

CHAMBERLINES

3rd Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride

The third Discover Anson Bike Ride took place on Saturday November 8, 2008 in Ansonville.

Forty-six riders participated in the event, which included a 30-mile, 50-mile and (for seasoned riders) a 70-mile route.

The Marketing/Discover Anson Committee was elated with joy regarding the number of riders. The riders bicycled through Anson County's historic rural countryside.



2008 Discover Anson Bike Riders

Winding roads meander through scenic farm country and rolling hills. On the journey, the riders discovered old homesteads and barns, country churches and cemeteries, old oaks, pine forests, small creeks and grazing cattle. It attracted newcomers to the county to see what we have to offer.

Allen to end term!

Allen has served six years as a board member

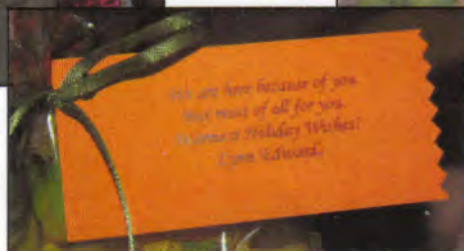
Tommy has been a member of the Chamber since the early '90s. He has served on the Board of Directors since 2003 and was Chamber Chair in 2007. His unique position as Sheriff of Anson County has allowed him to become an ambassador of good will on behalf of the Chamber as his job brings him into contact with many businesses, other government operations and citizens both in Anson County as well as statewide. "I have always emphasized the many positive things of our county as well as the many positive things our Chamber does. I am particularly proud that I sat on the selection committee that hired our current executive director. Lynn has done a great job and kept our Chamber on track and she continues to do great even in this economic down turn," Allen said. Tommy is completing his 23rd year as Sheriff of Anson County. He plans to run for re-election next year for a seventh term, continue to serve on various Chamber committees and do whatever is needed to expand the Chamber's mission in helping bring, as well as maintaining good businesses in Anson County. (A full list of Chamber Directors is found on Page 4.)



Tommy Allen



Guest enjoying a social and an elegant evening with great food.



2009: a
report to the
membership

◀ NOVEMBER 2008 ▶

One hundred and thirty people attended the 46th annual Membership Meeting & Banquet on November 18, 2008 at G & G Ballroom in Polkton, N.C.

Lewis Evans, Anson County Farm Bureau, and Chris Wease, CMH Space, were re-elected to second terms on the Chamber's Board; and Carly Little, H. W. Little Hardware & Co., and Stephen Coggin, Jr., Selectronics, were elected to three-year terms.

At the Membership Meeting and Banquet, the following members served 3 year terms.

At the Membership Meeting and Banquet, the following members were recognized:

- Russell Sikes, Plank Road Realty, was honored for his six years of service on the Chamber Board.
- Jarvis Woodburn, Coffing Hoist, was honored for his six years of service as a Board member.
- Lynn Edwards, Executive Director, Anson County Chamber of Commerce, presented, Jilla Gathings, Marty Cato and Robbie Liles with a volunteer appreciation certificate.

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**47th Annual
Membership Meeting,
Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009
@ Lockhart Taylor
Center in the Ingram
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Social @ 6:15 p.m.
Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.**

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The 15th annual W. Dunlap Covington Award for Community Service was presented by Dana Maness to Lynn Edwards, Executive Director of A. C. Chamber of Commerce.

Edwards is the 15th recipient of the prestigious Chamber award since 1995. The award is in honor of W. Dunlap "Dunnie" Covington, who was instrumental in starting the chamber of commerce here in 1963 and served as chairman of the board from 1963-66.

Mr. Maness stated, "relentless work ethic combined with her eagerness to learn and succeed is why she was chosen."

"Her attributes carry over to her job-related community involvement as well," Maness said, listing her participation on Uptown Wadesboro Inc., Anson Economic Development Corp., A. C. Partnership for Children, A. C. Domestic Violence Coalition and New Business Ventures Development Inc. boards, and as a member of the Wadesboro Rotary Club; plus at least eight other committees.



Carly Little was presented with the Henry W. Little III Community Leadership Award, which honors her late father and was initiated by the Chamber in 2005 to exemplify Little's ideals and standards of service. Little is the fourth recipient of the community leadership award.

