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Leadership Anson Class 2010 Graduation!

The Leadership Anson program graduated 12 future leaders during ceremonies June 15 at Welika Lake Fish House. — including three participants with perfect attendance.

The Class of 2010 graduates include: Carrie Bunn, Anson Community Hospital; Gerald Cannon, Wadesboro Police Department; Joyce Cox, Allen's Professional Investigations; Nichole Cox, Anson County School System; Teresa Downer, South Piedmont Community College; Caroline Hightower, Anson County Partnership for Children; Donna Liles, Anson County Sheriff's Department; Lewis McLendon, Wadesboro Police Department; Frances Moore, Lillie Bennett Nursing Center; Kevin Mullis, Lilesville Police Department; Merri Privett, Anson Community Hospital; and Ryan Teal, Anson County EMS. Bunn, Moore and Privett were recognized for their perfect attendance during the year; and, by completing course requirements, each graduate was awarded a CEU certificate from South Piedmont Community College. Anson County Sheriff Tommy Allen was the guest speaker, telling class members, family members, employers and guests, "You've spent the past five months learning about Anson County and meeting, visiting, talking and listening to community leaders. You have heard every possible motivational statement and tidbit there is to hear and digest ... right? So, there is probably not much I can say that will motivate you any further to be leaders ...

So I am not going to try to do that. But what I will do is share with you some of my thoughts on leadership and success and combining those two characteristics on becoming a successful leader."

Sheriff Allen said, "Not everyone wants to be a leader ... we need some followers. It is okay to not be a leader, but the reality is each of you is a successful leader in some way already.

You attended this class didn't you? Not everyone has done that."

Allen said motivation is the key to being a good leader and he shared some of the characteristics of a good leader.

- Know what you want to do.
- Do your homework
- Lead by example
- Demand excellence, not perfection
- Be humble
- Be honest and truthful



Graduates of the Leadership Anson Class of 2010 are, from left to right: Gerald Cannon, Wadesboro Police Department; Lewis McLendon, Wadesboro Police Department; Kevin Mullis, Lilesville Police Department; Ryan Teal, Anson County EMS; Nichole Cox, Anson County Schools; Donna Liles, Anson County Sheriff's Office; Frances Moore, Lillie Bennett Nursing Center; Carrie Bunn, Anson Community Hospital; Caroline Hightower, Anson County Partnership for Children; Teresa Downer, South Piedmont Community College; Merri Privett, Anson Community College; and Joyce Cox, Allen's Professional Investigation.

"Leadership is all these things and more," Allen said. "Leadership is solving problems. Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things. In closing, Allen said, "Each of you has taken a great step toward leadership by attending this program. Now continue to get involved. Get involved in your church ... in community service projects. Be willing to serve on a community board ... Contribute something back to this community that has propelled you to this point.

"Believe in yourself. Believe you can do what you set out to do. Set goals a little higher than you really think you can reach. You will be surprised at your own

abilities," Allen concluded.

Lynn Edwards (Class of 2004), executive director of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, and Jilla Gathings (Class of 2006), chair of the Leadership Anson Oversight Committee, presented plaques to each graduate; and Scott Collier, SPCC and Leadership Anson instructor, handed out the earned CEUs.

Gathings thanked the Class of 2010 for their volunteer help on the 2010 Chamber Open Golf Tournament. She singled out Cannon and McLendon for their diligence in keeping an eye on the "hole-in-one hole" during the day.

Cannon, McLendon and Mullis asked Tommy Jarman (Class of 2008) and a Wadesboro Police Department sergeant, his wife Cynthia Jarman and their daughter Katie Jarman to come to the podium, where Cannon announced that the Class of 2010 had decided to establish the T.J. Jarman Scholarship Fund with the money from the class fundraiser. T.J. died in December 2009 at the age of 19.

Cannon said, "This was a tragedy for all of us ... at our department, we are all brothers and sisters." In starting the scholarship fund, McLendon said, "We want to keep T.J.'s memory alive."

Hightower made the closing comments, saying, "I want to thank the friends and families in attendance, our employers who support the Leadership Anson program, Sheriff Allen as our guest speaker, the Jarman Family, our caterer Yates Almond, Jennifer Horne (Class of 2006) and Zana Lambert (Class of 2008) for their assistance with the graduation and dinner setup, Jilla Gathings for being there to help us, SPCC and Scott Collier, and Lynn Edwards and the A. C. Chamber of Commerce."

The Leadership Anson program was established in 1997 and has now graduated 216 participants. Sponsors include the A. C. Chamber of Commerce, SPCC and Hornwood.

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The Beauty of Anson!

Your Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce is producing an Anson County Calendar. The theme for 2011 will be **"The Beauty of Anson"**, featuring stunning photos taken from all around our county.

Chamber Members are invited to join in and take advantage of this wonderful addition to the Chamber's marketing media. We will distribute this calendar to various public places for people to pick up and enjoy; as well as have them available inside the Chamber office for visitors to take.

Advertising opportunities are available for Chamber Members only.

A business card size ad or "coupon ad" (3.5 by 2) is available at \$75 each

with a discount if you wish to purchase multiple ads. Quarter page size ads (5.5 by 4.25) are available at \$150 each. All ads are full color and will be placed on a first come first serve availability.

Blurbs, for advertisers only, will be scattered throughout the calendar to drive attention to ads including those on the inside back page. Social and activity events will be listed along with school events upon space availability.

