of providing incentives for child care personnel to continue their education ... of securing grant monies for numerous organizations and programs ... and of being a conduit for information, assistance, advice and future planning." Dana Maness congratulated the Partnership's staff, saying, "Having worked with you over the past four years, I know that you deserve the award."

The fifth Henry W. Little, III Community Leadership Award was presented by Carly Little to Dr. Don Altieri. The award was initiated by the Chamber in 2005 to exemplify Little's ideals and standards of service. The award is in honor of Henry W. Little III, a wellknown and well-respected business and community leader who died in August 2005.

Dunnie Winners — 1995-2009

- 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

The W. Dunlap Covington Award for Community Services 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.



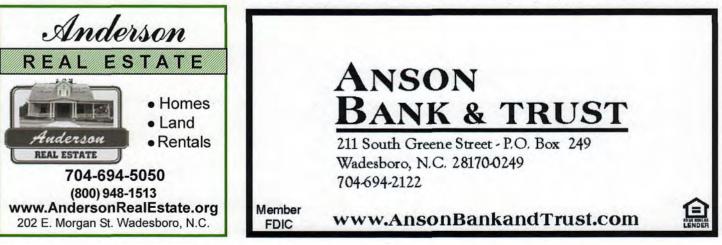
Dr. Don Altieri, Henry W. Little, III Community Leadership Award

Carly Little stated she thinks it is fitting to present the "Henry" award to Dr. Altieri because he works so hard for education and the betterment of the place we call home. Henry was a major supporter of education and our home as well. He believed in these two causes, as I believe



Elaine Scarborough, director, and A. C. Partnership for Children, Co-Winners, W. Dunlap Covington Award for Community service.

Dr. Altieri does. Little went on to recognize Altieri's work with Uptown Wadesboro Inc. and the Wadesboro Rotary Science and Planetarium Center; and his recognition by the State of North Carolina as a recipient of the Order of the Longleaf Pine, the highest individual honor given by the state of North Carolina.



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Second to Nature Home Medical Equipment and Supplies celebrated its relocation to Anson Station Shopping Center with a grand re-opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 28. Pictured is Co-Oweners Jennifer Johnson and Robbie Carpenter with employees and family.

The Twelfth annual Big-Game Hunt Tournament Committee registered 283 hunters for the Nov. 27-28 event. The tournament awarded \$5,300 in cash prizes (adult and youth divisions). A total of 113 deer were weighed in.

The 2009 **Big-Game** Hunt Tournament's title sponsor was Lynn Thomas Grading; gold sponsors included Progress Energy, Cobb-Vantress, North Carolina Electric Membership Coop., Windstream, Pee Dee Electric; silver sponsors included Anson Bank & Trust, The Sportsman's Closet, R.A. Jeffreys Distributing Co.; bronze sponsors were Locust Lumber Co., Monroe General Rental, McCollum Trucking & Grading, God's Country Outfitters, The Old Hargett Store, RBC Bank, Kiker Resource Management; and youth tournament daily sponsors were Dennis' Concrete Finishing and Four-A Loader Work. Edwards thanked Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department for providing a weigh-in site and banquet facility;

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Perdue Farms Inc., Pepsi, Refreshment Services Inc. and Coca-Cola for their contributions to the banquet.

The 2009 first place winners were:

• Buck – Lee Efird, Kannapolis, 171.1 pounds.

• Doe – John Bishop, Kannapolis, 102.09 pounds.

• Youth Buck – Michael Preslar, Polkton, 110.4 pounds.

• Youth Doe – Lucus Stegall, Polkton, 93.5 pounds.

The 2009 raffle winners were:

•Mike Alexander, Monroe-1st Place •Donnie Lowery, Jr., Morven-2nd Place

•Brandon Miles, Polkton-3rd Place The 2009 pick board winners were:

•Robbie Hill, Wadesboro

•David Burr, Wadesboro

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• Avery Harrington, Morven The 2009 youth drawing winners were:

- •Garrett Martin, Peachland
- •Will Edwards, Peachland

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Emmett Patterson, whose 39-year career with Pee Dee Electric Membership Corp. was honored in a dedication ceremony on Nov. 16.



Pictured from left to right are Mark Rhyne, director of engineering operations; Richard Johnson, chairman of the Pee Dee Electric Membership Corp. Board of Directors; Donnie Spivey, executive vice president and CEO; Patterson; his wife, Emily; and his daughter, Lara Autry.

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♦ DECEMBER 2009 ▶



Pictured is Cozy Kutz's Owner Sue Williams, Family and Freinds.

Sue Williams celebrated her new venture with a grand opening and ribboncutting on Dec. 9. On hand were her three daughters, Ashley James, Pamela Waller and Britany Williams, all Cozy Kutz employees. "I did it for them," Williams said, indicating the new facility. "This will be theirs."