Little currently runs the family business, H.W. Little & Co. She is the current chair of Uptown Wadesboro Inc.,

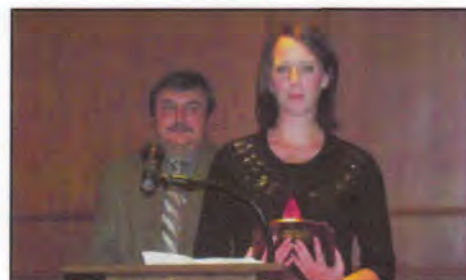
Dunnie Winners — 1995-2008

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| 1995 | Denise Beachum, Fancy Crafts, People Fest Chair, 1983-95 |
| 1996 | Anson County Writers' Club, producers of the outdoor drama, "A Ripple in the River," and the annual poetry and prose contests for youths and adults |
| 1997 | Chris and Robin Sanford, Wadesboro IGA |
| 1998 | Don Scarborough, Plank Road Realty |
| 1999 | Don Altieri, South Piedmont Community College |
| 2000 | Elbert Marshall, Anson County Chamber of Commerce |
| 2001 | Carol Smith, Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center |
| 2002 | Rev. Dr. Priscilla Durkin, First Presbyterian Church |
| 2003 | Russell Sikes, Plank Road Realty |
| 2004 | Uptown Wadesboro Inc., Main Street program successes |
| 2004 | Anne Covington, Thrift Loan & Finance |
| 2005 | Jarvis Woodburn, Coffing Hoist |
| 2006 | John Dunlap, retiree from Wansona Mfg. |
| 2007 | Dana Maness, Vice-President Anson Bank & Trust |
| 2008 | Lynn Edwards, Exe. Director Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce |

The W. Dunlap Covington Award for Community Services honors Mr. Covington, who was a founding father of the Chamber of Commerce. Dunnie, who served as chairman from 1963 through 1966, passed away in 1998.



Pictured from left, Walter Edwards, husband and Lynn Edwards receiving the W. Dunlap Covington Award presented by Mr. Dana Maness.



Pictured from left, Russell Sikes presenter of the Henry W. Little, III Community Leadership Award to Carly Little.

and revitalized the Uptown Merchants Association "We have seen other young college graduates come back to the county and get involved in local business or education ... this young lady has her

father's passion for this community and the energy to make things happen," Sikes said. "We are very thankful for all the things you do and how you make our community a better place to live."

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Carolinas Primary Care officially opened Nov. 20 with a ribbon-cutting and open house. Fred Thompson, PH. D., holds the scissors as doctors and staff look



The Eleventh annual Big-Game Hunt Tournament Committee registered 286 hunters for the Nov. 28-29 event. The tournament awarded \$5,300 in cash prizes (adult and youth divisions). A total of 83 deer were weighed in.

A special thanks and appreciation goes to the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department for providing a weigh-in site and banquet facility; Perdue Farms Inc., Pepsi and Coca-Cola for their contributions to the banquet; Title Sponsor, God's Country Outfitters, Youth Division and Gold sponsor, Lynn Thomas Grading; Gold sponsors, Cobb-Vantress Inc., NC Electric Membership Co., Pee Dee Electric and Progress Energy; Silver sponsors, Anson Bank & Trust, Monroe General Rental, Seago Distributing, and The Sportsman's Closet; and the Bronze sponsors, Kiker Resource Management, LLC, McCollum Trucking & Grading and McCollum & Associates Paving, RBC Bank.

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The 2008 first place winners were:

- Buck – Stewart Lowder, Albemarle, 148.4 pounds.
- Doe – Darren Poplin, Wadesboro, 111.4 pounds.
- Youth Buck – Kevin Bye, Lilesville, 106.1 pounds.
- Youth Doe – Elizabeth Tarlton, Wadesboro, 115.3 pounds.

The 2008 raffle winners were:

- David Webb, Monroe-1st Place
- Greg Mecimore, Charlotte- 2nd Place
- Avery Harrington, Morven- 3rd Place

The 2008 pick board winners were:

- Bron Hyatt, Peachland
- Kevin Thomas, Polkton
- Jake Mecimore, Charlotte

The 2008 youth drawing winners were:

- Brandon Biles, Polkton
- Kori Ann Davis, Albemarle
- Hunter Sheppard, Lilesville



The annual Anson County Christmas Parade Thursday Dec. 4th recorded over 103 entries — which included 21 homemade floats and 8 professional floats. Santa rode through the parade in a white Cinderella horse drawn carriage.

The parade was sponsored by Senator William Purcell and Representative Pryor Gibson. A few of the parade entries were a Steel Drum Band and a very large Christmas ornament balloon filled with helium.

Misty Harris parade coordinator said, "The fact that the parade is now a night time-illuminated parade has brought a great crowd out to watch. I'm pleased with the entries and the number of spectators."

◀ DECEMBER 2008 ▶



Todd Moore



Dana Maness



Carly Little

Todd Moore Marketing Representative for Pee Dee Electric, was re-elected the 2009 Chamber Chair at the Dec. 16 Board meeting, Carly

Little, H.W. Little Hardware & Co. was elected vice chair and Dana Maness was elected treasurer this year.



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The Chamber ended 2008 with 306 members — up by 5 for the same period in 2007; and finished the year with \$2,600 in Member donations above and beyond regular membership dues — down \$1,700 from 2007's totals.

