

Farm-City Week Dinner Held September 24

Ag producers, business representatives and community leaders from across the county attended the annual Farm-City Week dinner, held Tuesday, September 24 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center of South Piedmont Community College in Wadesboro. The event was held to emphasize the collaborations between the farming industry and the business community, with 189 in attendance. Outstanding individuals were also recognized and awarded plaques for their dedication to agriculture and business.

Agriculture in Anson County is big business. According to the NC Department of Agriculture, Anson County ranks 19th in the state in total agriculture production. In 2012, Anson had an income of \$172M in agriculture and natural resources.

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce and Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District joined the Anson County Cooperative Extension staff to host the evening. The event combined the annual Farm-City Week observances with Brown Creek's annual awards dinner.

Sponsored by Pee Dee Electric and catered by the Anson County Cattlemen's Association, guests were treated to a beef roast dinner and program highlighting agriculture, award recipients, and evening celebration.

Plaques given during the evening were Outstanding Farmer of the Year, awarded to Calvin and Tracie Phillips of Phillips Farms, and presented by Aimee Rankin, Agricultural Agent. Outstanding Agribusiness was awarded to the Gary Sikes family of Bountiful Harvest Farm and presented by Lynn Edwards, Executive Director with the Anson County Chamber of Commerce.

Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Member Nicole Carpenter recognized the Lannie Allen Family of LA Farms as the 2013 Anson County Conservation Farm Family. She also recognized Resource Conservation Workshop Participant Dillian Wessels for his participation in the named program sponsored at NC State this summer.

Jessica Anderson, Agricultural Agent, introduced the evening's program, stage mentalist and magician Joshua Lozoff of Durham. Lozoff entertained the group after dinner with a show of mysteries and surprises, along with interactions with the audience. His fun and mind-boggling performance left the group laughing and full of amazement.

Eloise Harrington, Chair of the Anson Cooperative Extension Advisory Board, welcomed guests following dinner, while Tina Rowell, District Administrator of the Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District, gave greetings. Other remarks came from Sharon Edwards, Fair Coordinator and member of the NCCE State Advisory Council, who shared the week's events and activities for the Anson Ag Expo & Fair.

Roshunda Blount, 4-H Agent, recognized special guests, while Jake Barbee, Resource Conservationist, recognized the evening's sponsor. Todd Moore, Marketing Representative with Pee Dee Electric, also addressed the group.

Farm-City Week observances take place around the nation each year to strengthen the understanding of farm-city connections that provide our food, fiber and shelter. Anson County is fortunate in its recognition and pride of the county's abundance of agriculture and natural resources.



Agricultural Agent Aimee Rankin presents Tracie and Calvin Phillips of Phillips Farms with the Farmer of the Year Award.



Nicole Carpenter of Brown Creek SWCD presents the Conservation Farm Family Award to Debbie and Lannie Allen and Family.



Chamber Director Lynn Edwards presents Gary and Kelly Sikes and family of Bountiful Harvest Farm with the Outstanding Agribusiness Award.



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Free Movie *The Note III: Secrets of the Heart Healer*

The Hampton B. Allen Library will be showing a free movie, *The Note III: Secrets of the Heart Healer* starring Genie Francis and Ted McGinley at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 28 in the Little Theatre. The movie is based on the note novels of Angela Hunt. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. For more information call the library at 704-694-5177.

Free Movie at Grace Senior Center

Grace Senior Center will feature a free movie on Tuesday, October 29. *Fireproof: Never Leave Your Partner Behind* starring Kirk Cameron and Erin Bethea will be shown at 2 p.m. Here are the movie details: At work, inside burning buildings, Captain Caleb Holt lives by the old firefighter's adage Never leave your partner behind. At home, in the cooling embers of his marriage, he lives by his own rules. His job is to rescue others. Caleb faced a tough job of rescuing a little girl from a vigorous housefire, but now has to face his toughest job ever - rescuing his wife's heart. For more information call 704-694-6616.

**Domestic Violence
Candlelight Vigil is Tuesday**

On Tuesday, October 29 at 6 p.m. a candlelight vigil will be held on the front steps of the Anson County Courthouse. ACDVC invites anyone who has a friend or loved one represented here or if you have been or know someone who has been affected by domestic violence to come and join us during this special time of remembrance.

For more information you can contact the staff at Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center at 704-694-4499. The 24 hour crisis line number is 704-690-0362.

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