

CHAMBERLINES

Cobb-Vantress has 1st Lunch & Learn for 2010 Year!

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce had a Lunch and Learn on April 27th sponsored by Cobb-Vantress. The topic was "Who are we and what do we do" and was presented by Emily Crawford, complex Production Manager and Mary Taylor, Human Resource Manager.

There were around 25 in attendance for insight on who they are, how they affect the environment and why they're so clean. Their purpose is to "Serve our customer through the use of innovative research and technology to make protein healthy and affordable for everyone".

Crawford opened with a power point presentation. Cobb-Vantress, Incorporated is a poultry research and development company engaged in the production, improvement, and sale of broiler breeding stock, committed to integrity, quality and progress through involvement with their team members, customers, suppliers and community. Cobb is the world's oldest poultry



Pictured: Lunch and Learn Attendees

breeding company. Beginning in 1916 in Massachusetts, USA, Cobb has developed into the global leader in broiler breeding. Cobb-Vantress has been in Anson County since 1999 and the hatchery opened in 2001. Cobb-Vantress is owned by Tyson Foods. The headquarters is in Arkansas and they have two international locations, Brazil and Europe. Cobb-Vantress employs 1,300 in the United States and 80 in Anson County. They have four pedigree breeding farms: Missouri 1974, Kentucky 2000 and two in Oklahoma 1994 and 1999. They eat, breath and live Bio-security, which is a preventive

program designed to reduce the risk of disease. They decontaminate the employee's (by showering in & out of work areas), equipment, vehicles and use protective clothing. They are a member of the National Poultry Improvement Plan. They support many organizations and events in the Anson and Union County areas.

Attendees at this event enjoyed a fabulous lunch provided by Cobb's very own Mary Taylor. She prepared chicken salad on croissants and pasta salad. Door prizes were given out and all enjoyed networking with each other after the event.



Pictured: Lunch and Learn Attendees

Aurora Family Counseling Opens with a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony!

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

Aurora provides outpatient services to children and adults who have various emotional and behavioral problems. Staff includes a Medical Director Dr. John Woodyear, a PhD level Clinical Director and several other therapists who hold Masters Degrees and PhD's.

Their medical director is approved by the state of NC for examination for suspected child abuse and neglect cases. Aurora also offers an array of substance abuse interventions including



Above, CEO Brian Bauduin cuts the ribbon after welcoming the assembled guests.

DUI assessments. Clinicians at Aurora specialize in children and adolescent disorders such as ADHA, oppositional behavior, anger problems, depression, emotional trauma and many others.

Some clinicians also offer marital counseling, addiction intervention, forensic assessments and medication management. Aurora is also pleased to offer, in conjunction with other agencies, more involved treatments such as in-home therapy, community assistance for psychiatrically impaired adults and other more intense interventions. They offer all these services in our community and most insurances are accepted.

Appointments can be made by calling 704-695-1472 and they are located at 107-B East Wade St. beside the Chamber of Commerce.

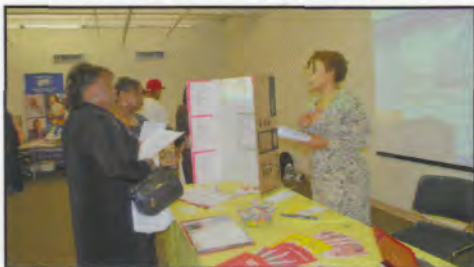
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More than 150 attend Career Fair!

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.

"I was real pleased with the number of job seekers who attended, and the number of employers," Work First



Deidra Walls, right, of Horizon Group Homes, talks with Fredonia Colson, left, and Sonia Kelley.



Chris Gosselin of Lynn Thomas Grading talks with Larry Bennett.

Coordinator Kristi Phifer said. "I was happy with the turnout."

The Anson County event is sponsored by South Piedmont Community College, the Anson County Department of Social Services, the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, the Employment Security Commission and Vocational Rehabilitation.

2% Drop in Anson's Jobless Rate

The success of re-employing Anson's unemployed resulted in a two percent drop in the county's jobless rate for March — from 17.0% in February to 15.0% in March.

Anson's March figures show:

- A decline in the labor force — from 10,341 in February to 10,269 in March, a difference of 72
- 149 more people employed in March (8,728) than in February (8,579)
- A decline in the number of people on the unemployment rolls — from 1,762 in February to 1,541 in March, a difference of 221

"News that all NC counties experienced a decrease in the local unemployment rate

is certainly welcome, but we still have challenges ahead of us," said Lynn Holmes, ESC of NC chairman. "With initiatives like Re-employment Services (RES) and the Re-employment Eligibility Assessment (REA), the ESC is focusing even more resources to help our unemployed customers get back into jobs."

Holmes also pointed to the JobsNow program that was created by Gov. Bev Perdue. JobsNow links workers and employers to resources that are critical in jump-starting local economies.

According to Centralina Worforce data for March, Anson had 239 initial unemployment insurance claims; 2,883

New Member Sketches

The following have joined the Chamber for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Aurora Family Counseling, Brian Baudin, 107-B East Wade St, Wadesboro, N.C. 28170, Phone: 704-695-1472, Fax: 704-994-3697

Shellee Ann's, Shellee Comer, 115 S. Greene St, Wadesboro, N.C. 28170, Phone: 704-994-9257

CY 2010 Renewals Thank You!

