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Scam Alert: Using Voice Search? Use Caution When Asking for Auto Dial from Your Smart Device

Tell Alexa to play for your favorite song. Ask Siri about the weather. Use Google Assistant to turn down the air conditioner. But don't ask your smart device to look up a phone number, because it may accidentally point you to a scam.

How the Scam Works: You need the phone number for a company, so you ask your home's smart device – such as Google Home, Siri, or Alexa – to find and dial it for you. But when the company's "representative" answers, the conversation takes a strange turn. This representative has some odd advice! They may insist on your paying by wire transfer or prepaid debit card. In other cases, they may demand remote access to your computer or point you to an unfamiliar website.

Turns out, that this "representative" isn't from the company at all. Scammers create fake customer service numbers and bump them to the top of search results, often by paying for ads. When Siri, Alexa, or another device does a voice search, the algorithm may accidentally pick a scam number.

One recent victim told BBB.org/ScamTracker that she used voice search to find and call customer service for a major airline. She wanted to change her seat on an upcoming flight, but the scammer tried to trick her into paying \$400 in pre-paid gift cards by insisting the airline was running a special promotion. In another report, a consumer used Siri to call what he thought was the support number for his printer. Instead, he found himself in a tech support scam.

Tips to Avoid This Scam:

- Be careful when searching for support phone numbers. Rather than doing an online search or letting your smart device look up a number, use the contact information on the business's website (double check the URL), on your bill, or in your confirmation email.
- Beware of fake ads. Scammers make ads with fake customer service numbers. Using voice search to find a number can make it harder to tell a phony listing from the real one. Get your information from the official company website or official correspondence.
- Make payments with your credit card. It's easier to dispute a credit card payment. Paying by wire transfer or pre-paid debit card is like using cash. There is almost nothing you can do to get the money back.

Wadesboro Lions Club's Eyeglasses Recycling Program

The need for used glasses is great. According to the World Health Organization, 153 million people have uncorrected refractive errors (near-sightedness, far-sightedness or astigmatism). Most of these vision impairments are quickly diagnosed and easy to treat with corrective lenses. Still, millions of people in developing nations are pushed deeper into poverty simply because they do not have glasses. They can't learn, because reading is difficult. They can't work to the best of their ability, because they can't see clearly.

For children, clear vision means a better education, healthier development and a better quality of life. For adults, it means greater employment opportunity and economic strength. For seniors it means less dependency on others.

The Lions Clubs of Wadesboro and North Carolina collect over 170,000 pairs of eyeglasses each year to address the need for glasses, making eyeglasses recycling one of our most popular activities. Please place your used eyeglasses into one of the recycling boxes located at the following locations in Wadesboro:

- Anson Family Optometric, 1134 Holly Street
 - Northcutt Auctions, 1132 East Caswell Street
- Recycling boxes are also available in most post offices throughout the county.

Only complete reusable glasses with both plastic and metal frames, gold frames in any condition, antique glasses and new lenses can be recycled.

For information about the different projects of the Wadesboro Lions Club please call Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

WADESBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

JOB OPENING - PATROL OFFICER

The Wadesboro Police Department is currently accepting applications for a patrol officer position. Applicants need to be BLET certified by the State of North Carolina.

Applicant should apply at the Wadesboro Town Hall, located at 124-126 East Wade Street, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. through Friday, August 30, 2019. An application may be printed on the Town of Wadesboro website: cityofwadesboro.org.

Completed applications need to be addressed to the attention of Captain Brandon Chewing.

Applications will be accepted until Friday, September 20, 2019.

Salary range: \$30,518.91 to \$44,252.26

The Town of Wadesboro is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate in regards to race, sex, national origin or handicapped status.

Notice of Special Primary Election for Anson County, North Carolina

The District 9 Election will be held on Tuesday, September 10th, 2019
The polls will be open for voting on Election Day from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm.

ANSON COUNTY POLLING PLACES:

ANSONVILLE FIRE-RESCUE -9145 US HWY 52 N, ANSONVILLE
BURNSVILLE FIRE-RESCUE- 33 RESCUE RD, POLKTON
GULLEDGE FIRE DEPT- 34 CHEWNING RD, WADESBORO
LILESVILLE FIRE DEPT. -202 W WALL ST, LILESVILLE
MORVEN-MCFARLAN – 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

Eligible Anson County Voters Will select the following:

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 9

Dan McCready DEM
Jeff Scott LIB
Allen Smith GRE
Dan Bishop REP

One-stop EARLY VOTING be held:

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21ST – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2019

At THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE
LOCATION:
AT 402 MORVEN ROAD, WADESBORO NC.

The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday
7:00 AM – 7:00 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 SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2019 FROM 6:30 AM – 7:30 PM *OR REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BY MAIL BALLOT***

THERE WILL **NOT BE** VOTING HELD AT THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2019

Anson County Board of Elections PO Box 768,
Wadesboro, NC 28170 402 Morven Road Wadesboro,
NC 28170 Phone: 704-994-3223 Fax: 704694-2443

NC GS 163a-769 Notice shall be given by advertisement at least once weekly during the 20 day period in a newspaper having general circulation in the county.

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 electioneering will be allowed per NC GS 163-166.4(a) *CAMPAIGNING 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 AUGUST 16TH 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, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 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 AUGUST 20TH 5:00 PM, TUESDAY AUGUST 27TH 5:00 PM, TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD, AND MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH, AT 5:00 PM. Absentee by Mail ballots will be counted on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH 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 polls on election day (7:30 PM), or the covered voter shall submit the ballot for mailing, electronic transmission, or other authorized 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.(FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2019)

Canvass Day meeting will be held in the Board of Elections Office on MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH AT 11:00 AM.

For More information Contact:
Director of Elections: Steve Adams
Anson County Board of Elections Chair: James Paxton
Elections Office: 704-994-3223
Email: sadams@co.anson.nc.us

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3 bedroom, 2 bath \$650
Upper Ansonville area. Central ac & heat, washer/dryer hookups. References required. Background check.
704-774-5084

YARD SALE

LARGE MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE

This Saturday, Aug 31, 8am-1pm at 1351 Johnson Road in Polkton.
Items include: ladies, girls (7-10) & baby (3-9 mo) clothes; ladies & girls shoes; books, movies; small appliances; dish sets; glassware; pictures; knick-knacks (Jim Shore, Cherished Teddies, etc.); bedding; electronics; crafts materials, kids toys & games; outdoor; holiday; pool stuff; dishwasher, AC units & lots more!

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