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May 14 Special Primary Election Results

A special primary election was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, to elect the Republican candidate 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. Dan McCready, a Marine veteran and businessman, is already set as the Democrat Party candidate in the September election. Libertarian Jeff Scott and Green Party member Allen Smith are the other candidates. 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. Mark Harris was originally the Republican candidate prior to his withdrawal due to the electoral fraud.

- Here are the unofficial election results from the election:
- Winner: Dan Bishop 14,362 votes statewide (47.7% of the vote), 279 votes in Anson County (51.57% of the vote)
 - Other candidates: Statewide vote county (percentage), Anson County vote (percentage)
 - Stony Rushing 5,854 (19.44%) statewide. In Anson 153 (28.28%).
 - Matthew Ridenhour 5,155 (17.12%) statewide. In Anson 37 (6.84%).
 - Leigh Thomas Brown 2,664 (8.85%) statewide. In Anson 50 (9.24%).
 - Stevie Rivenbark Hull 905 (3.01%) statewide. In Anson 6 (1.11%).
 - Fern Shubert 437 (1.45%) statewide. In Anson 13 (2.40%).
 - Chris Anglin 379 (1.26%) statewide. In Anson 1 (0.18%).
 - Kathie C. Day 190 (0.63%) statewide. In Anson 2 (0.37%).
 - Gary Dunn 105 (0.35%) statewide. In Anson 0.
 - Albert Lee Wiley 60 (0.20%) statewide. In Anson 0.

Board of Elections Canvass Meeting

The Anson County Board of Elections will hold a canvass meeting this Friday, May 24 at 11 a.m. The agenda for the meeting is:

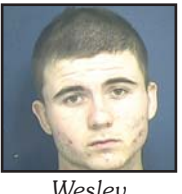
- Call to Order/Invocation
 - Approval of Minutes (if available)
 - Canvass Instructions/Procedures
 - Update Unity Results to show "Official"
 - Upload Final "Official" Results to Election Reporting System
 - Sign abstracts (Certification of Election) Keep Copy on File, Mail one Copy to state, Deliver Copy to the Clerk of Court
 - Questions / Comments Adjourn
 - Questions, comments and other matters
- The meeting will take place in the Boardroom at the Board of Elections office, located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

To appear on a meeting agenda you must provide notice in writing by 5 p.m. on the Thursday before the next meeting. During all board meetings, those in attendance are asked to refrain from comments and questions to the board unless they are called upon by the board. At the end of each meeting the board will open the floor for comments and questions.

Steve Adams, Elections Director for Anson County will attend the Directors Association Conference March 31 to April 2 in Hickory, NC. The office will be staffed by part-time staff during that time.

- For more information call 704-994-3223.
- Upcoming dates:**
- Monday, May 27** County offices closed for Memorial Day
 - Tuesday, June 4** Regular Board of Elections Meeting - 5pm
 - June 9 - 13** Director in Denver for Elections Classes
 - Thursday, July 5** Candidate Filing Begins for Municipal Election, 12 p.m.
 - Friday, July 19** Candidate Filing Ends for Municipal Election, 12 p.m.
 - Friday, August 16** Registration deadline for September 10 General Election
 - Tuesday, September 3** Absentee application deadline for September 10 General Election

Wesley Franklin Cook Arrested for Multiple Charges



On Saturday May 19 Wesley Franklin Cook, 19, of Lilesville was arrested by deputies of the Anson County Sheriff's Office for Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, Larceny of a Firearm, and Burning Personal Property. Cook was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$30,000 secured bond with an initial court date of May 28, 2019.

Sheriff Reid said, "I would like to thank the individuals who gave prompt and detailed information regarding this case, and would encourage any citizen with information of any crime to contact the Anson County Sheriff's Office 704-694-4188 or the Crime Hotline 704-695-3111. Callers may remain anonymous."

SPCC Celebrates 20 years at Founders Day Event

May 19, 2019 marked an exciting milestone for South Piedmont Community College. It was on May 19, 1999, that Gov. Jim Hunt signed a bill based upon recommendations of an independent study team that abolished Anson Community College and Union Technical Education Center, and created North Carolina's newest community college, South Piedmont Community College.

To recognize this commemorative event the college held a variety of activities to celebrate with students, faculty and staff, and the community. These activities included a Happy Birthday South Piedmont celebration for students on both campuses, a special anniversary celebration event with faculty and staff, and a special fundraiser soiree with founding trustee members, foundation members, and longtime donors.

The soiree was South Piedmont Community College's largest fundraiser to date with all proceeds going to support student scholarships.



HOLLA! 5K - A Day of Winners

The HOLLA! 5K produced winners and winning moments May 11 as the community rallied around a central cause. "It was truly rewarding to contribute to an event that was so rich in positive symbolism," said Robert Gatewood, emcee. "The diversity of the participants was the embodiment of the iconic rainbow. It reminded me of the treasure that awaits our children when we unite around a noble objective and advance our children over the finish line."

Gatewood traveled from Washington, DC, to host the event. He is owner of Gatewood Marketing and is the brother of Leon Gatewood, HOLLA!'s founder and CEO.

Richard Ferguson, who registered as a Morven native, won the race for the third year in a row. "I would like to donate this back to HOLLA! that does so much for this community," he said, referring to the \$100 cash prize. He completed the race in a time of 22:39.81. Anson Middle School teachers Brandon Smith and Landis Shoffner followed in second and third places, respectively.

