

CHAMBERLINES

School Supply Drive was Victorious!

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce's "School Supplies Drive" has resulted in each county school receiving much-needed items for students.



Lisa Davis, Schools Board of Education chair; Lynn Edwards, Chamber executive director; and Dr. Greg Finn, Schools superintendent.

The Preston Burns Conference Room

at the Chamber has become a distribution site – with tables usually for meeting attendees stacked with notebook paper, pencils, crayons, rulers, glue and composition notebooks.



"We started the drive with \$1,000 being approved by the Chamber's board of directors and collected \$775 in monetary donations from organizations, businesses and individuals," said Lynn Edwards, the Chamber's executive director. "We also

have had numerous supplies donated." So far, the Chamber has spent \$654.32 on school supplies. "We will spend the remaining balance – \$1,120.68 – for supplies and other needed items, such as gloves and coats, as the school year continues," Edwards said.

"The drive has been a huge success and we are very proud of the community for coming together to support the children who represent our future," she said, concluding, "I want to thank everyone who participated."

Edwards said it is not too late to make a monetary donation or to drop off additional schoolroom supplies. "We will continue to take donations for a while longer," she said.

For more information, call 704.694.4181.

Supreme Dental, Grand Opening!



Approximately 40 people officially welcomed Lolade ("L") Samuel-Cash, DDS, and her Supreme Dental staff to Wadesboro during a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Aug. 28. An open house also was held from 1-5 p.m. Dr. Samuel-Cash earned her doctor of dental surgery degree from Howard University in 1996. She came to Anson Co. as a dentist with Anson Regional Medical Services and, later on, conducted dental clinics at the county's three prison units in Polkton.

During the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Todd Moore, chairman of the Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, said, "It is always great to welcome a new business to Wadesboro and Anson Co. I wish you the best in your new business opportunities on behalf of the chamber of commerce." Wadesboro Mayor Bill Thacker said, "I am glad to have Dr. Samuel-Cash open a new business here and I wish Supreme Dental all the best on behalf of the Town of Wadesboro.

Dr. Samuel-Cash said, "I want to thank God for my journey and story for

being here. I want to thank my husband, my family and friends for being here today." Cash, who serves as Supreme Dental's office manager, said, "I would like to thank everyone for coming out today and supporting Supreme Dental." Dr. Samuel-Cash's mother, Elizabeth, joined her daughter in officially cutting



Pictured are Dr. Lolade Samuel-Cash; office staff and Community Dignitaries.

the red ribbon.

Supreme Dental is located at 307 N. Greene St. in Wadesboro. Office hours are from 10-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and from 10-5 p.m. on Wednesday. Saturday visits by appointment only. Phone 704.465.2210.

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4th Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride!



Looking for a great fall Saturday adventure in a county that originally stretched from Drowning Creek/Lumber River on the east to the Mississippi River on the west. Join us for the 4th Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride on November 7th to be held in conjunction with the Ansonville Homecoming Celebration. Enjoy a scenic tour of historic Anson Co. whether you choose a 30-mile, 50-mile or a challenging 70-mile bike ride. Two of the rest-stops are located on the grounds of two of the oldest churches in Anson Co. – Concord United Methodist Church and the Fountain Hill United Methodist Church. Mayor Bill (Billy) Thompson, Jr. will begin the fun bike ride at 9:00am with the waving of the green starter flag. When you finish the ride, enjoy the crafts, entertainment, delicious barbecue and a fun-filled parade. It is anticipated that 75 to 100 bike riders will converge on Ansonville for the event. Registration will be at 8:00am at the Ansonville Elem. School. The entry fee is \$25, or \$20 if you register by October 16, 2009. A downloadable registration form available at www.discoveranson.com/bikeride, complete it and mail to Discover Anson Bike Ride P.O. Box 305, Wadesboro, NC 28170

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Distinction & Honor at Farm City Banquet.



Approximately 200 people were in attendance as outstanding businesses and farmers were honored at the annual Farm-City Week dinner program on Sept. 22 at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center. Don Scarborough, chairman of the AEDC, presented the "Outstanding Corporate Leader" award to Joe Ombrello, Jarvis Woodburn and Bob Stowe of Coffing Hoists. Elbert Marshall, AEDC secretary, announced the "Outstanding Small Business" recipient, Cynthia and Carly Little of H.W. Little & Co. Lynn Edwards, executive director of the Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce, surprised Danny Wright of Brown Creek Animal Hospital with the "Outstanding

Agri-Business" award. Janine Rywak, director of the Anson Co. Coop. Ext. Center, presented the annual "Outstanding Farmer of the Year" award to Allen Molaro. Robert Ross, chairman of the BCSWCD, recognized Milton Baucom as the "Anson Co. Conservation Farm Family." Baucom, whose cattle are certified organic-fed, was joined at the podium by his wife, Harriett, daughter, Courtney, and son, Bayden.

