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Anson Voters Decide Primary Contests

Anson voters cast their ballots during Early Voting and on Election Day, Tuesday, March 3, in North Carolina's 2026 Primary Election, selecting party nominees for a number of federal, state and local offices. All nine precincts in the county reported results. The winners of the party primaries will advance to the general election later this year, while several races without a majority winner may move to a runoff if required under state election rules.

The primary election narrowed the field of candidates who will appear on the ballot in the upcoming general election. Local races, including sheriff, board of commissioners and board of education, drew strong interest from voters across the county. Officials will certify the results in the coming days as part of the state's standard post-election canvass process.

US SENATE - DEMOCRAT

- Roy Cooper - 2,010 votes (89.89%).
Statewide Cooper got 758,808 votes.
- Marcus W. Williams - 62 votes (2.77%)
- Daryl Farrow - 51 votes (2.28%)
- Orrick Quick - 50 votes (2.24%)
- Robert Colon - 34 votes (1.52%)
- Justin E. Dues - 29 votes (1.30%)

US SENATE - REPUBLICAN

- Michael Whatley - 568 votes (57.20%).
Statewide Whatley got 404,199 votes.
- Donald M. (Don) Brown - 251 votes (25.28%)
- Thomas Johnson - 82 votes (8.26%)
- Elizabeth A. Temple - 29 votes (2.92%)
- Richard Dansie - 25 votes (2.52%)
- Michele Morrow - 20 votes (2.01%)
- Margot Dupre - 18 votes (1.81%)

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 08 - DEMOCRAT

- Colby Watson - 1,335 votes (62.18%).
District-wide Watson got 18,205 votes.
- Kevin Clark - 685 votes (31.90%)
- Jesse Oppenheim - 127 votes (5.92%)

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

SEAT 01 - REPUBLICAN

- Matt Smith - 570 votes (61.09%)
- Michael C. Byrne - 363 votes (38.91%).
Byrne prevailed 300,883 to 282,853.

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

SEAT 03 - DEMOCRAT

- James Weldon Whalen - 1,521 votes (71.81%)
- Christine Marie Walczyk - 597 votes (28.19%).
Walczyk prevailed 491,188 to 296,590.

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 55 - REPUBLICAN

- Clancy Baucom - 781 votes (77.87%).
District-wide Baucom got 4,497 votes.
- John Powell - 149 votes (14.86%)
- Richard T. Miller - 73 votes (7.28%)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

DISTRICT 21 - DEMOCRAT

- Jamie Adams - 1,186 votes (53.30%).
Adams prevailed 4,262 to 2,824.
- Herman Little - 1,039 votes (46.70%)

ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT 02 - REPUBLICAN

- William "Boogie" Short - 717 votes (69.88%)
- Charles Holley - 309 votes (30.12%)

ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AT-LARGE - DEMOCRAT

- Lorri Burns Bennett - 563 votes (24.79%)
- Ida Cason - 514 votes (22.63%)
- Marilyn Bennett - 500 votes (22.02%)
- Tracy Harrington - 400 votes (17.61%)
- Glenn Caulder - 256 votes (11.27%)
- William "Bug" Polk - 38 votes (1.67%)

ANSON COUNTY SHERIFF - DEMOCRAT

- Tim Watkins - 1,029 votes (46.60%)
- Gerald Cannon Sr. - 883 votes (39.99%)
- Davara Ponds - 296 votes (13.41%)

Suspect Arrested in Ansonville Investigation into Vehicle Break-Ins

Deputies with the Anson County Sheriff's Office arrested a suspect Sunday, March 1, following an investigation into reports of trespassing and attempted breaking and entering in the Ansonville area. According to the Sheriff's Office, deputies were investigating the report when they developed information that led them to obtain an arrest warrant for Steven Clark, 35, of Ansonville.

Deputies responded to an address on Martin Street in Ansonville, where they located Clark and took him into custody. During the arrest, deputies discovered several items in his possession that were believed to have been stolen from multiple motor vehicle break-ins in the area.

Authorities reported that some of the suspected break-ins had not yet been reported by victims at the time of Clark's arrest. Items recovered by deputies included credit cards, checks, wallets and other personal property that did not belong to Clark. Deputies began working to identify and notify the rightful owners of the recovered items.

One of the victims was later identified as Gerald Cannon, a candidate for Anson County Sheriff, who was notified by deputies that his vehicle had been broken into and that his property had been recovered. Cannon later confirmed that he had been a victim of a breaking and entering involving his vehicle.

The investigation remains ongoing as deputies continue efforts to identify and contact additional victims whose property may have been recovered during the arrest.

Sheriff Scott Howell encouraged residents to take precautions to reduce the risk of vehicle break-ins, including locking vehicles at night and removing valuables, personal information and other belongings from inside vehicles.

"The safety and protection of our citizens and their property remain our top priority," Howell said. "This case demonstrates the proactive work of our deputies and their commitment to identifying victims, recovering stolen property and holding offenders accountable."

Anyone who e been a victim of a vehicle break-in is encouraged to contact the Anson County Sheriff's Office.



CTE Shining Stars at Anson High School

The Automotive pathway is in the spotlight as part of Anson High School's CTE Shining Stars celebration, showcasing students who are building real-world skills one project at a time.

