

Brown Bag Book Club Meeting is February 18

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the Brown Bag Book Club meeting for Monday, February 18 in the Pritchett room at 12:00 noon. Ann McSwain Jones and Leonidas McSwain will be the guest speakers. Ann co-authored three books with her dad, Martin McSwain: *Hopewell Church Veterans in the Civil War*; *Hopewell Veterans of WW1* and *Links of Hopewell*. Leonidas was involved in one of those publications and also published *The Hills of Rocky River*. They will be sharing research techniques and publishing tips for genealogy. Everyone is invited to come, bring a covered dish and enjoy this informative program. For questions call 704-694-5177.



Wildlife Commission Unveils Newly Designed License Plate

Sales of license plates will help fund projects benefitting nongame wildlife

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission recently unveiled its newly designed Wildlife Conservation License Plate, which features an artistic drawing of a Pine Barrens treefrog along with the agency's signature "Wildlife" logo.

The plate is available now through the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles and costs \$30, with \$20 from each plate going to the agency's Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund. The new design replaces the cardinal and dogwood logo which has been the symbol of the fund since 1983 - the year the fund was first established by the North Carolina General Assembly. The fund supports projects and programs conducted by the Wildlife Diversity Program (www.ncwildlife.org/wildlifediversity).

The Commission's Wildlife Diversity Program is responsible for the conservation, protection and management of North Carolina's rare native fauna and more than 700 species of nongame animals. Recent and/or ongoing projects conducted by program biologists include:

- Conservation of sea turtle nests along the Outer Banks;
- Management and protection of nesting colonies of pelicans, gulls and terns along our sounds and inlets;
- Research and surveys on rare nongame fish, freshwater mussels and snails;
- Restoration of peregrine falcon and bald eagle populations;
- Research and surveys on the endangered northern flying squirrel;
- Management of colonies of endangered bats in the mountains; and
- Production of conservation educational materials.

In addition to license plate sales, the program is supported mainly by contributions of state income tax refunds (known as the N.C. State Income Tax Check-off), as well as federal and other grants.

In 2015, the Commission introduced a native brook trout license plate to pay for habitat protection for brook trout and to create public access to brook trout waters in North Carolina. That plate is also available on the Department of Motor Vehicles website for \$30.

"Projects that protect our state's native game, nongame and endangered animals are made possible by the generous support of North Carolina citizens, through the purchase of the native brook trout and wildlife conservation license plates," said Shannon Deaton, the Commission's Habitat Conservation chief. "With this new design, the rate for the plate increased from \$20 to \$30; meaning increased resources for the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund. This Fund supports projects that benefit nongame and their habitats. As an added bonus, many of these projects also benefit game species, such as turkey, bear and deer, because they share the same habitats."

The quest for a newly designed Wildlife Conservation License Plate began five years ago when Ann Somers, a former member of the Commission's Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee (NWAC) and a UNC-Greensboro professor, led an initiative where college students hosted an art competition for the new design. More than 37 entries were submitted and the final image was selected by NWAC members.

To order the new Wildlife Conservation License plate, visit DMV's website payments.ncdot.gov/auth. Under the "Choose a Plate" section, select Wildlife Resources from the list of Custom Plate options.

The Pine Barrens treefrog, named for the New Jersey Pine Barrens, is a medium-sized green treefrog with a white-bordered lavender stripe down each side of its body. The frog is found in the pine forests and sandhills of south-central North Carolina. Biologists think populations are declining in the state because of habitat destruction and degradation. In 2013, the Pine Barrens treefrog and the marbled salamander were designated the official state amphibians.

For more information about nongame species in North Carolina visit the Commission's Wildlife Diversity webpage www.ncwildlife.org/wildlifediversity. To learn more about the Pine Barrens treefrog, visit the Commission's Pine Barrens treefrog webpage www.ncwildlife.org/Learning/Species/Amphibians/Pine-Barrens-Treefrog.

Wadesboro Lions Club Welcomes New Members

The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at the Papa Joe's Restaurant the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information about these meetings or becoming a member, please call Lion Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

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Regional Water Quality Preventative Maintenance Program

What are we doing? In a continuing effort to distribute high-quality, potable water, the above listed water utilities will conduct a routine Water Quality Preventative Maintenance Program. This program will involve temporarily switching water disinfectants from the present chloramines to chlorine in order to optimize water quality within the distribution systems.

When Monday, February 25, 2019 through Sunday, March 31, 2019

Where Health Springs, and Kershaw, and unincorporated areas of Lancaster County served by LCWSD.

- Union County: Public water systems in Weddington, Wesley Chapel, Waxhaw, Marvin, Indian Trail, Stallings, Wingate, Marshville, Fairview, Unionville, and unincorporated areas of Union County served by Union County Public Works.
- Anson County: Public water systems in Wadesboro, Morven, Lilesville, Peachland, Polkton, Marshville, & Ansonville, and unincorporated areas of Anson County, as well as portions of Richmond County and Chesterfield County, SC, served by Anson County Public Works.
- Monroe: Public water system in Monroe, NC

Comments During the Preventative Maintenance Program, some water customers may notice temporary taste, color or odor differences in their water. This is a normal component of the process and customers should be reassured that water quality is not affected and remains safe for drinking, bathing, cooking and other general uses. Most customers will notice no change.

There are three groups of water users that should take special precautions during the Preventative Maintenance Program:

- 1) kidney dialysis providers/patients,
- 2) fish, pond, pool and aquarium owners/ operators, and
- 3) some businesses that use water in their production process.

Those who fall in to any of the above categories are strongly encouraged to seek professional advice concerning the removal methods for chlorine and chloramines from their water supply.

This maintenance program is being performed at this time of year when water usage is low, as to limit stress on the system. You may see crews performing flushing operations at hydrants to ensure chlorinated water is dispersed through the entire water system.

When the program is completed on March 31, the disinfection process will be switched back to chloramines. For further information or with specific questions, residents may contact their local water provider.

These organizations work in cooperation with one another to provide potable drinking water to portions of the 5-county region including Union, Anson, and Richmond counties in North Carolina and Lancaster and Chesterfield counties in South Carolina.

For more information on these utilities, please visit:

Anson County - www.co.anson.nc.us
Lancaster County Water & Sewer District - www.lcwasd.org
Union County - www.unioncountync.gov City of Monroe - www.monroenc.org