The deadline for ads is July 30, 2010. Contact the Chamber office at 704.694.4181 or ansonchamber@windstream.net if you are interested in being part of the first ever Anson County Chamber Calendar.

New Member Sketches

The following have joined the Chamber for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

BAM 1 Travel Inc., Brenda McMillian, 2254 Plank Rd., Wadesboro, N.C. 28170, Phone: 704-826-6132, Fax: 866-218-4078, www.bam1travel.com

US Health Group, Donna Edwards, 3902 Baucom Manor Rd., Monroe, N.C. 28110, Phone: 704-201-7540, Fax: 704-385-8585, www.ushginsurance.com/donnaedwards

Consumer Connections, Inc., Sylvia Emafo, P.O. Box 5, Monroe, N.C. 28111 (mailing), 8574 Hwy 74 W., Polkton, NC 28135 (physical) Phone: 704-292-0111, Fax: 704-292-0115

School Tools Campaign!

Anson County Chamber and Anson County Schools to participate in the WSOC-TV School Tools campaign

As you may remember, your Chamber of Commerce promoted a huge school supply drive last year and it was very successful. Thank you to all those that participated in that urgent need. The students of Anson County need our help again this year. Many people are still without a job making it very difficult to make ends meet. Your Chamber and your Schools have teamed up with WSOC-TV School Tools campaign to expand our efforts.

All School supplies donated in Anson County will stay in our community. The

School Tools Campaign is the region's largest school supplies collection. If you wish to make a monetary donation as many of you did last year, please make your check payable to the Anson County Chamber and we will purchase the necessary items for you.

BB&T is a proud sponsor of this event and donation barrels will be located at our local BB&T branch at 111 E. Caswell Street, Wadesboro. You can also make donations at the following local businesses CVS, Food Lion, IGA and our Chamber of Commerce office. **Donation locations will begin collecting items the week of July 12th.**

What is needed?

Notebook paper
Glue sticks
Pens
Pencils
Markers
Backpacks
Notebooks and etc...



Also, mark your calendars because on Saturday, August 21 Anson County will participate in the Postal Collection Day. Residents are encouraged to place donations in bags and hang them around the mailbox. The postal service will collect the items and bring them to our donation center. More information regarding this event will be aired on Channel 9 or call the Chamber at 704-694-4181.

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Microsoft "Windows 7" Lunch & Learn



A Lunch and Learn was held on June 2nd sponsored by The Anson County Chamber of Commerce. The topic was "How Windows 7 can Improve Your Business" and was presented by Shannon Little, Net-Com Solutions, Inc.

There were around 25 in attendance for insight on how doing the tasks you do everyday are easier and faster with Windows 7. They learned the latest productivity enhancements, as well as safety and security improvements that Windows 7 provides.

Little opened with a power point presentation and a live demo of Windows



Pictured: Lunch & Learn attendees!

7. Of the dozens and dozens of features, Little selected some he thought the attendees would especially like. For instance: Instantly arranging two windows exactly side by side. Scanning

through open files to find just what you're looking for. Sharing files, music—even printers—in just four clicks. Keeping programs and files handy: pin them to the taskbar or Jump Lists. Searching on your PC the same way you search on the Internet. Many of the attendees asked questions and took notes to help them make a decision on upgrading their PC's.

Lunch was provided by Events Catering, LLC. Door prizes provided by Microsoft were given out and all enjoyed networking with each other after the event.

★ 2010 Anson Ag Expo & Fair ★

Mark your calendars for this year's annual Anson Ag Expo & Fair. Slated for this fall, the 2010 Anson Ag Expo and Fair Planning Committee is gearing up for events to promote agriculture and its economic importance to Anson County.

This year's festivities will be held Friday and Saturday, September 24-25 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center of SPCC and the Extension Center on McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. The event promises an

array of activities and fun, along with some local entertainment.

Friday's event will begin at 6:00 pm at the Lockhart-Taylor Center with the annual Youth Livestock Show in the parking area. Portions of the annual Expo and entertainment will also be provided in the Ingram Room. All events are free to the public.

Saturday's activities will run from 9 until 2 pm, with the rest of the Youth

Livestock Show, more local entertainment, the Expo in the parking area and the Ingram Room, and the County Fair at the Cooperative Extension Center.

Be on the lookout for more information to come, including entertainment news, children's activities, the youth livestock show and much more. Come out and join the fun. Celebrate agriculture in Anson.

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CALENDAR

■ The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will not meet in the month of July.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 20.

■ The AEDC will not meet in the month of July.

■ Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 15.

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

July 2 — Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will sponsor a **SUMMER JAM** from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Ray Shelton Ball Field, Camden Road, Wadesboro. A pre-Fourth of July fireworks display will begin at 10:15 p.m. Jo Jo Productions of Concord will provide the concert entertainment. Admission is free (bring a lawn chair). For more information, call 704.695.1644.

July 5 — The Anson County Chamber of Commerce will be closed for the Independence Day Holiday!

July 9-10 — Circle G Arena will host the 18th annual International Professional Rodeo Association's **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO** at the Lilesville arena. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5

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for children ages 6-12. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Each evening will kick off with live entertainment, followed by the rodeo competition, a fireworks display and the featured band's return engagement. For more information, call 704.848.8583 or e-mail circlegarena@windstream.net.

July 21 — The American Red Cross **BLOOD MOBILE** will be at First Presbyterian Church, 208 S. Greene St., Wadesboro, from 1:30-6:00 p.m.

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