

# CHAMBERLINES

## 6th Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride

Despite the chilly and windy conditions on Saturday morning November 5th, 66 bicycling enthusiasts from around the state converged on Ansonville bright and early for the sixth 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 Walter Edwards. Riders 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 restrooms, water, Gatorade and snacks.

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.

**2012: A Report to the Membership**

◀ NOVEMBER 2011 ▶

**50th Annual Membership Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012 @ Lockhart Taylor Center in the Ingram Room, at 6:30 pm.**

## Community Awards at Chamber's Annual Meeting

The 49th Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet was held on November 15th at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center. Jim Strayhorn, the 2010 Henry W. Little III Award for Community Leadership. Jim Strayhorn stated that the person receiving this award has been on many community and state activities including the Anson County Chamber of Commerce Board, Wadesboro Rotary Club, Calvary Episcopal Church Vestry, Anson County Partnership for Children Board, Anson County Partnership for Children Executive Committee, Anson County United Way Board of Directors Chair, Healthy Ansonians Task Force, NC Hospital Association Board of Directors, Chairman of District 5 for NC Hospital Association, Policy Development Committee for NC Hospital Association and Regent's Advisory Council for Eastern NC. Strayhorn finished his speech adding "this person served in the U.S. Navy for ten years and is married, with three children and three grandchildren."

If you haven't figured it out, this year's Henry W. Little III Award goes to Dr. Fred

Thompson, President of Anson Community Hospital. Dr. Thompson has served as Administrator/CEO/President since March 1995. He received his Ph.D. in Health Services from Walden University and holds an MBA from Roosevelt University.



**Dr. Fred Thompson, Henry W. Little III Award**

Todd Moore, the 2010 "Dunnie" award recipient stated he would not be giving a presentation for this year's winner. Instead, Moore introduced Leon

Gatewood of HOLLA! to present the 2011 W. Dunlap Covington Award for Community Service. Gatewood was all smiles as he began to describe the person receiving this year's award. He told those in attendance a story of how this person was called about a family in Morven that had been without running water for six months and this person without hesitation called the utilities department to find out what she needed

to do to help this family. Gatewood stated that "without thinking twice she wrote a check for \$250 so this family could have water again."

The person with such a big heart and love for her community was Mrs. Mary Little. Little was dedicated to community service, plus "she made personal and unsung contributions that affected an untold number of lives and situations."

Gatewood continued by saying, "I feel that it is important that we know how Mary's support and community service made so many positive things happen in Anson County." He finished his speech by stating with "She was truly a special person." Mary Little's family was present to accept her award.



**Family & Friends of Mary Little, W. Dunlap Covington Award Winner**

# Chamber's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting



Eric Forbes (Forbes Jewelers), Don Scarborough (Plank Road Realty), Jeremy Wilson (CMH Space Flooring Products) and Travis Wright (BB&T) were unanimously elected as directors on the Chamber board at the 49th annual Membership Meeting and Banquet.

Chamber Chair Lewis Evans presented outgoing director Todd Moore (Pee Dee Electric) with an appreciation plaque. Chamber Vice Chair Ashlie Jones presented

Lewis Evans (Anson Co. Farm Bureau) with an appreciation plaque and the



Lewis Evans & Todd Moore

outgoing chair plaque. Jones thanked Evans for all of his hard work and dedication as chairperson in 2011.

Lynn Edwards, the Chamber's Executive Director, opened the 49th annual meeting by thanking the corporate sponsors and said, "I want to give a big thank-you to Mrs. Shelby Emrich, office manager of the Chamber, for all the hard work she does."

Edwards thanked the annual dinner committee members for their assistance in planning the annual membership meeting and dinner; the banquet's caterers, Beth Rogers and Cathy Thompson, the volunteer servers (students from ACEC, New Tech, AHS & AMS); and the social's bartender, Freda Buchanan.

Vice Chair Jones recognized Chamber board members and members of the following committees: Big-Game Hunt, Golf Tournament, Leadership Anson and Marketing/Bike Ride.



## Dunnie Winners — 1995-2011

- 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 W. Moore, Pee Dee Electric
- 2011** Mary E. Little, HOLLA!



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.



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The Fourteenth Annual Big Game Hunt Tournament Committee registered 324 hunters for the November 25th-26th event.

Lynn Edwards, Executive Director of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, the tournament's sponsor, gave a huge thanks to the hunters, who come back each year to support this event. We had several new hunters again this year and I give them a heartfelt welcome to our tournament.

Edwards thanked the tournament's sponsors of J.W.F. Farm and Timber, title sponsor; Anson Bank & Trust and Buck & Doe Processing, youth tournament sponsors; Cobb-Vantress, N.C. Electric Membership Corp., Progress Energy, Pee Dee Electric and Perdue Farms, Gold sponsors; The Sportsman's Closet, Locust Lumber, Windstream, Silver sponsors; Backwater Taxidermy, Lynn Clodfelter Attorney at Law, Dale McRae Farms, Lynn Thomas Grading, RBC Bank and McCollum Trucking & Grading, Bronze sponsors; and Dennis Concrete Finishing and Four-a-Loader Work, youth tournament daily sponsors.