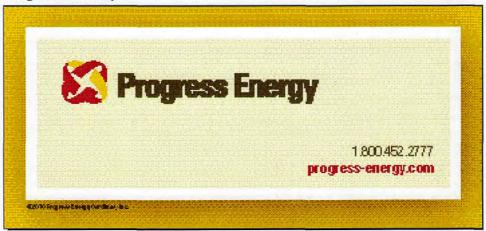
Lewis Evans

Carly Little

Dana Maness

Carly Little, H.W. Little Hardware & Co., was elected the 2010 Chamber Chair at the Dec. 16 Board meeting, Lewis Evans.

Anson County Farm Bureau was elected vice chair and Dana Maness, Anson Bank & Trust was elected treasurer this year.



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The Chamber ended 2009 with 303 members — down by 3 for the same period in 2008, and finished the year with \$2,453 in Member donations above and beyond regular membership dues down \$147 from 2008's totals.

The Leadership Anson Oversight Committee announced the 12 participants in the Class of 2010. The Leadership Anson program was implemented in 1997 by the Chamber of Commerce and, in thirteen years, has graduated 216 participants.



Pictured is Buff Monkey's owner Brook Crider , family, friends and staff.

Surrounded by family and friends on Dec. 10, Brook Crider cut the red ribbon to officially signal the grand opening of Buff Monkey Fitness Co.

▲ JANUARY 2010 ▶

Leadership Anson 2010 is off to a great start. The Twelve members of Leadership Anson spent January 8-9 at the Beth Haltiwanger Retreat Center in Montgomery County.



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FEBRUARY



The Chamber assisted the Bean Stalk Consignments' February 4th with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured is owner Karen Eason, family and friends.





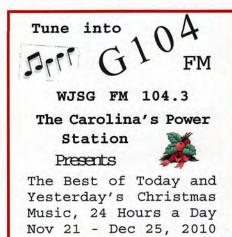
Wadesboro Chiropractic PA celebrated its move to a new location with a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Feb. 17. Approximately 30 people were on hand for the ribboncutting, conducted by the Anson Co Chamber of Commerce. Pictured is Dr. Brian Dial & wife Amanda owners of Wadesboro Chiropractic, PA and local dignitaries.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elected

Lewis Evans, Anson Co Farm Bureau Ashlie Jones, Anson Co Partnership for Children Harvey Leavitt, Leavitt Funeral Home Dana Maness, Anson Bank & Trust Elbert Marshall, Marshall Bruney Media Consultants Jeff Rodgers, Anson Community Hospital Todd Moore, Pee Dee Electric Bobby Talton, Progress Energy Sam Turner, Sam K. Turner, Jr, CPA Chris Wease, CMH Flooring Products Jay Wright, State Farm Insurance Appointed Dr. Don Altieri, New Ventures Business Development, Inc. Preston Burns, honorary in-active Misty Harris, Economic Development Director Carly Little, Uptown Wadesboro Inc. Dr. John McKay, South Piedmont **Community College** Don Scarborough, Anson Economic Development Corp.

Dr. Gregory Firn, Anson County School System



CHRONOLOGY

Carly Little, U p t o w n Wadesboro, Inc. was recognized as Wadesboro's 2009 NC Main Street Champion. During the annual dinner in New Bern, NC.



Designation as a

Carly Little

Main Street Champion recognizes the efforts of individuals who have been instrumental in making or initiating positive change in their local town.



The First phase of the Wadesboro Park, located on Gatewood St., is about 75% complete. The 46-acre site currently has a 7/10-mile paved walking trail, two large picnic shelters, rest rooms and a forty-car parking lot. Though the Park is not officially open but many citizens are using the trail, which the Town encourages.

▲ MARCH ▶

The Chamber assisted The Old Store March 13th with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured holding the scissors is owner Joy Hildreth and staff.





Anson Community Kitchen unveiled on March 11th. Pictured are David Black, oversight committee; Smithson Mills, consultant; John McKay, SPCC President; Contressa Martin, caterer; Wayne Stogner, architect; Don Altieri, NVBDI Executive Director; Beth Rogers, caterer; Sandy Huntley, SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center Director; and Lynn Edwards, Anson Co. Chamber Executive Director.

▲ APRIL ▶

More than 150 people attended the Anson County Career Connections Fair Friday at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. A total of 36 vendors, some of which were actively seeking employees, set up booths.





Thirty-nine teams (156 golfers)

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competed in the 10th annual Chamber "Premiere Golf Event of Anson County" Tournament on April 16 at the Twin Valley Country Club. The Hornwood Inc. team (pictured below) won the event. Everyone enjoyed a great time as well as good food and beverages.



The Week of the Young Child Parade was held on April 13. The parade was sponsored by Anson County Partnership for Children and this year's theme was "Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel." Approximately 500 children, along with their families and child care providers, participated in the parade this year. Week of the Young Child is celebrated annually as a reminder of the importance of high-quality early learning opportunities for all young children.



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Cobb-Vantress had a Lunch and Learn on April 27. "Who are we and What do we do"



Aurora Family Counseling officially opened its Wadesboro office with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house on April 12.

MAY >



The Chamber assisted Various Braiding May 13th with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Co-owners Sherelle Funderburk & Ronnie Hicks are pictured cutting the ribbon.



NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services had a Lunch and Learn on May 11th The topic was "It's Simple as OJT, On the Job Training".

