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Anson County Early Voting will be Available on Labor Day

In an effort to offer voters an additional opportunity to cast their ballot in the Special Congressional District 9 Election, the Anson County Board of Elections unanimously, and across party lines, approved Early Voting on Labor Day, this coming Monday, September 2. The hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early Voting takes place at the Board of Elections Office which is located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-994-3223.

Elections Director Steve Adams said, "While normal voter turnout is significantly lower in special elections, our board members felt that offering a full day of voting on Labor Day provides Anson voters an additional voting opportunity. I commend the board for their teamwork on this. We are the only County in District 9 that opted to be open on a holiday."

Early Voting is taking place now, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. It ends on Friday, September 6.

As of Monday, August 26, 538 votes had been cast. With 16,634 voters registered in Anson, the turnout is at 2.89%.

Adams continued, "Thus far, this turnout is above those of previous special elections. Through the first 3 days of early voting, we have seen an average of 180 voters a day, which is a good start for a special election"

For more information, important dates or additional questions please contact the Anson County Board of Elections at 704-994-3223 or email sadams@co.anson.nc.us.

One Stop-Early Voting for 9th Congressional District Contest Ongoing

Absentee By Mail Ballot Application Deadline is Sept. 3

Early voting began on Wednesday, August 21, for the upcoming September 10 General Election to fill the vacancy in North Carolina's 9th congressional district in the United States House of Representatives for the remainder of the 116th United States Congress. Voters will chose between Dan McCreedy, the Democrat Party candidate, Republican Dan Bishop, Libertarian Jeff Scott and Green Party member Allen Smith.

The seat has been vacant since the opening of the 116th Congress, following the refusal of the North Carolina State Board of Elections to certify the results of the November 2018 election in the district due to allegations of electoral fraud.

One Stop Early Voting takes place at the Anson County Board of Elections Office, located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early Voting runs through Friday, September 6.

Early Voting will be available on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If you don't vote during Early Voting you will need to vote at your regular polling precinct on Election Day, Tuesday, September 10, from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be no voting at the Board of Elections Office on Election Day.

Registration to Vote for this election ended on August 18. If you are already registered to vote in Anson County, and your name or address has not changed, you did not need to register to vote again. Voters who did not register by the August 18 deadline may register and vote during One Stop Early Voting only, and will be required to show documentation of their identity and residence in the form of 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 at www.co.anson.nc.us/202/Board-of-Elections. Or 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 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3. (*Near relative is defined as: spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent or stepchild.*)

For more information contact Steve Adams, Director of Elections, at 704-994-3223 or sadams@co.anson.nc.us. The Board of Elections is located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The mailing address is: PO Box 768, Wadesboro NC 28170.

Upcoming dates:

Monday, September 2 County offices closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3 Last day to request Absentee ballot by mail for September 10 General Election.

Tuesday, September 3 Absentee Board meeting #3 for special September election

Friday, September 6 One Stop Early Voting ends

Monday, September 9 Pre-election day Absentee Board meeting

Tuesday, September 10 SPECIAL SEPTEMBER GENERAL ELECTION, precincts open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Top Ladies of Distinction Attended National Conference this Summer

Members of the Sandy Pines North Carolina Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction (TLOD), along with Lady Teresa A. Smith, President, Lady OnJerya Smith, Treasurer and Lady Fannie Ratliff, Top Teen Advisor attended the 41st Syn-Lod Conference and the 50th Anniversary of Top Teens of America in Atlanta, Georgia this summer. The 13th National President, Lady Drema Lee Woldman presided. Her administration's theme was "Invest in V.A.L.U.E.S. that Support, Enhance, and Sustain."

Top Ladies of Distinction, a non-profit professional humanitarian organization with over 120 chapters nationwide in six geographical areas was founded in 1964 in Tyler, Texas. TLOD implements national thrusts and projects. National thrusts focus on Top Teens of America, the Status of Women and Senior Citizens, and engage in Community Beautification and Community Partnerships. Top Teens of America (TTA), youth ages 13-18, participate in community service, hands-on mentoring, leadership development, educational and social opportunities, and travel to the area and national conferences that nurture their cultural, academic, and social development. Also, Top Teens compete for scholarships at the local, area, and national levels.

A former Top Teen, promoter-entrepreneur, Je'Caryous Johnson, formerly of the Humble Intercontinental Chapter, presented Top Ladies of Distinction with a donation of \$50,000 every year for the next ten years for a half million dollars (\$500,000). These funds will be used to provide Arts scholarships to Top Teens of America. More information about the Je'Caryous Johnson Foundation is located at jercaryousjohnsonfoundation.org.

TLOD national projects include the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), United Negro College Fund (UNCF), TLOD Literacy, and Sickle Cell Disease Awareness. TLOD works collaboratively with national partners that include Keep America Beautiful, National Institute of Health (NIH), AARP, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, March of Dimes, The Balm in Gilead, Sickle Cell Disease Awareness of America, and JSD Foundation/Medgar and Myrlie Evers Foundation.

Conference highlights included the President's 50th Anniversary TTA Alumni Hall of Fame Reception; Establishment of the TTA Alumni Association; TTA Career/College Day featuring 'celebrity' guests and step show; TTA Recognition Breakfast featuring Tim King, Founder & CEO—Urban Prep Academies, Martin Luther King, Jr. Museum Tour, and the 41st Syn-Lod Closing Gala featuring Recording Artist Howard Hewitt.

For more information about TLOD, TTA, and programs, visit www.tlodinc.org.

