

North Carolina Becomes Employment First State

Expanding employment opportunities for people with disabilities

On March 28 Governor Roy Cooper officially declared North Carolina as an Employment First State through signing of an Executive Order in Kernersville, NC at the Piedmont Triad Regional Council.

"Employment First" refers to the belief that employment in the general workforce should be the first and preferred option for individuals with disabilities.

The principles of Employment First include working in integrated settings and earning competitive wages and benefits; securing employment with reasonable and appropriate placement and support; employees with and without disabilities are equally valued and that jobs should match an individual's work skills, abilities and career choices to the greatest extent possible.

This effort has been 10 years in the making. The collective impact of state agencies like NC Vocational Rehabilitation, Division of Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services/Developmental Disabilities, Office of Disability Employment First; nonprofit organizations like Association of People Supporting Employment First; and many community advocates have brought the state to this milestone for people with disabilities and employment.

"This is a very exciting moment for the disability community," said Alexandra McArthur, chairperson of the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities. "Employment offers a rewarding sense of purpose, high expectations and an ability to contribute to society. People with disabilities are talented, capable and ready to work - and we are excited to see the State of North Carolina support this effort."

Executive Order No. 92 signed by Governor Cooper makes North Carolina an Employment First State.

In North Carolina, there are approximately 1.3 million individuals with disabilities who experience disproportionately high levels of unemployment, residential segregation, dependence and poverty. Additionally, less than 35 percent of North Carolinians who are between the ages of 18 and 64 and have a disability are employed - a huge contrast to the nearly 76 percent of North Carolinians without disabilities who are employed.

This announcement comes on the heels of many employment initiatives that have begun across the State to increase employment outcomes for under-served and unserved communities.

In 2017, the NC Job Ready Initiative better aligned public sector resources with the evolving needs of businesses; and Hometown Strong Initiative in 2018 bolstered existing public-private efforts to expand employment opportunities to all North Carolinians.

NCCDD launched EveryBody Works North Carolina to increase awareness of the skills and expertise of North Carolinians with disabilities; provide them and their families with information on how to access training and education; help them become more competitive for available job opportunities; and to improve their job readiness.

About North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities: The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) works to assure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families participate in the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized supports and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity and inclusion in all areas of community life. The Council identifies problems facing its community through its five-year planning process and funds innovative projects and initiatives that promote the goals of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act) for all North Carolinians.

Men's Industrial League Basketball Regular Season Ends

Time for Tournament and Championship Games!

The regular season for the new Men's Industrial League Basketball League, sponsored by Anson County Parks & Recreation came to an end last week with Walmart (8-1) taking the top honors. Cobb was second with a 5-4 season, Anson Schools (4-5) finished third and Triangle Brick (1-8) finished fourth.

The regular season awards were:

- Team of the Year - Walmart. Walmart had a great season, led by Corey McManus, Jaquan Walker and Coach John Davis. Only losing one game this year, they were a step above the competition night after night. Walmart was a very deep team, full of guys who can score the ball - on average scoring over 50 points a night. After winning the regular season championship, this will be a tough team to eliminate in the tournament as they start their quest for a championship.

Player of the Year - Ryan Lisenby (Cobb) with 20.5ppg *MVP. Lisenby has proved himself throughout the season to be one of the best players in the league. His leadership and playing style led Cobb to a 5-4 record, finishing in second place this season. He is very exciting to watch, and a great teammate as well.

The Tournament games started this week. On Tuesday, April 16 the Tournament Games took place. Cobb played Triangle Brick. On Thursday, April 18 the winners of Tuesday's games will play at 7 p.m. for the Championship crown. All games take place at the Wadesboro Gym. The outcomes of these games next week.

Bowman Senior High School Class of 1968 Meeting is Sat.

The historic Bowman Senior High School Class of 1968 will meet in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church, located at 208 South Greene Street in Wadesboro, on Saturday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m. to continue planning for their 52nd Class Reunion in 2020. The meeting will also cover volunteer support for students, faculty and staff at Anson Middle School. All classmates are welcome to attend and help plan.

The church is located in the next block past the Hampton B. Allen Library. Parking is available on the street and across from the church at Uwharrie Bank parking lot.

For more information please contact Dr. Josephine Leak Harris at jharr122@nccu.edu, 919-619-9032 or 919-967-2650.

Easter 2019
U belong at United
SERVICE AT 3:00PM THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Easter Egg Hunt for the Kids
Over 1,000 Eggs!
Easter Basket Giveaways
Dinner Served After Service

Come worship with us!
The Place Where Everybody is Welcome.

42 Church Street in Wadesboro



Schedule a physical and/or birth control consult today at the Anson County Health Department

ANSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
110 Ashe Street
Wadesboro 704-694-5188
Sliding fee scale for the uninsured.



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Notice of Special Primary Election for Anson County, North Carolina

The District 9 Special Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 14th, 2019

The polls will be open for voting on Election Day from 6:30am to 7:30pm.