Eddie Edwards, BCSWCD treasurer, presented sponsor awards to the NC Farm Bureau, Carolina Farm Credit and Martin Brothers Equipment; and Tina Rowell, BCSWCD district administrator, introduced Cody Kiker as the resource con-

servation workshop participant. Ronnie Morgan, BCSWCD vice chairman, recognized Envirothon teachers — Daphne Mills, an eighth grade science teacher at Anson Middle School; and Lanette Phillips, director of the Wadesboro Rotary Planetarium and Science Center. Todd Moore, chairman of the Anson Agricultural Advisory Board, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) program.

Sharon Edwards explained that the Anson Ag Fair will be held during People Fest, Oct. 10, at the Leavitt House. For more information on the livestock show or the Ag Fair, call 704.694.2915.

"Big Game Hunt" Registrations now being Accepted!

Brochures have been mailed and program books will be in any day now. Registrations are already beginning to come in. The hunt dates again are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27-28, 2009.

The 2009 **Title Sponsor** is Lynn Thomas Grading, **Gold Sponsors:** Cobb-Vantress, NC Electric Membership Co., Pee Dee Electric, Progress Energy, and Windstream, **Silver Sponsors:** Anson Bank & Trust, R.A. Jeffreys and The Sportsman's Closet, **Bronze Sponsors:** God's Country Outfitters, Kiker Resource Management, Locust Lumber, McCollum Trucking & Grading & McCollum & Associates Paving, Monroe General Rental, RBC Bank and The Old Hargett Store.

Thank you to all of our Corporate Sponsors. Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce, offers money prizes for first, second, third, fourth and fifth places in buck

and doe categories and first, second, third and fourth places in the youth buck and doe categories. Door prizes will be available during the annual banquet on Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Ansonville Vol. Fire department.

For more tournament information, call the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at 704-694-4181 or visit www.ansoncounty.org/trn.html for tournament rules and a printable entry form.

Registrations Sites 2009: Allen's General Store (Peachland), A. C. Chamber of Commerce (Wadesboro), Anson Farm Home & Garden (Wadesboro), God's Country Outfitters (Albemarle), H.W. Little & Co. (Wadesboro), JC's Pawn and Jewelry (Marshville), Sam-Bo's Restaurant (Ansonville), Scotty's Bait & Tackle (Lilesville), Sportsman's

Closet (Wadesboro), Stag & Doe Processing (Wadesboro) and The Old Hargett Store (Marshville).

Be sure to get registered so you won't miss your chance at winning prize money. Don't forget to bring the family and join us at the banquet on Saturday night for great food, door prizes, raffle drawings and pick board winners. Have a safe hunting season and we will see you in November at the hunt!



New Member Sketches

The following have joined the Chamber for calendar year 2010

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Co-Ed Softball Tournament!

Come join us for a day full of family fun. The 1st Annual Anson Athletic Youth Association's Co-Ed Softball Tournament at the Field of Dreams in Polkton on Saturday, October 17th. The first game begins at 10:00am.

The concession stand will be open with hotdogs, chicken sandwiches, nachos, drinks, snacks and candy. No coolers allowed!

Farmers Market

Uptown Wadesboro Inc. have decided to continue the Farmers Market uptown on the square. The market will be open for business every Thursday from 4-6 at least through October. This will allow farmers to sell fall items like pumpkins, apples and mums, UWI president Carly Little said. So mark your calendars to come and enjoy some autumn goodies.



Uptown Fall Festival....



The Town of Wadesboro will be sponsoring its annual Fall Festival on Friday, October 30th from 5pm to 8pm in Uptown Wadesboro. Streets in the uptown area will be blocked off, vendors will be set up selling food and hosting children activities, and Halloween movies will be shown on the square.

Uptown merchants will be open late for shoppers and will also be giving candy to children 12 years old and under who are accompanied by an adult. There will be a costume contest, sponsored by the Anson County Arts Council, at 7pm on the square. It should be a spooktacular event.

