

CHAMBERLINES

Grand Opening for The Old Store!



Blue skies and billowing clouds set the stage for a grand opening and ribbon cutting at The Old Store in Lilesville March 13.

The Old Store is part convenience store, part antique store and part restaurant, or as the staff's T-shirts say, "Where the unusual is usual." The store opened for business on January 9, 2010. Joy Hildreth, owner-operator of The Old Store, said she at first envisioned an antique store. Hildreth has long been a collector of vintage drink, cigarette and gas signs. Hildreth decided to add a convenience store, and then to sell hot dogs. And, if licensed to sell hot dogs, why not become a full restaurant, she reasoned. "It just kinda grew bigger and bigger."

Carly Little, Chamber of Commerce president, remarked, "It looks like a wonderful store. I'm sure the citizens of Lilesville appreciate it. It's clean and convenient. I wish you much success."

Anna Baucom, chairman of the Anson Co. Bd of Commissioners. "I know what a leap of faith it is to make this kind of

investment." She praised Hildreth, saying, "You took something old and didn't tear it down, but reused and renovated. I wish you all the success in the world."

Other elected officials attending were N.C. Sen. Bill Purcell, N.C. Rep. Pryor



Owner-operator Joy Hildreth (holding the scissors) and staff

Gibson and Anson Co. Sheriff Tommy Allen.

Speaking to the assembled guests, Hildreth said, "This is a very new adventure for me. 'I couldn't have done it without help,' she added, indicating her staff. "There are some new things coming

down the road, so keep checking in."

Later, Hildreth said a couple events coming up is a Cruise-In, to be held the second Saturday of each month starting in April. Also a Corn Hole tournament, it's similar to horseshoes in that the object of the game is to get a bag of corn through a hole on a board.

Following the ceremony, visitors enjoyed free samples of fried pickles, listened to a band and chatted with friends and neighbors. The Old Store opens at 5:30 a.m. every morning (7:00 a.m. on Sunday) to serve a full breakfast menu that includes eggs, country ham, bacon, sausage, hash browns, grits, pancakes and French toast. Lunch and dinner begin with appetizers such as fried pickles or bacon and cheese fries, salads, chicken, hamburger or shrimp plates, and a variety of sandwiches. Kids meals are also available.

The restaurant closes at 9:00 p.m. nightly and the convenience store closes at 10:00 p.m. The Old Store is located at 3944 Vintage Road, Lilesville, just off Highway 74.

Great Spring Weather = A Great Golf Tournament!

Outstanding weather has been requested and great food has been ordered for the tenth annual Anson County Chamber Open that will be held Friday, April 16th at the Twin Valley Country Club. Deadline for entering the Captain's Choice event is April 9th.

Golfers will have a choice of morning and afternoon tee times - teeing off in a shotgun start at either 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. Afternoon players will enjoy a delicious lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. and the morning golfers will eat at 1:00 p.m.

The tournament's presenting sponsor is **Senator Bill Purcell and Rep. Pryor Gibson**. We appreciate their support for this event.

There are still sponsorship opportunities available and all donations for this event are appreciated. **Sponsorship levels are Corporate-\$1000, Platinum-\$500, Gold-\$320, Silver-\$210 and Bronze-\$130. Individual entries are available at the cost of \$65 and include lunch, cart, golf and mulligan.**

Prizes will be awarded for both morning and afternoon golfers, split the pot will also be available again this year and we will have many door prizes. Prizes include "Closest to the Pin," "Longest Putt," "Longest Drive," and a \$10,000.00 "Hole-in-One" prize. Goodie bags will be given out to each player as well.

This "**Premier Golf Event of the Year**" can host as many as 44 teams, 22 in the a.m. and 22 in the p.m. If you are looking to have a great day golfing, chances to win some prizes and enjoy a great lunch this is the event for you. Teams are already calling in to book their tee time so make your plans now to join us on April 16th.

The Chamber Open is one of the Chamber's two annual fundraisers. Please call the Chamber for more detailed information on this "**Premier Golf**" event, 704-694-4181.



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ANSON COMMUNITY KITCHEN UNVEILED!

Approximately 100 people were on hand to officially unveil the Anson Community Kitchen on March 11. The event included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and an open house to tour the facility.

The community kitchen project, initiated by New Ventures Business Development Inc. (NVBDI) in partnership with SPCC, will allow local caterers and food preparers access to a certified kitchen to ready food for public consumption and/or sale.

Don Altieri, NVBDI executive director, said the genesis of the kitchen came about to allow public access to a facility that would give caterers an opportunity to utilize the kitchen to prepare food for on-site or off-site events. In addition, he said that farm families who want to expand their commodity items into a revenue source will be able to use the community kitchen to produce value-added products for sale.

The 900-square-foot kitchen is adjacent to the Ingram Room at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center; and offers users a 10-burner range with two conventional ovens, a 30-gallon tilt skillet/braising pan, two full-size convection ovens, a two-door reach-in freezer, a three-door reach-in refrigerator, a temperature-



Pictured are David Black, oversight committee; Smithson Mills, consultant; John McKay, SPCC president; Contressa Martin, caterer; Wayne Stogner, architect; Don Altieri, NVBDI executive director; Beth Rogers, caterer; Sandy Huntley, SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center director; and Lynn Edwards, Anson Co. Chamber executive director.

sanitizing dishwasher and a microwave oven. Altieri said the kitchen has an easy access to a loading dock for food preparers who need to load or unload items.

Lynn Edwards, executive director of the Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce, welcomed attendees to the ribbon-cutting and open house. "I am personally excited about the community kitchen because the Chamber's annual dinner meeting has outgrown our other site," she said.

John McKay, president of SPCC, said the community kitchen "has been a long time coming but it will be a benefit to the community."