These young men are proving that dedication, teamwork and a willingness to get their hands dirty are alive and well in today's generation. In Mr. Huntley's Auto Shop, learning goes far beyond textbooks, with hands-on experience that prepares students for careers in the automotive industry and beyond. From diagnostics to repairs, these students are gaining practical knowledge while developing a strong work ethic that will serve them for years to come.

Pictured above left to right are Israel Beam, Walter Marsh, Colton Gardin, Walker Stinson and Maron Fitzwater.

Grace Senior Center Has it Going on in March!

A Full Month of Fitness, Fun and Learning

Grace Senior Center continues to be one of Anson County's most active and welcoming places for seniors - offering health programs, games, creative workshops and friendly gatherings all month long. Best of all, the activities are free and open to the public.

March brings a full calendar of opportunities to stay active, learn something new and enjoy time with friends. From exercise classes and dancing to crafts, giveaways and special presentations, there is something happening almost every week at the center.

Regular favorites like Chair Exercise keep participants moving, while workshops, games and creative projects add variety to the schedule. Whether someone wants to stretch, socialize, paint, sing karaoke or simply enjoy a good movie with neighbors, Grace Senior Center has plenty to offer.

ALL FREE...AND ALL FUN & INFORMATIVE!

The March activity schedule includes:

- Thursday, March 5 — Chair Exercise (1:00 to 2:00 p.m. only); Book Club, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 6 — Oreo Cookie Day Giveaway, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 9 — Candle Making Workshop, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 10 — Chair Exercise, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.; Basketball Color Sheets, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 11 — Claris Companion Tablet Workshop, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 12 — Chair Exercise, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.; Line Dancing Class, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 13 — Walk Away the Stiffness, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 16 — Lay's Potato Chip Giveaway, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 17 — Chair Exercise, 10 to 11 a.m. & Leprechaun Color-by-Number Sheet, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 18 — Pee Dee and Wildlife Presentation, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 19 — Chair Exercise, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.; Movie Day featuring "Uncle Drew," 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 20 — Karaoke Friday, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 23 — Indoor Pickleball, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 24 — Chair Exercise, 10 to 11 a.m.; Brain Teasers and Word Unscramble, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 25 — Claris Companion Tablet Workshop, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 26 — Chair Exercise, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.; Bracelet Making Workshop, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Friday, March 27 — Color By Number Activity, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 30 — Kite Flying Contest, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 31 — Leprechaun Color Sheets, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Grace Senior Center invites seniors from across Anson County to join the fun, make new friends and stay active throughout the month. For details or to register for activities, call 704-694-6616.

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA on the left.

Hair-Raising Chase Ends With Arrest After Multi-County Pursuit

A late-night vehicle pursuit that began in Wadesboro and stretched across multiple jurisdictions ended with the arrest of a suspect early February 26.

According to the Wadesboro Police Department, officers responded around 12:40 a.m. on February 26 to the Speedway convenience store at 1006 East Caswell Street after receiving a report that a male suspect had stolen a red Hyundai Elantra and fled westbound on U.S. Highway 74. A patrol sergeant soon located the stolen vehicle and attempted a traffic stop. When emergency lights were activated, the suspect reportedly accelerated and fled, initiating a high-speed pursuit. During the chase, the suspect struck the sergeant's patrol vehicle twice, causing damage while attempting to evade law enforcement.

The pursuit traveled across Anson County, including the towns of Polkton and Peachland, and continued into Union County, passing through Marshville, Wingate and Monroe. Deputies with the Union County Sheriff's Office eventually deployed stop sticks near the Monroe/Unionville exit on the toll road, successfully disabling the stolen vehicle.

Police said the driver, identified as Robert Bryan Sexton (DOB: March 10, 1978), fled from the disabled vehicle on foot into a wooded area. Officers from the Monroe Police Department and Union County Sheriff's Office established a perimeter while a K-9 track was conducted and a drone was deployed to assist with the search.

Sexton was soon located and taken into custody by Wadesboro Police officers without further incident. He faces several charges, including:

- Felony Flee to Elude with a Motor Vehicle
- Larceny of a Motor Vehicle
- Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle
- Reckless Driving with Wanton Disregard
- Failure to Report an Accident

The Wadesboro Police Department expressed appreciation to the Anson County Sheriff's Office, Union County Sheriff's Office and Monroe Police Department for their assistance and coordination during the incident.

Officials say the cooperation between agencies helped bring the pursuit to a safe conclusion.



Robert Sexton

Daylight Saving Time Returns Sunday

If you wake up Sunday morning feeling like the alarm clock has betrayed you, don't worry - it's not personal. Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend, and clocks across Anson County will spring forward one hour at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

This means residents should set their clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night. The good news is that evenings will stay lighter longer. The bad news is that the extra evening sunshine arrives at the small cost of one hour of precious sleep - a trade that some people accept cheerfully and others protest until their second cup of coffee.

Most of the United States observes the change, with the main exceptions being Hawaii and most of Arizona.

While adjusting the clocks, safety officials recommend taking advantage of the moment to perform another important task: changing the batteries in smoke detectors. Linking the two events together makes it easier to remember and helps ensure detectors are ready when they are needed most. Fire safety experts say smoke detectors should be checked regularly, and replacing batteries twice a year when the clocks change is a simple habit that can save lives.

So Saturday night, move the clocks forward, swap out those smoke-detector batteries and prepare for brighter evenings ahead. Monday morning may arrive feeling a little earlier than usual - even if the clock insists it isn't.

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