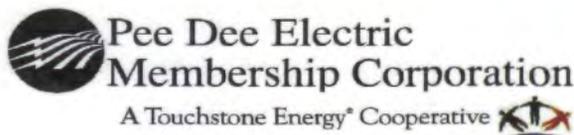
PEOPLE FEST

The 26th Anniversary of People Fest is almost here! It's hard to believe that for almost 26 years, on the second Saturday in October, the streets of Uptown Wadesboro have come alive with music, dance, food and excitement. The 2009 People Fest is a day - long event beginning at 9am. With over a 100 vendors and three stages of music; our hometown pride shines bright as we celebrate all that is good in our community. The street fair will end at 4pm and the night concert will kickoff at 7pm. So mark your calendars for October 10th and come visit Uptown Wadesboro for a day long celebration!

Homecoming Parade!



The Homecoming Parade, sponsored by H.W. Little and Co. Hardware, is slated to begin on Friday, Oct. 9 at 5 p.m. in Uptown Wadesboro. The parade will be led by Grand Marshal Ann Hough. A native of Anson County, Mrs. Hough was an English teacher in the Anson County school system for over twenty years. She will lead more than 60 parade entries, including several custom-built floats.



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CALENDAR

- The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 9.
- The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20.
- The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 15.
- Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15.

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

- October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - FARMERS MARKET** on The Square from 4 - 6pm
- October 3 - The annual A. C. BIG SWEEP** will be held. To register, call Lanette Phillips at 704.694.7016 by Friday, Oct. 2.
- October 3 - Morven churches, businesses and community leaders present a UNITY FESTIVAL.** For more information, call Terry McCray at 704.465.8980.
- October 3 - The Gullidge Volunteer Fire Department will hold its ANNUAL BBQ fundraiser,** beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- October 9 - The annual HOMECOMING PARADE** uptown at 5:00pm.
- October 10 - The 26th Annual PEOPLE**

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FEST will be held along with the Anson AG FAIR as part of People Fest.

October 10 - A Straight Diesel TRUCK and TRACTOR PULL will begin at 6:00 p.m. For information, call 704.272.2578 or visit www.straightdieseltruckpull.com.

October 23 - Grace Senior Center will offer LUNCH PLATES for \$7.

October 28 - The A. C. Arts Council will sponsor BOWLING for the ARTS.

October is a very busy month!
Please check out our web calendar for events & details
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Family owned business, started in a basement...

After 14 years as a national account sales manager at Revlon Consumer Products Corp., Scott Vuncannon decided the job's constant travel was keeping him away from his family and it was time for a change.

He found his new career in 1995, after running into an old high school friend while attending a trade convention in Myrtle Beach, S.C. That contact led him to a tour of Automatic Vending Services Inc., an Asheboro vending-machine operation founded by the friend's father.

Vuncannon quickly recognized the need for such services in Charlotte, which was experiencing unprecedented growth at the time. He and his wife, Nan, soon launched Piedmont Services Inc., working from their basement and operating only three vending machines.

From that modest start, the

company — now called Refreshment Services Inc. — has grown to a 4,000-machine operation in eight counties. Last year, the company's revenue totaled \$3.2 million, and the Vuncannons expect that to more than double this year to \$6.5 million.

Much of that increase is coming through acquisition. In January, the Vuncannons bought Charlotte-based Refreshment Services and took its name. Four months later, they acquired the Charlotte and Greensboro branches of Serex Consolidated.

The company — whose clients range from WCNC-TV in Charlotte to Textron Fastening Systems' rivet production plant in Stanfield — is preparing to double the size of its 10,000-square-foot warehouse in Indian Trail by year end.

Because Refreshment Services is expanding so rapidly, managing growth has become the Vuncannons' biggest challenge. To ease that burden, the couple has embraced technology. For example, the company uses a Global Positioning System to track its delivery



trucks, gauging the time spent at each location and checking each truck's speed and route. Meanwhile, the company uses a data port to track operations and monitor which products are most popular.

The business owners say communication has also proved crucial to managing the company's growth. "It is all about ... talking with the customers to find out what they want," Nan says. "Communication is key," Scott says. "It boils down to a relationship with the clients and employees."

Marion Kinley, human resources manager at Textron Fastening Systems, has been a client since 1995. "We stick with them because they are quick to react. They provide the service we want, (we) like the friendliness of the service guys and they listen to what our employees want."



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