Major funding sources for the community kitchen included a U.S. Department of Agriculture rural business enterprise grant; a N.C. Rural Economic Dev. Center grant; a Golden LEAF Foundation grant; the Effie Allen Little Foundation; the Elizabeth Burns Yost Foundation; the William A. Smith Trust; Pee Dee Electric; Progress Energy; and Stogner Architecture. Sponsors of the open house included Anson Bank & Trust, Branch Banking & Trust, CMH Flooring, Stogner Architecture and R. Black & Associates.

Caterers Beth Rogers, Rogers & Thompson Caterers, and Contressa Martin, Good Company Caterers, were on hand to provide refreshments. Bob and Lisa Blalock, Events Catering, also offered refreshments but were catering another event.

For more information about the community kitchen or a fee schedule, call 704.272.5457, fax 704.272.5475 or visit www.ansonkitchen.org.

CY 2010 Renewals

Following renewed their Calendar Year 2010 membership in March:

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Focus on Fun, Fun, Fun!

Although the economy seems to be turning around ever so slowly, there are plenty of things to do that won't break the piggy bank and believe it or not, some events that won't cost you anything.

Focus on some fun for a change. There are lots of activities in the month of April for you to choose from. Go

enjoy a nice salad luncheon to be held at the First Presbyterian Church. A Parade, the Week of the Young Child in Uptown Wadesboro or maybe the Truck Pull in Peachland. How about the Silent Auction and Gala at the Twin Valley Country Club or enjoy a nature walk at the Pee Dee Wildlife Refuge.

The month of May will also have lots of activities. If you like to here live bands then you need to be at SPCC campus in Polkton on May 1st for the Battle of the Bands. Don't forget about Relay for Life which is always packed with fun for the whole family and a great cause as well.

Summer Jams will be returning in June along with the Farmers Market in Uptown and a 5K Run/Walk as well.

To find out about these and other events or meetings please refer to our web calendar at, www.ansoncounty.org. The "Community Calendar" is updated constantly so visit as often as you like.

SPCC Presents Service Awards!

South Piedmont Community College presented service awards to 37 employees during its employee appreciation lunch Friday at the Lockhart-Taylor Center.

Purchasing Technician Denise Freeman of Wingate received an oak rocking chair, the college's traditional gift to employees with 30 years of service.

Other employees recognized were: **25 years:** Sandy Huntley, Gail Pope. **20 years:** Fred Sparger, William Truett. **15 years:** Marie Burleson, Chris Johnson, Gaius McLendon. **10 years:** Tammy Frailly, Lynn Gambon, Vince Holloman, Dianne Honeycutt, Susan Miller, Kristi

Phifer, John Ratliff, Chihoko Terry, Wanda Hartsell, Joy Pope, Angela Robinson. Five years: Rita Adams, Jermaine Alston, Rick Cassidy, Sue Eddins, Jacque El-Arab, Barbara Firestone, Amber Goodall, Heather Hooks, Patricia Johnson, Joseph McElrath, Crystal McLendon, Robin Pittman, Linda Kappauf, Arlene Stephens, Melissa Senko, Stuart Wasilowski, David Whitesides, Amy Williams. **Exemplary Program Review winners were:** Carol Courtney, Surgical Tech: Linda Ward, Advertising and Graphic Design; and Kevin Ashley, Basic Law Enforcement Training.

New Member Sketches

The following have joined the Chamber for calendar year 2010

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CALENDAR

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

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

April 17 — The 2nd Annual Carolinas **WRITERS CONFERENCE** will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at SPCC Lockhart-Taylor Center, Wadesboro. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Admission is \$30 for adults and \$6 for students (with an I.D.). A boxed lunch will be available for \$8. For updated information on participating writers and a schedule of workshops and sessions, visit www.ansoncountywritersclub.org

April 23 — An Anson County **CAREER CONNECTIONS FAIR** will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at SPCC Lockhart-Taylor Center, Wadesboro. Fair participants

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will be able to attend professional workshops, get information on community resources, learn about educational and training opportunities, meet with local employers. For more information, call Kristi Phifer at 704.272.5460 or visit www.spcc.edu.

April 24 — The Anson County Arts Council will hold a **SILENT AUCTION and GALA** to benefit the Ansonia Theater. For information, call 704.694.4950.

April is a very busy month!
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calendar for events & details
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SHERIFF TOMMY W. ALLEN, JR.



Sheriff Tommy Allen has been involved and served Anson County for over 40 years from his teenage days as a volunteer fireman in Peachland through his almost 24 years as Sheriff of Anson County. He has been a member of and has lead organizations such as the Anson Rescue Squad, the United Way, the Civitan Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He has been involved with Little League Baseball, SPCC, the Booster's Club, a Sunday School Teacher and currently serves on 12 advisory boards or board of directors. He is recognized locally and state wide as a leader.

"I believe to be a good Sheriff and to do your job right it is essential that you be involved in your community. That is something I have always done. I have tried to be an ambassador of good will and highlighting the many positive things of Anson County."

Sheriff Tommy Allen

Sheriff Allen is running for his seventh term as Sheriff. He was the youngest Sheriff in NC when first elected in 1978 and has served longer than any Sheriff in the history of Anson County. Sheriff Allen has brought many new innovations to the Sheriff's Office including automated fingerprinting; mobile data terminals for patrol vehicles; multiple K-9 Teams; a specialized Narcotics Team, a School Resource Officer for the Middle School; has graduated over 175 individuals from his Law Enforcement Citizens Academy and has acquired over a million dollars in state and federal grants over the past four years.

Sheriff Allen has opposition in both the
May Primary and the November General Election.

Early Voting: April 15th - May 2nd

Primary Election: May 4th

Make sure you are registered to vote by April 9th.