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The Leadership Anson Oversight Committee announced the 16 participants in the Class of 2009. The Leadership Anson program was implemented in 1997 by the Chamber of Commerce and, in ten years, has graduated 203 participants.



New Ventures Business Development, Inc. Holiday Business After Hours on Dec. 9.



Anson Bank and Trust Holiday Business After Hours on Dec. 18.

◀ JANUARY 2009 ▶

Leadership Anson 2009 is off to a great start. The Sixteen members of Leader-

ship Anson spent January 9-10 at the Beth Haltiwanger Retreat Center in Montgomery County.



◀ FEBRUARY ▶



NVBDI held a Lunch & Learn on February 3rd. "2 for 1 - Avoiding Data Disaster & Marketing Using Podcasting" presented by Chester Caulder.



Total Care Home Health held a Lunch & Learn on February 17th. "Medicare the Basics" presented by Gena Strough. There were about 22 in attendance for the basics and changes of Medicare.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elected

Tommy Allen, Anson Co., Sheriff
Lewis Evans, Anson Co Farm Bureau
Harvey Leavitt, Leavitt Funeral Home
Steve Coggin, Jr., Selectronics
Dana Maness, Anson Bank & Trust
Jeff Rodgers, Anson Community Hospital

Todd Moore, Pee Dee Electric
Bobby Talton, Progress Energy
Sam Turner, Sam K. Turner, Jr, CPA
Chris Wease, CMH Flooring Products
Jay Wright, State Farm Insurance

Appointed

Dr. Don Altieri, New Ventures Business Development, Inc.
Preston Burns, honorary in-active
Misty Harris, Economic Development Director

Carly Little, Uptown Wadesboro Inc.
Dr. John McKay, South Piedmont Community College
Don Scarborough, Anson Economic Development Corp.

Dr. Gregory Firm, Anson County School System



Advanced Shipping Technologies held a Lunch & Learn on February 25th. "Knowledge is Power" presented by Neal Vick.

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Kathryn Emory, Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. was recognized as Wadesboro's 2008 NC Main Street Champion. During the annual dinner in Statesville, NC. Designation as a Main Street Champion recognizes the efforts of individuals who have been instrumental in making or initiating positive change in their local town.



Katherin Emory

◀ APRIL ▶

The Chamber assisted Skin Deep Tattoos & Body Piercing Friday, April 10th with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured is owners Shane & Jennifer Hicks.



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B&J's Family Services officially opened in Peachland on April 23rd. Pictured is Owner Monica Gramling, staff and family.

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◀ MARCH ▶



The Chamber assisted Uptown Alley Jewelers with a grand opening on March 5th. Pictured: Boot Isenberg, Owner Jonie & her husband Johnny Isenberg

Lillie Templeton was crowned Miss Anson County and embarked on the journey of a lifetime. On June 27, Lillie will take the stage in Raleigh, along with 27 of her peers from across the state, and compete for the title of Miss North Carolina 2009.



Lillie Templeton

Thirty teams (120 golfers) competed in the 9th annual Chamber "Premiere Golf Event of Anson Co." Tournament on April 17 at the Twin Valley Country Club. The Wadesboro Tire and Auto team (pictured below) of Pinky Diggs, John Martin, Jr., Johnny Martin and Louis Adams won the event.



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Hundreds of children turned out on April 21 for the annual Week of the Young Child Parade sponsored by Anson Co. Partnership for Children. Spectators lined the streets to cheer for the children as they strolled down Greene Street in Wadesboro. The theme for this year's parade was "Blocks Rock!" The Week of the Young Child is a nationally recognized week to celebrate children and raise awareness of their needs.



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◀ MAY ▶

Leadership Anson Class of 2009 had two fundraisers to meet the class goal of \$1200.00. The first was a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale. The second fundraiser was held in conjunction with the Burnsville Spring Fest on May 2. LA sold hotdog plates, popcorn and for the young at heart temporary spray in hair color. The class also raffled off a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card. The purpose of the fundraisers was to raise money in support of two different areas within the county. One is the Anson New Tech High School. The other is Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition. "Change Starts Today" is the motto for the 2009 Leadership Anson class and the class felt like these two groups exemplified change in the county.



On May 3rd, the Field of Dreams held it's "Opening Ceremonies" for the 2009 baseball season. The field was lined with players from every team from 4 year olds through 12 year olds, baseball and softball. Tom Bricker's family donated the land for the Field of Dreams complex ten years ago. In honor of the 10th anniversary of the complex, the center field, Field 2, was officially named "The Bricker Field" in honor and sincere appreciation of the family's generosity.

The American Red Cross had a Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 27th at the First Presbyterian Church, sponsored by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. Their goal for Anson Co. is to get 40 productive units of blood. The Chamber is proud to say that not only was that goal met but passed by 15. That's right, there were 55 productive units collected. The number of donors blew everyone away. There were a total of 66 people willing to try to donate, but due to low iron, high blood pressure or non-flexible work schedules some weren't able to give.