This hunt tournament is very successful because of our great volunteers, Edwards said, singling out Marty Cato, Courtney & Jamie Webb, Abby Henry, Jessica Webb and Anthony Cato. These special people give many hours to the tournament and I am most appreciative of their support, Edwards stated. She also thanked Stacie Cato (and her mom), for the new kid's game, Todd Moore (his mother and aunt), Walter Edwards and John Sikes for their support as well. She singled out Coca-Cola, Pepsi and Refreshment Services for their contributions to the banquet; and the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department for allowing us to host our event at the fire department each year.



Cory Moore



Chris Thomas



**The 2011 first place winners were:**

- Buck - Cory Moore, Monroe  
166.3 pounds
- Doe - Chris Thomas, Polkton  
117.0 pounds
- Youth Buck - Jon Edwards, Polkton  
154.5 pounds
- Youth Doe - Hunter Williams, Marshville  
154.5 pounds

**The 2011 raffle winners were:**

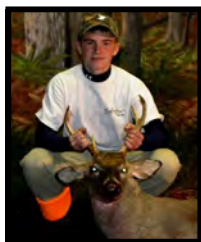
- Philip Hatley, Polkton - 1st place
- John Walters, Norwood - 2nd Place
- Cecil Sikes, Ansonville - 3rd Place

**The 2011 pick board winners were:**

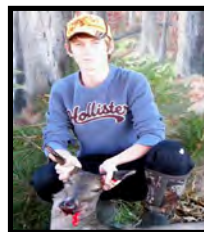
- Robbie Hill, Wadesboro
- Jimmy Dawkins, Rockingham
- Lauren Preslar, Norwood

**The 2011 youth drawing winners were:**

- Benjamin Cabrera, Wadesboro
- Alex Johnson, Marshville



Jon Edwards



Hunter Williams

**◀ DECEMBER 2011 ▶**

On Thursday, December 1st the streets in uptown Wadesboro were filled with kids and kids at heart for the annual Christmas Parade. Mrs. Anjanette Flowers, news anchor for WCNC in Charlotte, led the parade as Grand Marshal. The sponsors for this year's parade were Senator Bill Purcell and Representative Frank McGuirt. It was a beautiful and sunny day as the seventy plus entrants took to the streets.

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 Officers, Town of Wadesboro Street Department, Mrs. Lois Crumpler and Mr. Don Altieri for their help in organizing the event this year and to Mr. Russell Sikes, Mr. Harvey Leavitt and Mr. Fred Sparger for all of their hard work.



Anjanette Flowers,  
Grand Marshal





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The Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn on December 6<sup>th</sup> sponsored by KWT Insurance Agency, Inc. and Southern Mutual Church Insurance. Krista Hall with KWT Insurance introduced Matt Quinton with Southern Mutual Church Insurance (SMCI) who gave the presentation.

◀ JANUARY 2012 ▶



The Leadership Anson Oversight Committee has selected 15 participants for the Class of 2012.

The 16th developmental program began the weekend of Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> with a Lake Tillery overnight retreat at the Uwharrie Lodge and Retreat Center.

**Lunch & Learn**

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn on January 17<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Cameron Quick, Community Manager and Brook Moose, Area Executive Director gave the presentation "We save lives by helping people stay well."



**SPCC**

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn on January 24<sup>th</sup> sponsored by South Piedmont Community College. The presentation was given by Teresa Sutton, Auditor/Small Business Accounting Consultant and Dan Merle, Director of the Small Business Center.



◀ FEBRUARY ▶



County Manager Lawrence Gatewood presented a picture of the new Anson County signs at the February AEDC meeting. Gatewood stated that they've been in the works for about six months now. He went on to say that the county has received "overwhelmingly positive" feedback on the design of the signs.



**Lunch & Learn**

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn on February 21<sup>st</sup> sponsored by South Piedmont Community College. The presentation was given by Craig Klutz, Senior VP of BB&T and Dan Merle, Director of the Small Business Center with SPCC. Those in attendance learned of helpful information for small business financials.



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## ◀ MARCH ▶

The weather was very cooperative on March 24<sup>th</sup> for the Grand Opening of Cø & Tø Daycare located on 414 Marshall St. in Wadesboro. Lots of family and friends gathered at the daycare for this great event. The Executive Director of the Anson County Chamber, Lynn Edwards, welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for coming to celebrate this special day. She also thanked them for their membership and supporting the community.



The Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn on March 20<sup>th</sup> sponsored by South Piedmont Community College. The presentation was given by Kelly Yale, Modern Parent and Shannon Hawk, Paper Blossom Marketing. Those in attendance learned about three social media networks for businesses.



## ◀ APRIL ▶

# Golf

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, 39 teams enjoyed a perfect day for golfing with great weather, tasty food, terrific prizes and lots of fun. The Hornwood, Inc. Team (pictured below) were the first place winners.