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JUNE >



A Lunch and Learn was held on June 2nd sponsored by The Anson County Chamber of Commerce. The topic was "How Windows 7 can Improve Your Business"

Leadership Anson graduated its 14th class on June 15th at Welika Lake Fish House. Twelve members of the class of 2010 received their plaques from Scott Collier, SPCC Director of Student Recruitment and their certificates from Lynn Edwards, Chamber of Commerce's Executive Director.





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Graduates of the Leadership Anson Class of 2010 are, from left to right: Gerald Cannon and Lewis McLendon, Wadesboro Police Department; Kevin Mullis, Lilesville Police Department; Ryan Teal, Anson County EMS; Nichole Cox, Anson County Schools; Donna Liles, Anson County Sheriff's Office; Frances Moore, Lillie Bennett Nursing Center; Carrie Bunn and Merri Privett Anson Community Hospital; Caroline Hightower., Anson County Partnership for Children: Teresa Downer, South Piedmont Community College: and Joyce Cox. Allen's Professional Investigation.

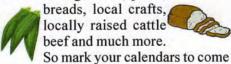
JULY >



Uptown Wadesboro Inc. was very pleased with the outcome of the Farmers Market uptown on the

square. The market was open for business every Thursday through September, from 4-6pm. Also the first Sat-

urday in each month from 8-12pm. Locally grown produce, flowers/plants, homemade goodies, jams,



and enjoy some fresh grown veggies.



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Pictured, from left to right are employees Saundra Lawson and Tori Griffin; Terry Comer, husband of owner Shellee Comer; and Lynn Edwards, Executive Director of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber assisted Shellee Ann's boutique on July 9th with a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house. The store opened for business back in April as a sister store to Silver Lining in Monroe.

On July 22, Ansonian Preston A. Burns was honored by the Wadesboro Rotary Club, Town of Wadesboro and the County of Anson. He was recognized for his 71 years as a Rotarian.

Burns, who turned 96 years old in February, was given a surprise party at Meadowview Terrace by the Wadesboro Rotary Club.



Wadesboro Rotarian Lois Crumpler poses with fellow Rotarian Preston A. Burns

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"Angels Unaware," a novel by Sandra Z.



(Sandy) Bruney, is now available through online booksellers in both print and e-book content. The book was released by Draumr Publishing July 23. Bruney said that "Angels Unaware" is a "what-if" story. Eastbound travelers have a new billboard to view on U.S. 74. Uptown Wadesboro Inc., the Town of Wadesboro and participating merchants have posted a "Discover Uptown Wadesboro" billboard promoting shopping, dining and antiques in the historic business district.



▲ AUGUST ▶



Approximately 100 people crowded into the foyer and dining room at The Malsgate Restaurant on Aug. 19 for a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially welcome the restaurant and accompanying bar, Houston's at The Malsgate.



For the seventh straight month of 2010, Anson County has seen a decline in the unemployment rate. For July, Anson's rate stood at 12.6% - down .8% from June's rate of 13.4% and a whopping 4.5% drop from January's 17.1% rate. Another piece of good news: Anson County is no longer ranked among the Top Ten counties with the highest unemployment rates.

▲ SEPTEMBER ▶

South Piedmont Community College celebrated the opening of the Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing Training Center on Sept. 14 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Golden LEAF representatives were on hand for the open house and to present a check for \$575,000 to fund this regional initiative. The training center is located at 1609 Airport Road, Monroe.

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce had a Lunch and Learn on September 25th sponsored by Anson Community Hospice. The topic was "It's about how you live, AT WORK" and was presented by Lisa Ledford, Business Development Coordinator. There were around 25 in attendance for insight on why employers should care about endof-life issues in the workplace.





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Recognized at the Farm City Banquet were Outstanding Farmer of the Year, awarded to beekeepers H.L. and Charlie Ann Carpenter. Oustanding Agri-Business, given to Blake and Peggy Hildreth of Hildreth Wood Products. Johnny Isenberg and Tommy Taylor of Parsons Drugs as the Small Business of the Year.John Amirtharaj and Jane Cauble of Premiere Fibers with the Corporate Leader Recognition Award.

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♦ OCTOBER

Consumer Connections Inc. (CCI) celebrated its official Anson County opening in Polkton with an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 13. Located at 8574 U.S. Hwy, 74-West. CCI specializes in services for individuals with developmental disabilities.Sylvia Emafo, CCI Executive Director, thanked everyone for attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony introduced and her staff. CCI's services touch on four areas personal care, respite care, home support and supported employment.

Consumer Connections Inc. is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Mon-Fri. For more information, call 704.272.0111 or e-mail cci2009@windstream.net.

New Member Sketches

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Whit's Convenience Stores Inc. #2, Steve Whitlock, P.O. Box 462, Lilesville, NC 28091 (mailing), 1787 Morven Rd., Wadesboro NC 28170 (physical), Phone: 704-694-5350, Fax 704-848-8915

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2011 will be "The Beauty of Anson" featuring stunning photos taken from all around our county.



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Blake and Peggy Hildreth, Hildreth

