

CHAMBERLINES

Big Prizes given at Big Game Hunt Tournament!

Anson County Chamber of Commerce has succeeded in hosting another successful Big Game Hunt tournament.

Cory Moore of Monroe and Chris Thomas of Polkton walked away with top honors in the buck and doe categories, in the 14th annual Big-Game Hunt Tournament held Thanksgiving weekend.



Cory Moore

Moore's seven-point, 166.3-pound buck was worth \$800 in total prize money, but fell short of reaching the tournament record currently held by Lee Efird of Kannapolis, whose 171.1-pounder took top honors 2009.

David Kelly of Morven placed second with a 10-point, 160.9-pounder and pocketed \$500, followed by Jody Brown of Polkton, eight-point, 154.3, \$375; Roland Grant of Monroe, eight-point, 153.9, \$200; Megan Kelly of Morven, 10-point, 151.8, \$225; and Bo Hood of Peachland, eight-point, 146.1, free 2012 tournament registration plus \$25 daily prize.

Thomas weighed in a 117.0-pound doe to earn \$800 in total prize money, but was just under the 2006 record doe of 119.1 pounds held by Tracy Holmes of Marshville.

Kevin Gathings of Wadesboro placed second with a 114.3-pounder for \$475, followed by Myron Baucom of Peachland, 113.1, \$400; Lynn Clodfelter of Wadesboro, 112.9, \$225; Dale McRae of Wadesboro, 108.9, \$100; and Hank Ferguson of Indian Trail, 107.6 lbs. \$25 daily prize money and a free 2012 Big-Game Hunt registration.

In the youth buck category, Jon Edwards of Polkton won top prize money of \$300 with a seven-point, 154.5-pounder. Brad Edwards of Peachland took second place in the buck category and \$175 with a nine-point 132.1 followed by Sarah Little of Marshville, eight-point 121.1lbs. and \$100; Carson Davis of Polkton, eight-point 107.7; and finishing up with Kelsey Brown of Wadesboro, with a seven-point, 101.7, \$25 daily prize and a free 2012 Big-Game Hunt registration.

Hunter Williams of Marshville, won the youth doe category with a 106.8-pounder worth \$300. The record for the largest doe, 115.3 pounds, was set by Elizabeth Tarlton of Wadesboro in 2008.

Bradley Caudle of Polkton, placed second with a 104.9-pounder and won \$175, followed by Jacob Thomas of Marshville, 98.5, \$100; Dallas Starnes of Monroe, 94.1, \$75; and William Edwards of Peachland, free 2012 registration and a \$15 daily prize. Stephen Hill of Lilesville donated special handmade laser wood carved plaques to the top three youth winners in each category. What a nice surprise for the youth division winners.

The 2011 tournament set two other records of the most registrations (326 up from 312) and the number of youth registrations (57 up from 50). The weigh-in breakdown listed 40 bucks and 66 does grand total of 106 deer.



Chris Thomas

New this year, GSM Mattress out of Marshville became the first women's sponsor donating money for the top three women hunters. There is a possibility this will continue throughout the following years.

Even though the entire bay area of the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department was available for the tournament, there was still standing-room-only at the banquet held on Saturday night with over 300 people in attendance. Winners of the drawings include: Benjamin Cabrera, Peachland, youth rifle; Alex Johnson, Wadesboro, youth deer mount; Dane Mullis, Marshville, Crossbow; Jimmy Dawkins, Rockingham, Tree Stand; Robbie Hill, Wadesboro and Lauren Preslar, Norwood, each won a deer feeder; Philip Hatley, Polkton, Bolt Action 308 Winchester Rifle; John Walters, Norwood, Nikon Action Extreme All Terrain Binocular; and Cecil Sikes, Ansonville, \$100 cash prize.

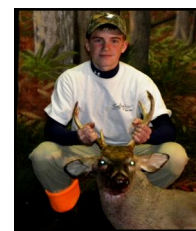
Also new this year, a special game just for the kids coordinated by Stacie Cato called Ring Toss. All the little ones enjoyed

playing and winning prizes.

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 kids 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.



Jon Edwards



Hunter Williams

Wadesboro Christmas Parade



On Thursday, December 1 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, lead the parade as Grand Marshal. The sponsors for this year's parade where Senator Bill Purcell and Representative Frank McGuirt. It was a beautiful and sunny day as the seventy plus entrants took to the streets.



**Anjanette Flowers,
Grand Marshal**

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.

Leadership Anson Class 2012 Has Been Selected



The Leadership Anson Oversight Committee has selected 13 participants for the Leadership Anson Class of 2012 that begins January.

The 16th annual developmental program will kick-off with an overnight retreat at the Beth Haltiwanger Center in Montgomery County Jan. 13-14. An orientation to prepare participants for the weekend retreat and the ensuing sessions will be held at the Anson County Chamber of Commerce office from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9.

The Leadership Anson Class of 2012 participants are: Jermaine Alston, South Piedmont Community College; Jessica Anderson, NC Cooperative Extension; Larry Diggs, Anson County EMS; Richard Flowers, Anson Co. Sheriff's Office; Michelle Hamilton, Bayada

Nurses; Subrina Hough, Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc.; Larry Huntley, Anson Community Hospital; Tammy McCall, Anson Co. Sheriff's Office; Lily McCray-Hailey, SunTrust Bank; Thomasina Montgomery, Open Doors Center for Children; Kristy Ratliff, Anson Community Hospital; Ashley Rivers, Hornwood, Inc.; Jennifer Tarlton, Sam K. Turner Jr, CPA.

The Leadership Anson program was implemented in 1997 by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. The program, with assistance from South Piedmont Community College and Hornwood, is designed to develop a commitment to community through leadership.

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KWT's Lunch & Learn

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn on December 6th 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.

Quinton gave a brief description of SMCI. The company was founded in 1928 in Columbia, SC. At this time, they insure over 7,000 churches in 4 states that include South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. Their focus is on Property and Casualty, Business Automobiles, Workers Compensation and Excess/Umbrella Liability.

A handout was given to all in attendance that went along with the presentation. There were six topics discussed which included Freeze Claims, Copper Theft, 15



Attendees of the Lunch & Learn

Passenger Vans, Sexual Misconduct/Molestation, Employee Dishonesty and Written Policies and Procedures.

Attendees at the event enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by Papa Joe's Pizza.

Door prizes were given out and all enjoyed networking with each other after the event. For information about insurance coverage and the topics discussed, call KWT Insurance at 704-289-6437.

Please remember to go to the Chamber's web calendar for all events and activities.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

New Member Sketches

The following have joined the Chamber for Calendar Year 2012

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CALENDAR

■ The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 5.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17.

■ The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 19.

■ Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10.

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

January 11 — The Anson County TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY will meet at noon at the Lady Bug Restaurant. This is open to the public.

January 13 — The second annual South Central District Local FOODS CONFERENCE will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center in Albemarle. The deadline to register is **Wednesday, Jan. 4**. To pre-register, call Aimee Rankin at the Anson County Coop. Extension Center at 704.694.2415.

January 13 — The Anson County Toys for Tots inaugural GRATITUDE BANQUET will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor

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Center, 514 N. Washington St., Wadesboro. Tickets are \$10 per person. All proceeds and donations will go into the Anson County Toys for Tots account. For more information, call Vancine Sturdivant at 704.848.4412.

January 19 -- The Anson Cooperative Extension Service will hold a **Beekeeping Webinar** from 7-9 p.m. Register for this free event by calling 704-694-2415.

January 27 — The Anson County Partnership for Children's annual **BARN BLAST** will be held. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$45 after January 13. For more information, call 704.694.4036.

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