Following renewed their Calendar Year 2010 membership in April:

Anson Tractor Equipment
Mike Goodwin Logging
Jeskri Associates
Neighborhood Nurses Health
New York Life Insurance-Tyson
Omelet Shoppe
Talley Farms

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total weeks claimed; \$562,984 unemployment insurance benefits paid out; and 681 individuals receiving checks. Statewide, unemployment insurance benefits paid out a total of \$227,227,627 with 216,344 individuals receiving checks.

North Carolina's March jobless rate was 10.9% — a .9% decrease from February and a .3% increase from March 2009. The state had a March labor force of 4,555,083 with 496,734 unemployed. For local information, call the ESC office at 704.694.6551 or visit www.ansonjoblink.com.

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Week of the Young Child Parade!

The annual Week of the Young Child Parade was held in Wadesboro 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.



ACPC is a non-profit public/private organization which was formed in 1996 in response to the NC Smart Start initiative. Smart Start's mission is to help ensure that all NC children enter school

healthy and ready to succeed. The Partnership is responsible for developing collaborative strategies to meet the needs of children and families in Anson County.



Local Hospital's Echocardiography Lab Earns Accreditation



Anson Community Hospital's echocardiography lab is now accredited by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories. Shown, from left, are Michael Todd McVea, the lab's technical director; A. Niazi-Sai, medical director; and Zana Lambert, cardiopulmonary management.

The laboratory is one of a growing number of echocardiography labs in the United States to be recognized for its commitment to high quality patient care and its provision of quality diagnostic testing.

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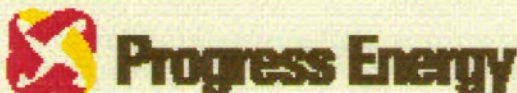
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CALENDAR

■ The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18.

■ The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 20.

■ Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 20.

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

May 4 — Hospice Services of Anson County will present a GRIEF WORKSHOP from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Lockhart-Taylor Center To RSVP, call 704.694.4880.

May 6 — Relay for Life's annual SURVIVORS DINNER will be held at the First United Methodist Church, Wadesboro.

May 11 — Vocational Rehabilitation and the Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce will host a LUNCH and LEARN, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Chamber. This is a free session. Program offered by Vocational Rehabilitation. To RSVP call 704.694.4181 or e-mail ansonchamber@windstream.net. The deadline to register is Friday, May 7.

May 15 — The Town of Peachland will hold a GOSPEL JUBILEE from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Pork & Chicken BBQ will be available from the Peachland VFD. For more information, call 704.272.7781.

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May 17 — Hospice of Union County (Houc) will hold its 14th annual Griffin Motors GOLF TOURNAMENT at Providence Country Club. For more information, call Wayne Berg at 2130 or visit www.houc.org.

May 21 — The Anson County 4-H will hold a LUNCHEON. For more information, call 704.694.2415.

May 21-22 — Relay for Life will be held at Anson High School's football stadium. For more information and/or to register a team, call 704.695.4353 or e-mail AnsonRelay@yahoo.com.

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"Premiere Golf Event of Anson County"

Friday, April 16th, couldn't have been more perfect for the **"Premiere Golf Event of Anson County"**. Great food, fun and weather made for a perfect day for golf. With 151 golfers set to tee it up for the "Premiere" golf event of the year, the stage was set. With two tee times, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, getting 39 teams off and running was a tall order and the course and the weather were both cooperative.

Thank you, to all of the contributors for helping to make this day a success. A special thank you to our **"Presenting Sponsors"** Senator Bill Purcell and Rep. Pryor Gibson. Special thanks also to, Coca Cola, Pepsi, Cheerwine, Perdue, IH Caffey, RA Jefferies, Refreshment Services Inc. and Wadesboro IGA for their support of the Tournament. There were many others that contributed as well to this event with door prizes, goodie bag items, and/or hole sign

sponsorship. We appreciate your continuous support. Without you we would not have been as successful. A tremendous thanks goes to Mitch Moretz and the staff at Twin Valley Country Club for their enormous help as well. "I can't thank the numerous volunteers enough for giving their time and hard work for this event. I would also like to thank the Leadership Anson 2010 Class for their efforts as well. It was a lot of work but most of all a lot of fun," stated Edwards. The 2010 Chamber Golf Open was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed a great time as well as good food and beverages.

A giant thanks to all the golfers that continue to sign up and play each year.

Heart felt appreciation to the golf committee, Todd Moore, Jilla Gathings, Terri Martin, Gay Lookabill, Trisha Threatt, Jeff Rodgers, Freddie Vega, Bobby Talton and Tommy Allen for coming back each year to support

Split-the-pot winner was Jake Schnieder, winner of the Golf Bag donated by Pee Dee Electric was Bryan Thomas, and the winner of the Picnic & Wine Bag donated by Job Link was Duke Rion.

Congratulations to all of you!!!

See you next year!



Hornwood, Inc. Team Players



LT's Convenient Store, LLC Team Players



Wadesboro Tire & Auto Team Players

this event and continually seek ways to improve the **"Premiere Golf Event of the Year."**

And The Winners Were! First place went to the Hornwood team followed by LT's Convenient Store LLC Team at second place and Wadesboro Tire and Auto in at 3rd place.