◀ JUNE ▶



BT Enterprises and Jimco's held a doubleheader at noon on Saturday, June 13. No, not a baseball game; instead, the two businesses held dual ribbon-cuttings and grand openings. Everyone welcomed Bryan Traywick, BT Enterprises owner/CEO, and Jimmy Bradley, Jimco's owner/operator, to Anson County's business community.



The Chamber assisted Carolina Physical Rehabilitation with a grand opening on June 6th. Pictured: Dr. Taiwo Bada, family and staff.

Leadership Anson graduated it's 13th class on June 16th at First Baptist Church in Wadesboro. Thirteen members of the class of 2009 received their plaques from Scott Collier, SPCC Director of Student Recruitment and their certificates from Jilla Gathings, a member of the LA oversight Committee.



Pictured are participants in the 2009 Leadership Anson program. From the bottom to top left side: Dusty Moser, Natalie Barbour, Melissa Garrison, Susan Thomas; from bottom row center to top row: Gordon Jackson, Gary Garrison, Robert Mims, Shane Drake; from bottom row right to top row: Joyce Burns, Jennifer Nichols, Angela Newton, Joyce Ingo. Not pictured are Holly Hammonds, Jonathan Phillips and Lillie Templeton.

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The Chamber assisted Bread of Heaven of NC, Inc. with a grand opening on June 26th. It opened adjacent to the Morven Truck Stop. Bread of Heaven specializes in home cooking, with fried chicken and fish, corn, cabbage, butter peas, yams, fried okra, corn bread and rolls on the menu opening day.

◀ JULY ▶



Uptown Wadesboro Inc. started a Farmers Market uptown on the square. The Farmers Market season began on July 2nd and will continue through October, every Thursday from 4-6. All produce; flowers and plants were locally grown. All baked goods are handmade and baked locally.



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The July 3rd Summer Jam was the biggest of the entire series. Three bands performed at Ray Shelton Ball Field in Wadesboro for free to give folks a chance to celebrate July 4 early. Fireworks followed the music.



Pop and Rock-n-Roll were on display with Through Porchlight and Delta Progression playing. Bluegrass band Salem Bound also took to the stage. "I really appreciate the hard work of the people who put these events together," Brock said.

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Anson Community Hospice held a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, July 17, to invite the public to view a new office location in uptown Wadesboro. They have been relocated to 110 S. Greene St.

Anson Community Hospice is affiliated with Richmond County Hospice and has had an Anson County presence for the past 15 years.

◀ AUGUST ▶

Congratulations to Coffing Hoists upon the announcement that it will expand its Wadesboro operation. Yale Industrial Products Inc. will invest \$3 million to expand operations at Wadesboro's plant and create 65 jobs over the next three years. The announcement was made by NC Gov. Bev Perdue, and includes a \$116,300 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

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Over \$2500 was awarded to area students during the premiere of the movie "Morven Trapp." The Direct Action Media Academy - STUcrew Showcase was held Friday, July 24th. Several students were celebrated for their dedication and resolve in the making of a 10 minute short movie "Morven Trapp."



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South Piedmont Community College has secured nearly \$200,000 in federal stimulus money to fund JobsNOW certificate programs beginning in September. SPCC's programs will provide unemployed adults the opportunity to be trained in a new career in no more than six months.

◀ SEPTEMBER ▶

Ryan Hargett, the new RBC Bank manager and business banking officer, spent most of Friday, Sept. 4, meeting and greeting bank customers in the East Caswell Street branch lobby. After all, it was "Come and Meet Ryan Hargett Day."



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Premiere Fibers will expand its Ansonville plant by converting an existing yarn-spinning line to produce high-performance fabrics for the military. The expansion will include an investment of \$2.5 million and the creation of 20 new jobs during the next three years. The expansion was made possible in part by a \$50,200 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

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The Anson County Chamber of Commerce's "School Supplies Drive" has resulted in each county school receiving much-needed items for students. "The drive has been a huge success and we are very proud of the community for coming together to support the children who represent our future."



The Chamber assisted Supreme Dental with a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 28th. Following, an open house was held from 1-5.



Pictured are Dr. Lolade Samuel-Cash; office staff and Community Dignitaries.

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November 2009



The Sonic Drive-in Restaurant "Open House" was held from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29. The family-oriented event included face-painting and a moon bounce for the youngsters.

Glenda Horton Manning, a consultant for Touch, Inc., gave the keynote address at the grand opening of the Anson Women's Center Oct. 1. The center is the initiative of New Ventures Business Development Inc. and South Piedmont Community College, and is located in the college's Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro.



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◀ OCTOBER ▶



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