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Dan Bishop Wins September 10 Election for 9th Congressional District

Dan McCready won the most votes in Anson County

Dan Bishop prevailed over Democrat Dan McCready in the Special 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. Also running were Libertarian Jeff Scott and Green Party member Allen Smith.

In Anson County McCready received the most votes, 3,173 compared to Bishop's 2,381 votes.

The seat had 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 by the campaign of Republican Mark Harris.

Here are the numbers:

- Dan Bishop, Republican - 96,573 votes statewide (50.59%). In Anson County 2,381 votes (42.67%)
- Dan McReady, Democrat - 92,785 votes statewide (48.7%). In Anson County 3,173 votes (56.86%)
- Jeff Scott, Libertarian - 773 votes statewide (0.41%). In Anson County 15 votes (0.27%)
- Allen Smith, Green Party - 375 votes statewide (0.2%). In Anson County 11 votes (0.20%)

2019 Family Fall Fest and Ag Expo & Fair is this Weekend

The 2019 Anson Ag Expo & Fair is set and planning is underway for another great festival for families to enjoy. Family Fall Fest is scheduled for this Friday night, September 20 at Circle G Arena in Lilesville. Mark your calendars to come visit, and better yet, participate.

The Anson Ag Expo & Fair Planning Committee has planned an evening of fun, food and games for the whole family to enjoy. Festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude around 8:00 p.m. Plan to enjoy a fun night for everybody.

Carnival type games will be available for children underneath the shelter, and prizes will be given for participation.

Older youth will enjoy relay style games set up in the shelter area. Traditional fall fair games are planned, including Dizzy Bat, Egg Toss, Tug-O-War Race and more. Games will wrap up around 7:30 p.m., and music for everyone to enjoy will begin in the shelter.

The Cupbearer and the Hog N Dog will be set up for the evening offering food truck fare and drinks. In addition, complimentary popcorn and sno cones will be offered for children and adults.

For those interested in the Ag Fair, it will be on display on Saturday at the Cooperative Extension Center in Wadesboro from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Complete event information is available on the web at Anson.ces.ncsu.edu and Facebook, under 2019 Anson Ag Expo & Fair. Like that page to receive event updates and be on the lookout for more postings.

Plan to come out and enjoy the fun. Celebrate agriculture in Anson!

For more information contact the Anson County Cooperative Extension Service at 704-694-2415.

Anson County Animal Shelter Receives \$40,000 Grant

Grant will extend efforts to save more animal lives in Anson County

Anson County Animal Shelter announced it has been awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to support its efforts to save animal lives throughout Anson County.

The Petco Foundation investment will enable Anson County Animal Shelter to purchase a transport vehicle which will aid in taking animals to adoption events and help with rescue transports. The grant will also help repair indoor kennel runs.

"It was an honor to be awarded the funds to further help save animals here in Anson County. We've made tremendous strides, have worked extremely hard and this helps validate the effort," said Maureen Lett, Director at Anson County Animal Shelter.

For more information about Anson County Animal Shelter, visit [facebook.com/ansoncountyanimalshelter](https://www.facebook.com/ansoncountyanimalshelter). For more on the Petco Foundation, visit [petcofoundation.org](https://www.petcofoundation.org) and join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by using the hashtag #PetcoFamily.

About Anson County Animal Shelter Anson County Animal Shelter is a nonprofit organization that openly intakes animals, both stray and owned pets, and attempts to find new loving homes through adoption and rescue placement. Their goal is to always be compassionate and caring — to protect, rescue, adopt and care for all animals through animal welfare partnerships and by educating the community on animal welfare issues. Since 2014 Anson County Animal Shelter has decreased the euthanasia rate by more than 90%. This year they hope to earn the designation of a "No Kill" shelter, with the euthanasia rate being below 10%.

About the Petco Foundation At the Petco Foundation, we believe that every animal deserves to live its best life. Since 1999, we've invested more than \$250 million in lifesaving animal welfare work to make that happen. With our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners, we inspire and empower communities to make a difference by investing in adoption and medical care programs, spay and neuter services, pet cancer research, service and therapy animals, and numerous other lifesaving initiatives. Through our Think Adoption First program, we partner with Petco stores and animal welfare organizations across the country to increase pet adoptions. So far, we've helped more than 6 million pets find their new loving families, and we're just getting started. Visit [petcofoundation.org](https://www.petcofoundation.org) to learn more about how you can get involved.

Democratic Party Meets Thursday

The Anson County Democratic Party will hold a party meeting on Thursday, September 19 at 6 p.m. at the Democratic Party Office, located next door to La Fogata Restaurant in Wadesboro.



Volunteer Jeremy Sikes along with other volunteers works in preparing food for the Emergency Food Pantry neighbors who will soon arrive.

BRLC Emergency Food Pantry on Wednesdays

At Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC) the doors open at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays for the weekly Emergency Food Pantry. After registration, the food is distributed at 10 a.m. Foods consist of fresh produce, fruits, canned products, pastries, meats, non-perishable items, and much more. As an added bonus, neighbors who arrive early are given the opportunity to learn or enhance their computer knowledge and skills at that time.

The Care Konner is always open, and items are made available for individuals who need them.

BRLC appreciates all of the supporters who make this process possible for families throughout Anson and surrounding counties.

BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. The telephone number is 704-826-8737.

Senior Parent Workshop at Anson High School Thursday

Senior parents be sure to mark your calendar for this Thursday, September 19 for the senior parent workshop, with information on college applications, financial aid, scholarships and other senior year information for all high schools in Anson County. The workshop will take place in the Anson High School Media Center at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a representative from the College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC, website cfnc.org) as well. This workshop will answer almost all of your questions as you prepare for the next steps after graduation.

