

Harvest Ministries Annual Golf Tournament a Success, Event Won by J. B. Watson Team

Last Saturday, September 22 Harvest Ministries Outreach Center held its annual Golf Tournament - The "Harvest Invitational." The tournament is held to raise funds for the Community Children's Outreach of HMOC. This program, through transportation vehicles and numerous volunteer staff, serves between 500-1,000 children and families each Christmas with the Community Christmas Blessing Event.

Lead Pastor and tournament organizer, Pastor Steve Adams said, "This tournament, along with donations by local sponsors and golfers, will allow us to provide hundreds with a gift and meal during our Community Christmas Blessing event in December. I would like to thank the 20+ sponsors who made this possible. Anson County has some of the most generous and thoughtful people, and it shows through an endeavor like this."

Golfers began the day with the mindset of winning the \$300 grand prize, all while benefiting a worthy cause. Prizes were given for the longest drive, closest to the pin, and many other door prizes provided by local businesses and restaurants. Participants were treated to a post tournament meal courtesy of LEGS (the women's ministry of HMOC).

Harvest Ministries would like to thank all of this years sponsors including: Twin Valley Country Club, Wadesboro Lumber, C&M Auto, Leavitt Funeral Home, Poisson, Poisson & Bower, Attorney Charlie Collini, Napa Auto Parts, Touch of Class Hair Salon, Star Beauty, Tite Cuts, PMAS, Huntley Oil, Lisk Trucking, Jade Kitchen, La Fogata, H.W. Little Hardware and others. Pastor Adams wanted to thank all of the staff and volunteers who contributed to make this event successful.

For more information on the Community Outreach of HMOC and other community programs offered please contact Steve Adams at 704-695-2879 or www.harvestmin.com.



Pastor Steve Adams presenting the \$300 Grand Prize to Derek James of the J. B. Watson Team. Other members were Kent Lowe, Matt Jones and David Burns.



Pastor Steve Adams and Longest Drive (\$50) winner Jacob Thomas.

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Pastor Steve Adams and Closest to the Pin (\$50) winner Daniel Coble.

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In a release from ACCESS: Do you want to be an entrepreneur but don't know where to start? Do you have your own business but are struggling to keep it going? Do you need help with business plan writing or finding funds to get started? If so, please join us for the Anson County Entrepreneurs Conference on November 12 and 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Speakers include Carolyn Perry - NC Rural Center Microenterprises Lending; NC Microenterprise Loan Program: "Getting to Yes" and Dennis Gaddy - Community Success Initiative Entrepreneurship Programs for the Formerly Incarcerated.

You will have an opportunity to compete for \$500 or \$250 for materials and supplies for your new or existing business. If you are selected your materials and supplies will be purchased for you once you have successfully completed the SPCC Business Planning Program.

The conference is free and lunch will be provided. Space is limited so please call to register as soon as possible 1-866-472-2212.

Scout Recruitments Ongoing

It is that time of year to sign up for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in Anson county. Boy Scouts of America has been strong in Anson county for more than seven decades. Scouting is the adventure of a lifetime, 102 years old and growing stronger than ever. Have your son come join us on this incredible journey.

You may contact Chris Sanford at 704-694-9742 for additional local information concerning the Scouting program. For more information you may look online at the Central North Carolina Council in Albemarle (www.centralnccouncilbsa.com). Applications are available online for your convenience.

Division of Veterans Affairs Warns of Scams

The NC Division of Veterans Affairs (NCDVA) joins the NC Office of the Attorney General in warning veterans about scams observed here and across the nation regarding companies that require payment for processing of pension and other benefits forms.

"We have become aware of so-called 'pension poachers' who are targeting veterans through seminars and other seemingly innocent outreach," said Tim Wipperman, Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs. "This is an abhorrent practice and often includes questionable insurance or investment products. We are working with partner agencies to get the word out. There is no reason for a qualified veteran to pay a company to receive benefits they have earned through their service."

District Service Officers are available in all 100 counties to assist veterans with necessary paperwork. To find a local office, visit www.dva.va.gov/vets/locations. In Anson County the Veteran Services Officer is Ted Ward. His office is located at 111 North Greene Street in Wadesboro in the former Belk building. Telephone 704-694-4418 or email wardt@co.anson.nc.us.

Additionally, the US Department of Veterans Affairs has a website for individuals seeking accredited services available to veterans. For information, visit www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp.

Register Now for SPCC's 12-Week and 8-Week Classes

Still want to take college classes this fall? Good news! South Piedmont Community college has several classes that are available in condensed formats this fall. Registration continues for second eight-week classes that begin Oct. 15. It should be noted that some of these classes, particularly the second eight-week ones, have prerequisites.

As usual, new students must complete an SPCC application, take their placement tests and complete orientation before registering. For more information about which classes are available in the shorter sessions, go online to www.spcc.edu or call 704-290-5100 in Union County or 704-272-5300 in Anson County.

BRLC Center Events

- Emergency Food Pantry, Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. This is for families in a short time crisis.
- USDA Food Distribution, Tuesday after the 4th Sunday of each month at 9 a.m. You will need to qualify.
- Computer skill classes for adults and seniors. BRLC is a Job link Access Point for people who are looking for work. Call 704-826-8182 or 704-826-8737.

This Week in Sports

- THURSDAY 10/4
- Volleyball @ home vs Porter Ridge 4:30pm
 - JV Football @ home vs Weddington, 7pm
 - Soccer @ Marvin Ridge 6pm
- FRIDAY 10/5
- Varsity Football @ Weddington 7:30pm

SBA Web Chat Series Offers Tips for Women On Starting & Growing Small Business

Are you a woman who is ready to start or expand a small business? Now's a good time to take that first step, with help from a U.S. Small Business Administration series of four web chats during October, which is also National Women's Small Business Month.

Each week in October, SBA's web chat series will feature experts who will give advice to women on how to put together business plans, navigate the challenges of entering competitive markets, and establish the foundation for a successful, profitable enterprise.

Here's a list of the web chats, and the corresponding links:

- Oct. 4, 3 p.m. "Starting and Growing Your Business" with Erin Andrew, of SBA's Office of Entrepreneurial Development. Participants can join the live web chat, and also post questions beforehand by visiting www.sba.gov, and clicking on the web chat event under "What's New."
 - Oct. 11, 4 p.m. "Finding Capital" with Jeanne Hult, Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access web.sba.gov/livemeeting/public/dsp_meeting_view.cfm?meetingid=184
 - Oct. 16, 3 p.m. "Contracting with the Federal Government" with John Shoraka, Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development web.sba.gov/livemeeting/public/dsp_meeting_view.cfm?meetingid=185
 - Oct. 25, 2 p.m. "Business Opportunities for Young Women" with Ana Harvey, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Women's Business Ownership web.sba.gov/livemeeting/public/dsp_meeting_view.cfm?meetingid=186
- To see archived web chats, visit www.sba.gov/content/monthly-web-chat.

Deacon Thomas Parson Celebrates 98th Birthday

Deacon Thomas Parson recently celebrated his 98th birthday with family and friends at Lillie Bennett Nursing Center. Mr. Parson lived through World War I and is a veteran of World War II. He is pictured here with his great-grandson, Zackary Thomas Parson (left), Lucy Smith, and grandson Clarence E. Parson.



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