

CHAMBERLINES

O'Reilly Auto Parts Grand Opening!



Front row: L to R Lewis Evans, Chamber board Chairman, Jimmy Hooks, Lead salesman, Ann James, Anson Crisis Ministry, Michelle Hildreth, General Manager, Crystal Helms, O'Reilly Auto Parts staff, Lynn Edwards, Chamber Director and Back row: O'Reilly Auto Parts Staff.

A Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held at O'Reilly Auto Parts Monday, April 11, 2011.

Executive Director Lynn Edwards of the Chamber of Commerce welcomed all that attended and mentioned the great sales O'Reilly has going on.

"I want to thank you for continuing great work and serving our community with great customer service and familiar faces," said Lewis Evans, Anson County Chamber Chairman.

Bobby Usrey, Town of Wadesboro Council member, welcomed O'Reilly Auto Parts to the area and for the staffs continued service.

"This kind of venture takes an act of faith and I want to thank you for giving us the opportunity to shop local," County Commission Chairwoman Anna Baucom said.

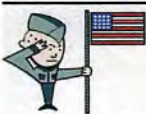
Michelle Hildreth, store General Manager, thanked everyone for coming out and was pleased to announce there are some new staff members and they are all from Anson County.

O'Reilly Auto Parts wanted to give back to the community with a charitable contribution. Anson Crisis Ministry was selected to receive a check in the amount of \$200. Ann James, founder and Director of Anson Crisis Ministry, was proud to accept the check and mentioned that this amount would fill the Crisis Ministries van full of food.

The business is open Monday-Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

O'Reilly Auto Parts is located at 320 E. Caswell St. in Wadesboro and can be reached at (704) 694-6120.

www.oreillyauto.com



Grand opening for GOODY'S!

Goody's celebrated Wednesday, April 13, 2011 with a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Executive Director Lynn Edwards of the Chamber of Commerce said, "I'm very excited that Goody's has decided to join us here in Anson County."

"There's an old saying when one door closes another opens, well in this case the doors never closed, the name just changed. We wish you the very best and congratulations," said Lewis Evans, Anson County Chamber Chairman.

Bill Thacker, Wadesboro Mayor said, "I would like to welcome Goody's to Wadesboro and we wish you much success."

"This is a very exciting time and we are delighted to have you here and best wishes," County Commission Chairwoman Anna Baucom said.

Alvin Kilby, VP District Manager, thanked everyone for coming out and



Paula Rivers (with scissors), store manager, To Rivers' right is Alvin Kirby, vice president and district manager with Goody's; to her immediate left is Lynn Edwards, executive director of the Anson County Chamber, and Wadesboro Mayor Bill Thacker.

especially wanted to thank the Goody's associates for all the hard work they've done this week getting ready for the Grand Opening.

Paula Rivers, Wadesboro Goody's store manager, thanked everyone for being a part of an exciting time. Rivers gave a brief break down of how large Stage

Stores, Inc. has grown. "In 2009, Stage Stores, Inc. purchased the Goody's name through the Goody's bankruptcy auction. There are 800 stores in 39 states across the U.S. Average store size is 18,500 selling square feet. We have great service, fashion and provide the opportunity to shop local," said Rivers.

The business is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Goody's is located at 1001 E. Caswell St. in Wadesboro and can be reached at (704) 694-2174.

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The first 150 customers received a free tote bag as part of the grand opening celebration!

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Week of the Young Child in Wadesboro

Over 500 children, parents, teachers and child care providers filled Ruth-erford and West Wade streets in Wadesboro on April 19 for the 2011 Week of the Young Child Parade sponsored by the Anson County Partnership for Children.

Based on the well-known children's book by Laura Numeroff, "If You Take a Mouse to School," the parade attracted children dressed as their favorite characters from the book. Children and teachers pulled and pushed creative, colorful homemade parade floats inspired by the book. The North Carolina Forestry Service mascot, Smokey the Bear; and the North Carolina State Employee's Credit Union mascot, Fat Cat, joined in the parade fun.

Prizes were awarded to Peachland-Polkton Elementary kindergarten for the "Best Costumes" and to Open Doors Center for Children for the "Best Parade Float."

