

CHAMBERLINES

NC LABOR DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES ANSON BUSINESSES!

The NC Dept of Labor honored five Anson employers and employees at the agency's annual safety awards banquet in Wadesboro on Tuesday, May 17.

The awards honored outstanding on-the-job safety achievements during 2010. For the thirteenth consecutive year Hildreth Wood Products earned the Gold Award. The Employment Security Commission-Wadesboro Branch Office earned a Gold Award for the ninth consecutive year. Hornwood Inc. and Lynn Thomas Grading earned a Gold Award. To earn a Gold Award the rate of days away from work, job transfer or restriction must be at least 50% below the industry average.



Pictured in the above photo are the Anson County Businesses awarded along with Cherie K. Berry, Commissioner of Labor & NC Department of Labor

Wade Manufacturing won a Silver Award. To earn the Silver Award the rate

of days away from work must be at least 50% below the industry average. Wade Manufacturing also won the Million-Hour Award for having 2 Million Hours With No Lost Time Accidents from June 25, 2003 to April 18, 2010.

Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry spoke at the banquet and presented the awards. "It's really an honor for me to travel throughout the state and recognize these employers who are making a commitment to their employees' safety and health," Berry said. "These employers are helping to make North Carolina workplaces some of the safest in the country."

The HUNT's right around the corner!

The 14th Annual Big Game Hunt Tournament is just around the corner. As a matter of fact, it's less than six months away. Expectations of having another successful year for the tournament are very high.

The first process as you know is to begin work on the 2011 Hunt Program Book. You will be contacted about your previous ad and/or a new ad for this publication. Please consider supporting this event with an ad to help us continue to make this event a success. This

usually takes a few months to put together but it's a great reference for all hunt tournament rules and regulations, history of the tournament, advertisements and sponsors as well as lots of photos.

This tournament has definitely grown into a family friendly event. More youth are getting involved not only with the tournament but hunting in general. That means there is a responsible caring adult teaching these youth everything they need to know to enjoy hunting to the fullest while also doing it safely.

The 2011 Tournament will be held at the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Dept. on November 25 and 26 with full access of the fire dept. for the Banquet on Saturday night. The overcrowding issue should be solved and more games and giveaways will take place.

Set your "sights" on the 2011 Big Game Hunt Tournament for a time of great hunting, fun, food, games, giveaways and more. For additional information please call 704-694-4181.

HOLLA! Red Carpet Affair

Join us on Saturday, August 20, 2011, as we will host a HOLLA! Red Carpet Affair at the HOLLA! Resource and Community Development Center in Morven NC from 8 p.m. – 11 p.m. to give Mrs. Vancine Sturdivant the walk down the red carpet she deserves. The HOLLA! Red Carpet Affair will include live music on the inside and a DJ on the deck. You will also enjoy great food, good folks and an elegant evening of fun!

Then on Sunday, August 21, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Vancine will receive friends and family who could not attend Saturday's event during the Red Carpet Gospel Revue. This event will be equally exciting, as guests will experience live entertainment, food and be able to bid on some valuable prizes during a silent auction.

We have levels of sponsorships and tickets available for \$25 each which can be used for the Saturday or the Sunday event. Children age 18 and under can

attend Sunday's event at no cost. Proceeds will benefit one of Vancine's favorite charities; the HOLLA! Resource and Community Development Center in Morven, NC. We look forward to you joining us in making this a special evening for Mrs. Vancine Sturdivant and the cause of community service.

Please feel free to refer questions to us at 704-694-3552 or via email to HOLLA@Wadesboro.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

CY 2011 Renewals Thank You!

Following renewed their Calendar
Year 2011 membership in May:

Branch Banking & Trust
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beyond normal dues.

Blood Drive turnout is low again!

A blood drive at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro collected 21 units of blood on Wednesday. The drive was conducted by the Red Cross, which regularly holds drives at the church. There were 19 donations of blood and two units of double red cells. The Red Cross has lowered its expectations at Anson after regularly failing to reach the usual goal of 40 units of blood. However, the drive still failed to meet the new goal of 28 units. The Red Cross has considered canceling the drives because the personnel must travel to the site. Regular drives at schools and colleges bolster the blood supply, especially after seasonal lows in turnout like during the summer months. Drives that are sponsored by a group in the community typically collect more blood. The blood supply is usually supported by regular donors. The Red Cross also makes efforts to remind donors of drives through postcards and phone calls.

AEDC's Micro-Loan Program!

The Anson Economic Development Corporation has launched a micro loan program to assist aspiring entrepreneurs in Anson County.

Through the new program, interest-free loans of up to \$500 are available to help with start-up operations or to assist businesses that have been in operation for less than a year. Loan funds may not be used for working capital; they are intended primarily to help with start-up costs.