Eligible Anson County Voters

Will select the following:

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 9

CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY
STEVIE HULL	Stevie Rivenbark Hull	REP
MATTHEW RIDENHOUR	Matthew Ridenhour	REP
STONY RUSHING	Stony Rushing	REP
FERN SHUBERT	Fern Shubert	REP
ALBERT WILEY	Albert Lee Wiley, Jr.	REP
CHRISTOPHER ANGLIN	Chris Anglin	REP
JAMES BISHOP	Dan Bishop	REP
LEIGH BROWN	Leigh Thomas Brown	REP
KATHIE DAY	Kathie C. Day	REP
GARY DUNN	Gary Dunn	REP

ANSON COUNTY REGISTERED REPUBLICANS ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION

ANSON COUNTY REGISTERED UNAFFILIATED VOTERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION –

(ONLY BALLOT OPTION AVAILABLE FOR UNAFFILIATED VOTERS IS REPUBLICAN)

One-stop EARLY VOTING be held:
WEDNESDAY APRIL 24- FRIDAY MAY 10
 AT THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE LOCATED AT 402 MORVEN ROAD, WADESBORO NC.
 The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 8:30AM - 5:00 PM.
 There is no longer straight party voting allowed in NC.
****IF YOU DO NOT VOTE AT THE EARLY VOTING SITE – YOU WILL NEED TO GO TO YOUR REGULAR POLLING PRECINCT ON TUESDAY MAY 14TH, 2019**

****NOTICE****
 THERE IS **NOT A DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY** THIS ELECTION
 THERE IS **NOT A CONSTITUTION PARTY PRIMARY** THIS ELECTION
 THERE IS **NOT A LIBERTARIAN PARTY PRIMARY** THIS ELECTION

ANSON COUNTY POLLING PLACES:

- ANSONVILLE FIRE-RESCUE - 9145 US HWY 52 N, ANSONVILLE
- BURNSVILLE FIRE-RESCUE - 33 RESCUE RD, ANSONVILLE
- GULLEDGE FIRE DEPT- 34 CHEWNING RD, WALKTON
- LILESVILLE FIRE DEPT. -202 W WALL ST, LILESVILLE
- MORVEN-MCFARLAN – 202 W MORVEN FIRE DEPT -242 E MAIN ST, MORVEN
- PEACHLAND FIRE DEPT- 35 E PASSAIC ST, PEACHLAND
- POLKTON FIRE DEPT - 61 W POLK ST, POLKTON
- WADESBORO-1 SPCC LOCKHART TAYLOR - 514 N WASHINGTON ST, WADESBORO
- WADESBORO 2-ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION 305 WHITE STORE RD, WADESBORO
- WADESBORO 3-WADESBORO ALCOHOL ANONYMOUS (AA) BUILDING 2717 Country Club Rd, WADESBORO (new location- please note)
- WHITE STORE-COMMUNITY BLDG - 5672 UNION CHURCH RD, PEACHLAND

Buffer Zone Notice: All Election Day polling places and the One-stop voting location will have signs posted to indicate a 50 foot buffer zone. Where no indication will be posted on Election Day is ONLY *CAMPAGNING OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTION MATERIAL IS ONLY ALLOWED INSIDE DESIGNATED CAMPAIGN AREAS*

Anson County residents may register to vote by mail or in person at the Board of Elections Office. **The deadline to register to vote on Election Day is FRIDAY APRIL 19TH 5:00 pm.** If you are registered to vote in Anson County (and your name or address has not changed) you **DO NOT** need to register again to vote in this election. **Voters who are not registered in the county by that deadline may register and vote during one stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence:** current and valid photo identification; or A copy of one of the following documents that show the name and address of the voter: a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, Paycheck or other government document

Absentee by Mail voting is available upon request from the Voter, a near relative or legal guardian. New State Law requires that all requests must be made on the official Absentee Ballot Request Form, which is available online. Application may be made in person at the Anson County Board of Elections Office, or in writing to the Anson County Board of Elections at PO Box 768, Wadesboro, NC 28170. **The deadline to apply for an Absentee by Mail ballot is 5:00pm, MAY 7TH, 2019 § 163-230.2.**

To apply or Request an Absentee by Mail Ballot, a voter or near relative must complete the State Issued Absentee Request Form. Near Relatives as defined by statute: spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, Daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild

Absentee meetings: The Anson County Board of Elections will meet to approve applications for absentee ballots for the November General Election at the Board of Elections office, 402 Morven Road Wadesboro, NC. Pursuant to G.S. 163.230.1(c1). Other business may be transacted by the board at this time:
TUESDAY APRIL 23RD 5:00 PM, TUESDAY APRIL 30TH AT 5:00 PM, TUESDAY MAY 7TH, AND MONDAY MAY 13TH AT 5:00 PM.
 Absentee by Mail ballots will be counted on **MAY 14TH AT 2:00 PM.** Results for Absentee Mail and One-Stop Early voting will be reported after polls close at 7:30pm. Overseas (UOCAVA) Ballots must be returned by the close of polling, on electronic day (7:30 PM), or the covered voter shall submit the ballot for mailing, on electronic day (7:30 PM), or the covered voter means of delivery not later than 12:01 A.M., at the place where the voter completes the ballot, on the date of the election and the County Board receives the ballot the last day Before the County Canvass.

Canvass Day meeting will be held in the Board of Elections Office on **FRIDAY MAY 24TH, 2019 AT 11:00 AM.**

For More Information Contact:
 Director of Elections: Steve Adams
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 Elections Office: PO Box 768, 402 Morven Road, Wadesboro, NC 28170
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