Actors from the Tarradiddle Players of the Children's Theatre of Charlotte joined in the parade prior to their morning performance of "If You Take a Mouse to School" in the newly renovated Ansonia Theatre. Each child attending the parade received a hard back copy of a Laura Numeroff book courtesy of the Anson County Partnership for Children and First Book National Book Bank. Safe Kids Anson Coalition distributed gun locks and information on firearm safety to parents and community members who attended the parade.

That evening, 122 parents, children, child care providers and community members attended a special public

performance of the play. Each child who attended the evening performance received their own copy of "If You Take a Mouse to School," as well as another Laura Numeroff book. Both performances by the Tarradiddle Players were sponsored jointly by the Anson County Partnership for Children and the Anson County Arts Council.



CY 2011 Renewals

The following have renewed their Calendar Year 2011 membership:

Buff Monkey Fitness
Janet Cox
Davita Dialysis
Hospice of Anson Co.
Jeskri Associates
Neighborhood Nurses Health
Second to Nature
Wal-Mart



ANSON SUMMER JAMS

are you ready?

Uptown Wadesboro Inc. (UWI) has scheduled three Summer Jam programs for the first Friday in June, July and August.

The Summer Jam concerts are **FREE**.

June 3-The BandAnna will be the featured band (www.thebandanna.com/fr_home.cfm). This concert will be held from 7-10 p.m. on East Wade Street in uptown Wadesboro.

There will be a Cornhole Tournament there sponsored by the Wadesboro Rotary Club.



July 1-The Entertainers

(www.eastcoastentertainment.com/artist/Entertainers.html) will be playing and the concert will be held at Shelton Ball Field, Camden Road, Wadesboro, beginning at 7 p.m. There will be food and children's activities. A fireworks display in celebration of Independence Day is scheduled to begin at 10:15 p.m.

Aug. 5-Loaded Dice will be featured. The concert will be held from 7-10 p.m. on East Wade Street in uptown Wadesboro. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating!

New Member Sketches

The following have joined the Chamber for Calendar Year 2011

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Embellish Custom Embroidery, Shelley Spielman, 14 Cross St., Mt. Croghan, S.C. 29727, Phone: 843-634-2175

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Two Chamber Lunch & Learns in April!

The first of two Lunch & Learns was sponsored by South Piedmont Community College "Career Cruiser Making a Difference in Anson County" on Wednesday, April 13 at Lockhart-Taylor Center.

Eric Tillmon, JobReady recruitment specialist at SPCC, talks about the college's Career Cruiser and the services the Career Cruiser provides, including the Career Readiness Certification. Tillmon

also told how Career Readiness Certification can benefit students, employers and the county as a whole. The Career Cruiser makes weekly stops in various communities around Anson County. Participants in the Lunch & Learn event Wednesday, finished up with a tour of SPCC's Career Cruiser. Everyone enjoyed a great lunch provided by Chamber

member, Refreshment Services Inc. Door Prizes were given out and all enjoyed networking with each other after the event.

Pictured below: Lunch & Learn Attendees



2nd Lunch & Learn



Pictured above: Lunch & Learn Attendees

The second Lunch & Learn held at the Chamber was sponsored by Anson County Job Link Center. Titled, "What

We have to Offer and How to find it & How to Increase Productivity while decreasing turnover." Patrick McKemie, Workforce Information Specialist, gave a "Guided Tour" of their website and step by step instructions on how to find the information on unemployment along with other information that you're looking for. Sara Williams, Labor Market Developer, talked about "Employer & Busi-

ness Services Lesser Known", points that could help you increase productivity and decrease turnover. There was a Q and A session at the end of the program, which was very helpful. Attendees had the opportunity to introduce themselves and tell their place of business. Everyone networked with other Chamber members and staff while enjoying a fabulous lunch catered by The Hub. Door Prizes were provided by Anson County Job Link Center, Jenny Prevatte, Pre-Paid Legal and Goody's.

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CALENDAR

- The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11.
- The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17.
- The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 19.
- Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19.

