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Chamber of Commerce Big Game Hunt

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce hosted the 17th Annual Big-Game Hunt tournament and it was one of the best ever!

Brian Bishop of Atlanta, Georgia and Raymond Perrero, Jr. of Indian Trail earned top honors in the buck and doe categories, in the tournament held Thanksgiving weekend. Both of them earned prize money of \$800 each.

Bishop's 4-point, 153 pound buck was short of the record by just over 30 pounds set last year by Bron Hyatt, 184.7-pounds and 10 points.

Henry Ferguson Jr. of Matthews, placed second with a 7-point 148-pounder and pocketed \$475, followed by Lee Efird of Kannapolis, 3-point 142-pounds, \$350; Colby Zimmerman of Trinity, 10-point 139-pounds, \$250; Jacob Thomas of Marshville, 8-point 138-pounds, \$75; and Mike Edwards of Peachland, 8-point 133-pounds and a free 2015 tournament registration plus \$75 daily prize.

Mr. Perrero weighed in a 119-pound doe to earn \$800 in total prize money. Hunter Williams of Marshville placed second with a 105-pounder for \$500, followed by Brandon Surratt of Ansonville, 102-pounds, \$375; Cody Haigler of Lancaster, 101-pounds and \$200; Ronnie Mullis of Marshville, 100 pounds, \$125; and Neil Conklin of Wadesboro, 100 pounds, \$25 daily prize money and a free 2015 Big-Game Hunt registration.

In the youth buck category Garrett Sikes of Lilesville won top prize money of \$300 with an 8-point, 160-pounder. This buck actually beat the top buck in the adult category this year. Nice job by Garrett. Kris Hill of Peachland took second place in the buck category winning \$175 with a 4-point at 151-pounds followed by Caroline Ratliff of Oak Island, 8-point 112-pounds \$100; fourth place was Wesley Barefoot of Raleigh, 3-point 98-pounds and \$65 in prize money; and Bailey Wicker of Indian Trail with a 6-point, 98-pounder \$15 daily prize and a free 2015 Big-Game registration.

Payton Coble of Mt. Gilead won the youth doe category with a 103-pounder worth \$300. The record for the youth largest doe of 115.3-pounds was set by Elizabeth Tarlton of Wadesboro in 2008.

Anthony Gurley of Monroe placed second with a 100-pounder and won \$175, followed by Donnie Coleman of Peachland, 91 pounds, \$100; Cole Sikes of Polkton, 89 pounds, \$75; and Michael Preslar of Norwood, \$15 daily and a free 2015 registration for his 85-pounder. The 2014 weigh-in breakdown listed 47 bucks and 60 does grand total of 107 deer. Not the record but certainly a good harvest for the tournament.

The entire bay area of the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department was available for the tournament and there was still standing-room-only at the banquet held on Saturday night. Winners of the drawings included: Maddie Coble, youth gun; from the raffle, Ontoniel Miranda, Henry Big Boy 357 Mag Lever Action Rifle; Tommy Burr, Binoculars; Brandon Surratt, \$100; Donnie Edwards, Charlotte Motor Speedway Truck Race tickets; from the card game, Garrett Griffin, Patio Heater; Allyson Lee, European Mount. There were two pick boards this year and those winners included Kevin Thomas, who won a deer feeder; Drew Thomas won Tommy's Taxidermy gift certificate; Mason Hyatt won a Deer Feeder and Jonathan Albertson won a Stuffy's Taxidermy gift certificate. For the first time a Silent Auction was also held and the winners of the five prizes were Tim Knopp, a Ladies Gift Pack; Gary Sikes, a Home Speaker; Brandon Surratt, a Concealed Weapon Carry Class; Heather Lemmons, Bore Sighter; Kevin Hicks, 22 Long Rifle and Noah Carpenter, the Hoist.

Stacie Cato had the Ring Toss game again which seems to be a hit with all the little ones playing and winning prizes. Goody bags were also given out to all the kids.

Lynn Edwards, Executive Director of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, the tournament's host, gave a "huge thanks" to the all the hunters who participate each year and support this event. "We had record number of hunters this year, 350 to be exact, and I thank you all for participating," Edwards commented.

"The Big Game Hunt tournament is very successful because of our great volunteers," Edwards said, singling out Marty Cato, Courtney and Jamie Webb, Abby Henry and Jessica Webb. Also back again this year was Jake Henry, Abby's brother and her husband Luke, and Meagan and Dempsy Sellers. "These special people give many hours to the tournament and I am most appreciative of their support," Edwards stated. Edwards also expressed the outstanding effort that Marty Cato puts into this event each year. "Marty is a special person who simply loves hunting and kids and puts a lot of energy into our tournament. Without him this event would not be what it is today," Edwards said. She also thanked her husband and son Walter and Tyler Edwards and John Hyatt for cooking at the event this year. Edwards would also like to thank Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Refreshment Services, Wadesboro IGA and the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department for allowing the event to be held at the fire department each year.

The 18th annual Big-Game Hunt Tournament will be held on November 27-28 of 2015. The Chamber is looking forward to another successful tournament! Best wishes for a great 2015 year!

Amani Wall Graduated from NC Central University with Honors

Amani Ticara Wall graduated from North Carolina Central University (NCCU) in Durham, NC with honors on Saturday, December 13. She graduated with a double major in History and Psychology and was Cum Laude in both majors. Amani is the daughter of Toye Spencer Wall and Robert Kenneth Wall, Sr.



During her four years at NCCU Amani was inducted into four different honor societies: Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Science, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and Psi Chi the International Honor Society in Psychology.

During her Freshman year, Amani was one of five freshmen students who was selected from across the country to study with 45 upper classmen at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill for their 8 week intensive Science Enrichment Preparation Program with an emphasis in Physics, Organic Chemistry, Calculus, Human Anatomy and Physiology. During her Sophomore year she was the only candidate selected to work with the National Media during the Presidential Inaugural Ball. During her Junior year she ran as a candidate for Miss North Carolina Central University.

Amani plans to continue her education this fall in Law School.

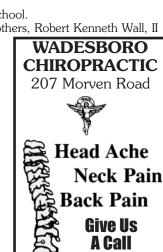
Amani has a daughter, Jayla Nicole Watson and two brothers, Robert Kenneth Wall, II

and Cameron Quadre Wall. She is the granddaughter of Rev. Charles H. Ford, Sr. and Mrs. Carol Wiggins Ford and the late Carnel Spencer and Mr. Robert Gene Wall and Mrs. Mary Horne Wall, all of Wadesboro.

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Supplemental educational programming for children is just a mouse click away through webcasts created by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. Originally broadcast live online, the programs are now available whenever a class or family is ready to tune in. Three of the videos are appropriate for fourth and eighth grade students, while two others are for older students studying textiles.

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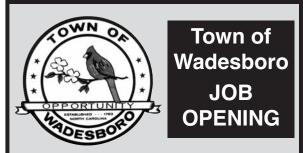
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