

CHAMBERLINES

AG Expo & Fair Offers Booth and Exhibit Opportunities

Agencies, businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to be a vendor at this year's Anson Ag Expo & Fair. In addition to traditional activities, the 2011 event will feature an exposition of the community and county.

The seventh annual Ag Expo & Fair will offer opportunities for Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24. Located at the Lockhart-Taylor Center of SPCC on North Washington Street in Wadesboro, booth space for vendors will be available both inside the Ingram Room and outside in the vast parking area.

Vendors have the option of setting up for Friday evening's schedule, from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Events open that evening include the Anson Ag Fair, Educational Exhibits, Youth Creative Squash Challenge and the Market and Breeder Doe goat classes of the annual Youth Livestock Show.

Vendors may also choose to set up for the Saturday schedule, running from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm inside, and 4:00 pm outside. Saturday's schedule includes the events from the evening before, plus the Lamb and Heifer Shows, South Atlantic Woodsmen's Association Lumberjack Competition, Adult Local Foods Bake-Off and more youth activities.

Vendors are invited to participate as a food, commercial or information booth. Commissions will not be charged, and only nominal fees are required to participate. Applications can be downloaded from the Anson County Cooperative Extension website at: <http://anson.ces.ncsu.edu/>.

For additional questions, please contact Janine Rywak, County Extension Director at 704-694-2915.



Also, the Educational Booth Competition will be housed in the Ingram Room, with competition open to any county elementary age youth group, school, club, etc. Participation is limited to K - 6 aged children.

Educational booths must address the theme, *Why Agriculture is Important to Me* and winners will be awarded certificates plus monetary awards of \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for 2nd, \$50 for 3rd. In addition, all youth participants will receive complimentary 4-H bracelets.

Booths will be judged on creativity, educational value and originality. Booths need to be set up at the Lockhart-Taylor Center at 5:00 pm on Friday, will be judged at 9:00 am on Saturday, and can be taken down at 2:00 pm.

For additional information, and to reserve your group's booth space, contact Erin Dempsey, 4-H Youth Promise Program Director, at 704-694-2915. This year's planning committee is excited to be hosting this two-day county-wide event. Plan to participate! Celebrate agriculture in Anson.

Got Your Deer Stand Up? ...Hunt Brochures are Going Out!

The 14th annual Big-Game Hunt Tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25-26, 2011.

Deer hunters may hunt anywhere in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, Stanly or Union counties where they have legal rights to hunt, but their deer must be officially weighed at the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department (located on U.S. 52 across the highway from Ansonville Elementary School) between the hours of **8 a.m. and 8 p.m.** on the days of the tournament. No hunting will be allowed on the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge during the tournament.

Hunters will compete for the top prize of \$700 in the buck and doe categories, plus daily prizes. Youth ages 10-15 may compete in the Youth Division (\$15 entry fee) or the Big-Game Hunt Tournament (\$30 entry fee), but not both. The top prize in the Youth Division will be split again this year with a buck and a doe category that will each have a top prize of \$250. There will also be daily prize money in all categories. **Any person receiving winnings in this tournament of \$600 or**

more will receive a 1099 Misc. Form; it's the law.

Pass the word; hunt brochures will be mailed out this month.

To enter the tournament, hunters must register and pay their \$30 entry fee by 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 21. Late registrations will be taken only at the Anson County Chamber of Commerce office, 107-A E. Wade St., Wadesboro, until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce offers money prizes for first, second, third, fourth and fifth places in buck and doe categories. Door prizes will be available during the annual banquet on Saturday, Nov. 26, at the fire department.

For more tournament information, rules and an entry form, call the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at 704-694-4181 or visit www.ansoncounty.org/trn.html.



Tortoise & Hair 5K Fun Run

October 8, 2011 - 8:00 am - 2nd Annual Tortoise & Hair 5K Fun Run on the streets of Uptown Wadesboro, NC. UWI is teaming up with the National Alopecia Areata Foundation to bring the Tortoise & Hair to the streets of Wadesboro. This race has been organized not only to expose the beauty and business district of Uptown Wadesboro, but more importantly to raise funds and create awareness for alopecia areata. Alopecia areata is a misunderstood autoimmune disease which is a disease that causes hair loss.

For more information visit the NAAF website at www.naaf.org. Reg. fee \$20 (\$30 day of event). For registration form and more details, download pdf file from the Brochures page at www.uptownwadesboro.com. You can also register at HW Little Hardware, 109 S. Greene Street, Wadesboro, NC. 704-694-2213.

Welcome to the Anson County Schools

The Anson County Schools is rich with a tradition of success. Though we strive to ensure that each learner meets or exceeds local, state, and national standards, we know that our success . the success of each learner requires an engaged community, supportive community, and a community that continually requires excellence in all matters of operation as well as performance.

A committed and dedicated Board of Education comprised of nine members from across the county provides leadership through policy governance. Their monthly public business meeting is the four Monday of the month in the Staff Development Center located at the school district's central office. Meeting schedules, agenda, and minutes are posted on the district's website (www.ansonschools.org).