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

- May 6** — SPCC's annual BATTLE of the BANDS
- May 6** — First Presbyterian Church, Wadesboro, will hold a SALAD LUNCH
- May 7** — Hospice Services of Anson County will hold a free GRIEF WORKSHOP for children.
- May 7** — Kesler Chapel AME Zion Church will hold a REUNION WEEKEND and Street Festival.
- May 8** — The Anson County Arts Council's 2nd SUNDAY RECEPTION.
- May 10** — Grace Senior Center will sponsor a HEALTH FAIR.
- May 14** — The National Association of Letter Carriers will conduct a FOOD DRIVE to help local food banks. Mail patrons are

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asked to place non-perishable donations in a bag beside their mailbox for the letter carrier to pick up.

May 13-14 — Rockingham Speedway's CAROLINA 200 will be held.

May 16 — Hospice of Union County's 15th anniversary Griffin Motor Company GOLF TOURNAMENT.

May 20 — The Anson County 4-H will sponsor a 4-H LUNCHEON

May 21 — The Town of Peachland's GOSPEL JUBILEE.

May is a very busy month!
Please check out our web calendar for more about these events

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GREAT DAY OF GOLFING AT THE CHAMBER OPEN!

What does great weather, tasty food, terrific prizes and lots of fun equal to, the **"Premiere Golf Event of Anson County"** that's what. On April 8th 37 teams enjoyed a perfect day for golfing in the Anson County Chamber Open. With 148 players choosing their tee time of 8:00am or 1:00pm it was sure to be a busy but great day for a golf tournament. The weather was is full cooperation with a cool breeze and lots of sun in the morning and blossomed into a nice warm afternoon.

This "Premiere" Golf Event of Anson County would not be as successful without the support of our sponsors, volunteers and especially the golfers. Deepest thanks to our **Presenting Sponsors** for this year, **Brown Creek Animal Hospital** and **Sandhills Office Systems**. Special thanks also to Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Perdue, Refreshment Services Inc., R.A. Jefferies, and IGA of Wadesboro.

There are many others to thank for their contributions to this event with door prizes, goodie bag items, team and hole sign sponsorships. A special thank you to Luke Hunter and the staff at Twin Valley Country Club for their support also. "I certainly have to give my warmest thank you to our Golf Committee, Jilla Gathings, Jeff Rodgers, Todd Moore, Terri Martin, Emily Jarman, Tommy Allen, Bobby Talton and Freddie Vega. Without these wonderful volunteers this event would not be as successful and I appreciate each one of them," Edwards stated. Big thanks also to the 2011 Leadership Anson Class for helping out on this day as well.

Winners; First place winners of the tournament were, Sheriff Tommy Allen's team followed by Wadesboro Tire and Auto in at second and Ambassador Health and Rehab of Wadesboro LLC, coming in third. The winner of

the Split- the-Pot was Ian Isenburg and the winner of the first "Golf Ball Drop" was Todd Moore. Congratulations to all of you!

The "Ball Drop" contest which was incorporated to the tournament this year was a huge hit and very exciting to see. All of the balls that were sold were taken up in a Pee Dee Electric bucket truck by the Chamber Director Lynn Edwards with the assistance of the truck operator Chris Baxley. All of the balls were dropped from the truck over the 18th hole and the closest ball to the pin was the winner. The winning ball actually went into the hole and of course the crowd went crazy when that happened. "I think everyone enjoyed this game so it will be one that we continue to bring to the tournament each year", Edwards said.

Mark your calendars now for next year so you want miss the **"Premiere Golf Event of Anson County"** April 20, 2012.



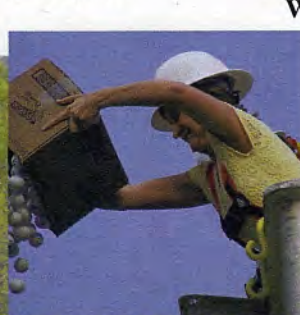
Sheriff Tommy Allen Team, 1st place



Wadesboro Tire Team, 2nd place



Ambassador Health & Rehab of Wadesboro Team, 3rd place



Congratulations to all the winners! We look forward to seeing you next year!!