If your senior plans to apply to college, they should have someone present to represent them at the workshop. We look forward to seeing you.

Chamber on the Half Shell Event is September 28

This is a release from the Anson County Chamber of Commerce: We are excited to invite you to participate in the third annual Chamber on the Half Shell oyster roast taking place on Saturday, September 28 at the Twin Valley Golf Club, from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. The Anson County Chamber of Commerce is a dynamic, energetic and respected business organization that facilitates both economic and social growth in support of our members and the community. The Chamber strives to provide quality community events for all members and residents of Anson County.

Chamber on the Half Shell will be one of our most anticipated fundraisers of the year! Our fundraising goal for this event is \$25,000.

Today we are asking you to join us in our efforts to support our organization. There are three ways to support us and contribute to the success of this year's event:

- Become a sponsor – we have opportunities from \$100 to \$2,500.
- Donate a raffle item – we encourage you to be creative, items can range from your products and services, to gift certificates, baskets or experiences.
- Join us at the event! Chamber on the Half Shell will feature an all-you-can-eat buffet complete with steamed oysters, fried shrimp, fried fish, hushpuppies, coleslaw and all the fixings! There will also be a complimentary open bar complete with wine and beer to quench your thirst! And, just in case you feel like dancing, the Live House Band will join us beginning at 7:00 p.m. to turn up the volume! Individual tickets: Chamber members \$60; non-members \$70. A limited number of tickets are available!

In recognition of your generosity, your company will receive continued exposure with all of our sponsorship support levels.

Thank you in advance for your generous support. With the strong support of sponsors and donors like you we can meet our goal! Sponsorship details and a sign-up form are available at ansoncountychamber.org. Please complete and return the form with payment immediately to ensure that you are included in all of Chamber on the Half Shell materials. If you have questions or would like more information about becoming a sponsor or donor for our 2019 Chamber on the Half Shell, please email the chamber at info@ansoncountychamber.org or call 704-694-4181.

Parks & Recreation Pickleball All October!

Special introductory lesson September 26

Anson County Parks & Rec will offer a free Fall Pickleball program during the month of October. Each Tuesday and Thursday, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Anson County adults are invited to come out and try this fun sport that is growing rapidly in popularity nationwide. Pickleball will soon take over adult recreation!

Pickleball is a game resembling tennis in which players use paddles to hit a perforated plastic ball over a net. It is fun for all ages and athletic abilities.

On Tuesdays participants ages 35 & up play. On Thursdays participants 50 & up play. Weather permitting.

September 26 Introduction Class

Parks & Recreation will have a one day introduction to Pickleball course at Little Park (845 Airport Road in Wadesboro) on Thursday September 26, from 9:30 until 11 a.m. The staff will teach the basic instructions of the sport as well as perform drills to help participants fully understand the complex and exciting sport of Pickleball. This free class is open to participants ages 50 & up. Please contact the Parks & Recreation Department to reserve your spot!

For more information contact Jeff Waisner, Director, at (704) 695-2550 or Jwaisner@co.anson.nc.us; Wendell Small at (704) 695-2782 or Wsmall@co.anson.nc.us; or Allen Jackson II at (704) 694-5751 or Ajackson@co.anson.nc.us.



Anson County Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Waisner is ready to play some Pickleball!

Shop with a Cop Motorcycle Ride is Saturday

The Wadesboro Police Department is sponsoring their annual Shop with a Cop Motorcycle Ride this Saturday, September 21. This fun event raises money for the Shop with a Cop program that provides Christmas gifts for less fortunate children in Anson County. You are invited to share in the fun while helping make some children happy on Christmas day. Lunch will be served.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. at the Wadesboro Police Department, located at 212 South Rutherford Street. The ride will commence about 11 a.m. The donation is \$20 per motorcycle.

For more information contact Chief Thedis Spencer at 704-475-2695 or Sgt. Cannon at 704-465-8705 or gcannon@wadesboropolice.com.

Grace Senior Trip to Samson Play Has Been Cancelled

Grace Senior Center has called off their trip to Fort Mill, SC for a Samson play that was scheduled for Saturday, September 28. For more information call Mary Jones at 704-694-6616.

Singers Invited to Participate at Jazz Mass

A part of the South Carolina Jazz Festival in Cheraw this October

The 2019 South Carolina Jazz Festival - Celebrating Jazz in Dizzy Gillespie's Hometown will be held during the weekend of October 18-20 in Cheraw. Singers of all ages are invited to participate in the annual Jazz Mass that will be presented at Pee Dee Union Baptist Church.

The festival concludes on Sunday, October 20 with a Jazz Mass at 3:00 p.m. in the church's sanctuary. The church is located at 92 Chestnut Street. Jason Ellis is the Musical Director for the jazz mass.

The first practice will be this Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All practices will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. leading up to the festival.

Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843.537.8420 x 12 for additional information about the Mass and the SC Jazz Festival.

Board Meeting is September 24

The Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the BCSWCD office, located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

For more information call 704-694-3516.

Peachland's Music on the Square Event is September 28

The Town of Peachland invites everyone to come and enjoy their 13th annual "Music on the Square" which will be held on Saturday, September 28, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. This free event will feature the bands, Breaking Away from 3 to 6 p.m. and Bout Tyme from 7 to 10 p.m. There will also be a variety of food vendors at the event.

The vendors are non-profit, and are youth and women's groups from local churches. A wide variety of beverages and food will be available.

For more information contact Lynn H. Griffin at 704-272-7781.

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