The Anson County Schools include eleven schools with programs serving students from Pre Kindergarten through grade 13. A comprehensive Career and Technical Education program beginning in grade 7 through grade 12 is open to all students. In addition, programs and services for Exceptional Children, Academically and Intellectually Gifted, Advance Via Individual Determination (AVID), Athletics, Instrumental Music, Choir, Project Based Learning, as well as several other programs are offered to meet the diverse needs of our learners.

We have two alternative learning centers, Ombudsman serving grades 9-12 and our Discovery Learning Center located at Anson Middle School. In addition, Anson Early College is one of the North Carolina's and the nation's best early college program serving students in grades 9 through 13 and is located on the South Piedmont Community College Campus. Anson County Schools also operates a state and nationally acclaimed New Tech High School focused on project based learning for students in grades 9 through 12.

On behalf of our Board of Education, administration, teachers, and support staff, I invite you to explore the rich, diverse program offerings and unique learning opportunities in the Anson County Schools. Our website is a great way to learn more about our schools.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the business men and women, civic and faith leaders, as well as each citizen of Anson County for their continuing support of their schools. It remains both a privilege and honor to serve as Superintendent of Schools.

Thank you in advance for your interest and support of public education.

Respectfully,
Gregory A. Firn, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

"Let the Wood Chips Fly!"

The 2011 Anson Ag Expo & Fair will host the South Atlantic Woodsmen's Association (SAWA) Lumberjack Competition on Saturday, September 24 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. Beginning at 12:30 pm, the event will continue throughout the afternoon.

The day will feature several exciting lumberjack events. For instance, accuracy is the name of the game in the Axe Throwing event as the competitors throw double bitted axes from twenty feet away at a four-inch bull's eye.

In the Underhand Chop event, the SAWA lumberjacks blast their way through eleven inch yellow poplar logs with six pound razor sharp axes. Precision is the key to a fast axe cut in the Standing Block Chop event. There is one man, one six foot saw, and one goal in the Single Buck Saw event . to be the first sawyer through the wood.



As a true challenge of strength and dexterity, the competitors in the Springboard event use axes to chop pockets into a 9-foot poplar pole, place 6-inch wide platforms into the pockets and chop while balancing 8 feet in the air.

The Stock Saw event featuring MS 660 STIHL Magnum chainsaws leads up to the crowd's favorite event, the Hot Saw, with highly modified deafening chainsaws ripping off three cuts in fewer than six seconds.

At the end of the day winners will be announced in each of the six events and an overall winner of the Wadesboro competition will be named. The competition will feature Polkton resident Logan Scarborough, son of Don and Elaine Scarborough, the 2010 National Collegiate STIHL Timbersports Champion.

In addition to Logan, other nationally known professional lumberjacks will compete on September 24. They include father-son team, Mike and Matt Slingerland from Rockwell, NC and Mike's wife, Barb Slingerland, and his daughter, Sara Slingerland.

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Discover Anson Bike Ride!

The sixth annual Discover Anson Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011 in Ansonville. The ride offers 30-, 50- and 75-mile routes in the southern Piedmont and the foothills of the Uwharrie Mountains.

The entry fee is \$30 per rider (\$25 if entered by Friday, Oct. 21). A download-able registration form is available at www.discoveranson.com/bikeride. On the day of the bike ride, registration begins at 8 a.m. at Ansonville Elementary School (located across from the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department). The ride will receive the green flag at 9 a.m.



The Discover Anson Bike Ride is being held in conjunction with the annual Ansonville Homecoming Celebration and the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department's barbecue (chicken, pork and beef) fundraiser. For more information, call the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at 704.694.4181 or visit www.discoveranson.com.

People FEST 2011

People Fest is Saturday, October 8, 2011 in Uptown Wadesboro. The 2011 People Fest will be held on Saturday, October 8. The street festival is from 9am to 4pm in Uptown Wadesboro, then the night concert and fireworks will be from 7pm to 10pm at Ray Shelton Ball Field.

This year will mark this festival's 28th year of bringing family fun to the streets of Uptown Wadesboro! Each year, around 5,000 people enjoy People Fest; either by listening to the three stages of music, eating the wonderful food, letting their children play, or by simply catching up with old friends. This is one community event you don't want to miss!!!

To get a vendor application, go to www.cityofwadesboro.org

Wood Chips Continued

SAWA announcer and lumberjack Daryl Weakland of Concord, NC, another 2011 National STIHL Timbersports competitor, will also compete in Wadesboro. Throughout the fast paced SAWA event, Daryl will involve the audience in trivia questions, give-aways, forest education and games for the kids.

When the competition is over the lumberjacks will be glad to sign autographs for SAWA fans young and old on the cookies+ cut from the competition logs. For more information on SAWA

and current lumberjack standings in each competition category, visit www.sawalumberjacks.com.

The Anson Ag Expo & Fair would like to thank the following generous sponsors of the Wadesboro SAWA Lumberjack Competition: Anson Wood Products, Pryor Gibson, Anson County Tourism Development Authority, Culp Lumber Company, Plank Road Forestry and Wadesboro Rotary Club.

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CALENDAR

- The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1.
- The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept 20.
- The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept 15.
- Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept 15.

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

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