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Practice Safety and Ethics as Dove Season Opens on September 2

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission reminds hunters to always practice safety and follow state and federal laws as dove season opens on September 2.

The 2019-20 season for mourning and white-winged dove is separated into three segments: Sept. 2–Oct. 5, Nov. 16–30, and Dec. 9–Jan. 31. All hunters must follow applicable licensing requirements and hunting regulations.

The daily bag limit is 15 doves and shooting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset for the entire season, including opening day. Hunting of migratory game birds by any method is not allowed on Sundays.

The Commission advises dove hunters to follow these safety tips:

- Never shoot at low-flying birds
- Never place decoys on utility lines
- Always be sure to have the correct ammunition for your firearm
- Always adhere to established safe zones of fire.

It is a violation of state and federal law to take migratory game birds with the use or aid of salt, grain, fruit or any other bait. Hunters also need to be aware that an area is considered baited for 10 days following the removal of all salt, grain or other feed.

Migratory gamebirds may be hunted in agricultural areas where grain has been distributed as the result of normal agricultural operations. Information regarding agriculture and planting techniques may be obtained from a local N.C. State Extension Service Center (www.ces.ncsu.edu/local-county-center).

For more information on mourning doves, visit ncwildlife.org/mourning-dove.



Mourning doves cuddling

Local Author Sandy Bruney Releases New Book, "Morven"

Wadesboro author Sandy Bruney will participate in a Meet & Greet Book Signing to celebrate the release of her latest book entitled "Morven." The event will be held on Sunday, September 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Drake Gallery inside the Anson County Arts Council, next door to the Ansonia Theatre. The address is 110 South Rutherford Street in Wadesboro.

Everyone is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call the Arts Council at 704-694-4950.

Special Warfare Training Robin Sage to Begin Friday

Anson County citizens may observe unusual military activity during the next weeks, and the Army has stated that it is special forces training. The exercises, called Robin Sage, run from August 30 to September 12, and will involve 21 North Carolina counties. The counties are Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Chatham, Cumberland, Davie, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Union and Wake counties.

Robin Sage resembles extreme role playing in which Special Forces students may fire blanks and engage with Fort Bragg soldiers acting as guerrilla fighters. Volunteer civilians are also involved. Officials said that the exercises will involve engagements against a fictitious country known as Pineland. Staging areas will be largely on private land in 10 of the 21 counties, but citizens in other counties may feel some impact.

Notice of this annual exercise is given because a soldier was killed in 2002 by a sheriff's deputy who mistook it for criminal activity. Previous to that tragedy, a military training activity caused the public to panic because of a staged attack that involved helicopters and simulated blasts in 1997.

Grace Senior Center Carnival in the Park

Grace Senior Center is holding an event called Carnival in the Park at Little Park on Friday, September 13. Come out for lunch, fun and games. Best of all...it's Free, Free, Free!

Little Park is located at 845 Airport Road in Wadesboro.

Register by Friday, September 6 by calling Mary Jones at 704-694-6616.

Boating Safety Campaign Concludes this Labor Day Weekend

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and its partners will make a final push for this year's "On the Road, On the Water, Don't Drink and Drive" campaign over Labor Day weekend, beginning this Friday, August 30.

The annual multi-agency initiative works to ensure that North Carolinians can travel safely on the road and on the water during summer holidays. Law enforcement officers aim to help discourage impaired operation of vehicles and vessels throughout the holiday weekend. In North Carolina, a driver or boat operator with a blood-alcohol concentration that meets or exceeds .08 is subject to arrest.

"Labor Day weekend always brings lots of boaters to the water," said Lt. Sam Craft. "More boats can lead to more opportunities for accidents. If you do decide to drink alcohol while on the road or on the water, be sure to designate a driver and return home safely."

Drinking affects the skills necessary to operate a boat, including:

- Peripheral vision and ability to focus
- Judgment and rational decision-making
- Balance and equilibrium
- Coordination and reaction time

The Commission's Preserve Your Life campaign reminds all boaters to put on a life jacket before entering a vessel. Wearing a life jacket is a simple safety precaution that can prevent tragedy from happening in the event of an accident.

Night boating typically increases during holiday weekends, which requires boaters to use caution and to be on high alert due to reduced visibility. Inland lighting rules are in effect and water skiing is prohibited between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. Personal watercraft are prohibited on state waters between sunset and sunrise.

Learn more about enjoying North Carolina's waterways at ncwildlife.org/boating.

About the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Since 1947, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has been dedicated to the conservation and sustainability of the state's fish and wildlife resources through research, scientific management, wise use and public input. The Commission is the state regulatory agency responsible for the enforcement of fishing, hunting, trapping and boating laws and provides programs and opportunities for wildlife-related educational, recreational and sporting activities. www.ncwildlife.org

Anson Animal Shelter Needs Volunteers - Would You Like to Help?

The Animal Shelter depends on the help of volunteers to ensure that animal residents receive love and care. More volunteers will also help relieve the workload on staff which can result in more time for resident animals to be adopted before they are euthanized (put to sleep). Please consider volunteering. For more information on helping, call 704-994-2738.

A rescue from Animal Shelter can bring lots of happiness and love into any home...and you will make the animal happy too! It's a win-win.

And remember, older animals need a home and love too!

Would You Like to Help Deliver Meals to Home Bound Citizens?

Grace Senior Center is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to their Home Bound Clients on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays, from approximately 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please come by Grace Senior Center to Sign up.

The Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.

For more information call 704-694-6166 and ask for Cynthia Myles or Jennifer Tarlton.

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