

CHAMBERLINES



Congratulations Leadership Anson Class of 2013!



The Leadership Anson (LA) program enjoyed its 17th graduation ceremony held June 11th at Welika Lake Fish House. Leadership Anson was created to develop a commitment to community through leadership. This graduating class totals 266 participants that have completed the program. A number of family, friends, and sponsors of the program attended this special event.

The speaker for the evening was Leon Gatewood of Anson County Waste Water Treatment Facility. He gave a brief history of his family, his education and how his life has brought him to where he is today. He also talked about one of his great passions, which is the children of Anson County, and because of his passion and that of a few others, HOLLA (Helping Our Love ones Learn and Achieve) was born. This organization has a center in downtown Morven where it offers many programs, not only for children but adults as well. Gatewood also mentioned that Leadership Anson has truly been one of his more meaningful and memorable experiences.



Front Row (l-r): Rosezetta McCray, Anson County Partnership for Children; Sharon Dawkins, Carolinas Primary Care; Lindsay Wallace, CMH Space Flooring Products; Catherine Crandell, Anson County Arts Council; Cindi Pope, Town of Wadesboro; Jennifer Tice, Anson Community Hospital

Back Row (l-r): Brian Nance, Anson County EMS; Truman Teal, API Security; Alex Sewell, Town of Wadesboro; Damer Chapman, Anson County Sheriff's Office; Wes Stegall, Anson County EMS; Holly Mullis, Anson County Sheriff's Office; Ashley Steele, Anson Community Hospital

Testimonials were given from a couple of class members that touched all in attendance. Chamber Director Lynn Edwards stated that they have all learned so much more about their county, their community and themselves. The goal of this program is for those who participate to take what they have learned and use it in a way that will not only better themselves but the community as well.

Edwards recognized three businesses that gave their support this year by way of funding a scholarship for three class members. By the contributions of these three businesses, Anson Bank and Trust, Hornwood Inc. and Wadesboro Rotary Club, three individuals were

able to participate in the program this year. The scholarship recipients were Catherine Crandell, Truman Teal and Wes Stegall. Edwards went on to say that this program is a unique one and that is due to the help of many special people and organizations in Anson County.

Each Class member earned a Continuing Education certificate from South Piedmont Community College and received a Leadership Plaque from the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. These were presented to them by Lynn Edwards, Chamber Director and Scott Collier, SPCC. Jilla Gathings, LA Oversight Committee Chair, (class of 2006) assisted throughout the year and with the organization of the graduation ceremony for the evening.

Fourth of July Celebration

A Fourth of July Celebration, Summer Jam band concert and Fireworks display are planned for Friday July 5 in Wadesboro at the Ray Shelton Ball Field. Music will be provided by the Location Band and Show from 7pm to 10pm with the fireworks display beginning at 10pm. Free admission and free parking. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Food and Children's activities

will be available. Gates open at 6:30pm. Uptown Wadesboro is sponsoring the event with support of the Town of Wadesboro and local sponsors. For more information contact 704-695-1644, E-mail: uptownwadesboro@windstream.net or visit www.uptownwadesboro.com.



Anson County Board Game

In celebration of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce's 50th anniversary, Chamber Director Lynn Edwards has created a board game of Anson County. At this point the game has not been named, but Edwards promises it will be fun and interesting to play.

The Chamber is pre-selling limited editions of the game now. These numbered, pre-order games are available for \$35. The regular price for the game is \$50. The pre-order form will be available on the Chamber's website: www.ansoncounty.org on June 24th.

The Chamber is also offering spaces on the board and the back side of the

playing cards for businesses and individuals to purchase. This is a fun and effective way to expose your message to game players, while you are also supporting the Chamber's mission of promoting commerce right here in Anson County. Spaces on the board are available for \$200 to Chamber members, \$300 for non-members. The backs of the playing cards cost \$100 for a set of four cards. According to Edwards the spaces and cards are selling fast, so if you want to be a part of the game call her ASAP! Her number is 704-694-4181.

Edwards said, "The spaces and cards are selling fast. This unique game is great exposure for businesses and people who

have a vested interest or family history in Anson County. We are looking forward to releasing our game and hope everyone will enjoy it."

Edwards concluded by saying that because of high demand, the boards, spaces and cards will be offered on a first come, first served basis.



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Freeman named new Anson County Schools Superintendent

Michael Freeman was elected Superintendent of the Anson County Schools in a unanimous vote by the Board of Education, the board announced on Tuesday, June 4th.

Freeman told a packed room that he was excited about his appointment. "Together we can make a difference for our children," he said. "So I look forward to buckling down, working hard and taking care of each other with high standards of accountability and then reaping the rewards of our students learning and giving back to our community."

Freeman later said that he is glad the board accelerated the process. "It was nice to be interim but it's also nice to

settle down and start in on making things happen," he said. "My goal is to put together a team to get each student the best education he or she can have. We'll use whatever resources and strategies we need to open the doors of learning for each and every one of the children."

Board chair Lisa Davis said that the board "couldn't be happier" with its unanimous decision to vote to hire Freeman. They aren't the only ones, she said: the large crowd at the announcement reception showed the district's support and eagerness to see its new leader.

Freeman attended school in Anson

County and is what Davis called "an Ansonian through and through." This year marks the beginning of his 30th year of working with the district.



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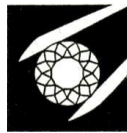
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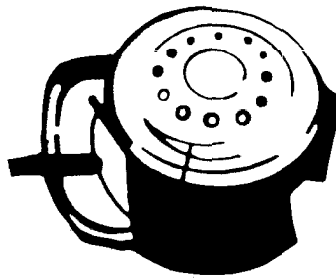
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CALENDAR

■ The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 11.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16.

■ The AEDC will not meet the month of July.

■ Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9.

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

July 4 — Independence Day.

July 11 ◊ Celebrate our liberty with a FREE performance by **The Singing Americans** of Stanly County at the Ansonia Theatre starting at 7:30pm. For more information call 704-694-4950.

July 17 — Anson County Arts Council◊ will host **BACH'S LUNCH** from Noon - 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious box lunch of a chicken salad croissant, potato salad, pickle, and homemade dessert with entertainment by pianist Matthew Bailey and flutist Barbara Webb. Ticket \$10, available at the Anson County Arts

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Council and Lacy◊ in Wadesboro. Please purchase ticket in advance. Takeouts available.

July 18 ◊ The Old Store in Lilesville will hold their **Cruise In** starting at 5:00 pm. For more information call 704-848-8385.

July 19 ◊ Christmas in July, Toys For Tots **1st Annual Masquerade Ball** will be held at the Lockhart Taylor Center starting at 7:00 pm. Tickets: \$25.00 for couples & \$15.00 for singles. There will be a silent auction, Dance Contest, and Best Dressed Awards.

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