For the first time in many years, we had a Hole-in-One winner. On hole #7, Richard McCall of the NC Electric Membership Cooperation team made a lucky shot that won him a three day Bahamas trip for two.



The Anson County Inaugural Wild Hog Roundup took place March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 with weigh-in and hog count taking place at Allenø General Store in Peachland.



Buchanan Shoals was a beautiful setting on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> for the second Wadesboro Rotary Club Shoot Out Sporting Clays Competition. Despite the morning downpours, by noon the sun was shining and the 52 competitors had great shooting conditions. First Place Winner was W&W Farms (picture below) - Buddy Waddell, Brian Allen, Mike Preslar and Chris Moore .



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 A Lunch & Learn was held on April 24<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Anson County. The presentation was given by Randy Gullede, GIS Expert, and was held in the Commissioners Room at the Anson County Government Center.



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HOLLA! celebrated the grand opening of the HOLLA! Let's MOVE Fitness Center Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> located at 201 E. Main Street, Morven.



◀ **MAY** ▶

The renovations at the Anson County Parks & Recreation building at Little Park are complete. The building was built in 1970 and these are the first renovations since then.



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Anson County Partnership for Children celebrated the Week of the Young on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year's celebration was the fairy tale, "Cinderella."



◀ **JUNE** ▶

On June 19<sup>th</sup> the Anson County Chamber of Commerce held its fifth Lunch & Learn for this year sponsored by South Piedmont Community College. The presentation was given by Jermaine Alston, of SPCC on "Web Design."



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*Leadership Anson*



Graduates of the Leadership Anson Class 2012. Front Row (l-r): Thomasina Montgomery, Open Doors Center for Children; Lily McCray-Hailey, SunTrust Bank; Jessica Anderson, NC Cooperative Extension; Emily Jarrell, SPCC; Ashley Rivers, Hornwood, Inc.; Jennifer Tarlton, Sam K. Turner Jr., CPA; Cynthia Furr, Anson Community Hospital

Back Row (l-r): Larry Diggs, Anson County EMS; Richard Flowers, Anson County Sheriff's Department; Subrina Hough, Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc.; Jermaine Alston, SPCC; Tammy McCall, Anson County Sheriff's Department; Larry Huntley, Anson Community Hospital; Michelle Hamilton, Bayada Nurses; Kristy Ratliff, Anson Community Hospital

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The Wadesboro Rotary Club held their annual Installation Banquet on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Lynn Thomas Grading's facility in Burnsville. All in attendance enjoyed a great meal prepared by Fran Thomas and Karen Emrich of Just For You Catering. The evening began with a social at 6:30 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm.

◀ **JULY** ▶



The Wadesboro Wal-Mart held a grand re-opening Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate renovations to the store.

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- Staff**
- Lynn Edwards**, Executive Director
- Shelby Emrich**, Office Manager



The Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Business after Hours at the Chamber on July 24<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm. This event was held to promote the new brochure "Destination Anson" and the newest edition of "Anson County Postcards." Both of these marketing items will be a great way to promote our county.



## ◀ AUGUST ▶

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



## ◀ SEPTEMBER ▶

On September 25<sup>th</sup> the Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn sponsored by South Piedmont Community College. The presentation was given by Jermaine Alston, of SPCC on "How to Manage your Business Life."



The weather was beautiful on September 21<sup>st</sup> for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for PNC Bank in Wadesboro.



Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. along with Anson Crisis Ministry, the Town of Wadesboro and a group of volunteers gathered on Tuesday morning, September 11<sup>th</sup> to place 2,977 American flags on the Court House lawn. The flags were placed in memory and honor of those who lost their lives 11 years ago during the terrorist attacks.

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Plaques given during the Farm City Banquet: Outstanding Farmer of the Year Award went to Roddy Purser of White Rock Farms; Outstanding Agri-Business was awarded to Steve Waddell of Waddell Farms; and Travis Goodwin of Big Rock Farms received the 2012 Conservative Farm Family Award. Nicole Carpenter, Brown Creek SWCD Supervisor, recognized Resource Conservation Workshop Participant Kayla Jones for her participation in the named program they sponsored at N.C. State University this summer.

## ◀ OCTOBER ▶



On October 6<sup>th</sup> the Town of Morven held its eighth annual OCTOBER FESTIVAL.



The 2012 People Fest was held on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in Uptown Wadesboro.



On October 16<sup>th</sup> SPCC sponsored a Lunch & Learn. The presentation was given by Mark Carver.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- The 7th Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, November 3rd. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Ansonville Elementary School.
- The Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner will be held on November 13th. Remember to RSVP no later than November 6th.
- The 15th Annual Big Game Hunt will be on Nov. 23rd & 24th. Last day to register is on Monday, November 19th. Late registration will only be taken at the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, November 21st by 5 p.m.



On October 27<sup>th</sup>, Uptown Wadesboro Inc. held their FALL FESTIVAL.



On October 30<sup>th</sup> Hospice of Union/Anson sponsored a Lunch & Learn. The presentation was given by .



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