"The cornerstone of AEDC's mission is to stimulate economic growth in Anson County," said Chuck Horne, president of Hornwood, Inc., and chairman of the AEDC. "This is a way we can provide assistance to home-grown businesses without risking a great deal of capital." Before the loan committee will consider a loan request, the applicant must complete a comprehensive business plan endorsed by the Small Business Center at South Piedmont Community College or New Ventures Business Development, Inc. Loan applications are available through the Anson County Chamber of Commerce.

Loans are available only to businesses

that will be located in Anson County. The minimum loan amount is \$100. While the loans are interest free, a \$20 processing fee will be charged. Repayment must be made within one year.

"We frequently hear that access to small amounts of capital is a major obstacle to some small business start-ups," Horne said. "We hope the AEDC micro loan program will help Anson County entrepreneurs overcome that hurdle." The Anson Economic Development Corporation is a privately funded 501(c)(3) non-profit that operates under the auspices of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce.

New Member Sketches

The following have joined the Chamber for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Carpenter Bros Tire Service,
Harry Carpenter, 7006 E. Marshville Blvd., Marshville N.C. 28103, Phone: 704-624-6616, Fax: 704-624-5210
TwiliteCS, Jenny Prevatte, 4004 Croft Wood Lane, Indian Trail, N.C. 28079, Phone: 704-516-0404, www.twilitescs.com

Farmers Market



Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will start up the Farmers Market uptown on the square on Thursday, June 9th. The market will be open for business every Thursday through June, July and August, from 4-6. Locally grown and made products available at the market will include vegetables and fruits, locally raised, hor-

mone-free beef, fresh local eggs, gourmet pies, honey, homemade breads, pastries, jams, jellies, plants, flowers, herbs, preserves, local crafts and much more. So mark your calendars to come and enjoy some fresh grown veggies. For more information or questions please call Carly Little at 704-694-2213.



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Local Authors Publish Novel!

Two years ago, while business partners Sandy Bruney and Elbert Marshall were enroute to a meeting in Polkton, the two hatched an idea for a co-written novel. The result – “Plotz,” a 289-page mystery novel that is now available in paperback on Amazon.com.

They chose the pseudonym Marshall Bruney, following in the footsteps of their website development business, Marshall Bruney Media Consultants, which was created in 2003. “It’s been a long journey to fruition,” said Marshall. “With the number of writers flooding the market with manuscripts, agents and publishers have a myriad of choices to either represent or publish a new work.” He noted that one of their characters in “Plotz” published a full-length novel within six months of finishing it. “That’s fiction. It doesn’t happen in real life,” he said.

“We felt that as unknown writers it would take too long to secure an agent or publisher, so we went the electronic route,” said Bruney, adding that Amazon.com offers CreateSpace, a pro-

gram through which authors can self-publish their books. “Several of my writing friends have done this, preferring to retain control of their works.”

The two writers designated Friday, May 13, as “Shop Until You Plotz Day” — during which 18 paperback and six Kindle editions were purchased on-line. “We learned from author Susan Sloate (a session presenter at the 2009 Carolinas Writers Conference) that Amazon.com takes notice of one-day sales,” Marshall said.

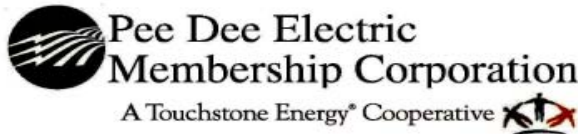
The novel is available both as a trade paperback and in Kindle format at Amazon.com. Visit the website to read an excerpt: www.plotz-thenovel.com.



Anson Co. Deputies & Bloodhounds get certified!



Two Anson County Sheriff’s Deputies, along with accompanying bloodhounds, completed a weeklong training and certification course in New York the first week of May. Sgt. Jimmy Williams with bloodhound Trace and Sgt. Pattie Williams with bloodhound Kenya completed the National Police Bloodhound Association Annual Training in Salamanca, N.Y. The K-9 teams worked on scenarios based on locating fleeing suspects, lost children and elderly persons who may have wandered from nursing homes or residences. Training was done both in rural and city settings.



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CALENDAR

- The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 2.
- The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21.
- The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 16.
- Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16.

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

June 3 — Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will hold its first **SUMMER JAM** featuring Band Anna from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

June 4 — Uptown Wadesboro, Inc., will sponsor the **SUMMER JAM 5K RUN/WALK**, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

June 4 — The Town of Lilesville will sponsor a **CATFISH STEW COOKOFF** from noon-4:00 p.m. at Hatcher Park.

June 4 — A countywide **YARD SALE** will begin at 6:00 a.m. on The Square.

June 4 — Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center will host the annual **JOHN BREWER DAY** fundraiser.

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June 10 — Last Day of school for Anson County students.

June 15 — Full Moon!

June 19 — Fathers Day!!!!

June 22 — The Anson County Arts Council's **BACH'S LUNCH** will be held from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

June 30 — Sonic Drive-In will hold a **CAR SHOW** from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

June is a very busy month!
Please check out our web calendar for events & details
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