Awards were also presented in various age groups. They included Malachi Smith, 12 and under; Breana Ball, 13-20; Mat Brinson, 21-35; Anne Hyatt, 36-50; and Paul Emmerling, 51 plus.

Felishia McRae finished last in the race, but finished strong. She crossed the finish line nearly two hours after the race started. Using a walker, McRae was met at the finish line by nearly half of the participants cheering her on as she arrived. On her Facebook post, McRae, who suffers from a painful physical ailment, thanked Sheriff Landric Reid and Johnie Pettiford who checked on her throughout the race.

"This day changed my life," McRae said. "It's not how you start, it's not about what obstacles you were facing or had to endure while you are on your progress to get there, it's not about how long it took to get there, it's all about you being able to finish and conquer your goals and dreams, which will cause you to win by any means necessary. I was sure that everyone would be gone when I finally got to the finish line, but when I saw so many people cheering for me when I arrived, it felt so good. I am not just a witness, I am a winner," she said.

Starr Dowell of Finish Well Timing, official timers of the 5K, said the HOLLA! 5K is one of their favorite events to work. "It is rare to see so much support for the last person to finish the race. Sometimes we're the only ones left."

Other Winners
Anson Middle School won the Best T-shirt prize, which was a gift bag from the Charlotte Knights that included tickets to seats on Duke Row at the May 24 home baseball game. The school also won a HOLLA! party for being the school with the most attendance.

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School won the HOLLA! 5K Accelerated Reading Challenge with a total score of 13,255.4 points; while Ansonville Elementary came in second with 5,244 points. Olivia Marsh of Ansonville Elementary was the individual winner with 407.2 points. Beverly Eddins placed second with 378.6 points. The reading challenge invites elementary schools to compete with reading the most books during a certain period prescribed by HOLLA!

Olivia's Art Gallery in Raleigh donated a pair of custom earrings to the first mother to register. Delores Sturdivant, Regina M. Ratliff and Tonja Smith arrived simultaneously and each will receive a pair.

Following the 5K Coach Harvey Johnson of Washington, DC offered a two-hour seminar on improving health and fitness. Harvey said that he was impressed by the 5K's diversity. "You guys have a good thing going here," he said.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers, participants and donors who came together to make this event successful," said Leon Gatewood. Special thanks to the Anson County Sheriff's Office; the Town of Morven; Gatewood Insurance and Real Estate (the title sponsor); Poisson, Poisson and Bower; Anson Middle School; Anson High School Class of '75; The Spirit in Motion Line Dancers; Nelson Funeral Home; Minister Ted Ward; Lady Bug Restaurant; and the amazing group of HOLLA! volunteers for going above and beyond supporting the event.

The list of other supporters and teams included: Just for You Barber Shop; Best Tax Service; Angela Collins Myers and Team Success; Anson Women's League; Cedar Baptist Creek Church; Sandy Ridge Baptist Church; Smith's Funeral Home; Quality Florist; Chesterfield County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; the National Association of University Women; Scott Forbes; Bowman High School Class of '76; Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition; Commissioner Ross Streater; the Caraway Foundation; Hornwood, Inc.; Judge Sophia Crawford; Katheryn McLeod; Bob Stowe; Mid-Southeastern HVAC; the Ellerbys; Howard McLean and the Woodburns. HOLLA! also thanks the several individual participants who signed up to participate.

HOLLA! Community Development Corporation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded to offer resources to improve literacy rates, build self-esteem and social capital for youth subjected to challenging situations. To donate, make checks payable to: HOLLA! P.O. Box 88 Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Memorial Day Travel Weekend: Stay Safe; Know Before You Go

One of the busiest travel times of the year is coming up with the Memorial Day weekend, and the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) wants your trip to be safe. NCDOT will pause most road construction activities that require lane closures on interstate, U.S. and N.C. routes from early Friday morning, May 24, through Tuesday evening, May 28. The actual times depend on the projects.

Lane closures will remain in place for safety reasons in some locations where conditions do not allow for lanes or roads to be re-opened, such as many bridge replacement projects or where there is no pavement or shoulder. In addition, work that does not interfere with the travel lanes can still take place over the extended weekend.

Travelers can check ahead on the status of the routes they plan to use by going to DriveNC.gov, where conditions can be checked by route number, county or region.

Here are some additional tips for safely navigating the highways during the holiday weekend:

- Buckle Up. Every seat, every time. The Governor's Highway Safety Program and the Highway Patrol will be conducting their annual Click It or Ticket campaign, enforcing passenger safety laws.
- Stay alert when going through work zones, as even if work is suspended, you may encounter narrowed lanes and traffic shifts;
- Be patient and obey the posted speed limit;
- Avoid distracted driving;
- Don't tailgate. Give yourself space in case traffic in front of you suddenly stops or slows down;
- Travel at non-peak hours when possible, and leave early to allow extra time to reach your destination;
- Consider using alternate routes to avoid usual traffic congestion locations such as near a major city; and
- Obey the "Move Over Law" - which requires motorists to move over one lane, if possible, or reduce speed when emergency and construction vehicles with flashing lights are on the shoulder of the highway.

Additionally, drivers who choose to use the Monroe Expressway or Triangle Expressway are reminded they can save money on tolls using a prepaid NC Quick Pass transponder. NC Quick Pass is the North Carolina Turnpike Authority's toll collection program. It offers drivers two ways to pay for tolls: a prepaid transponder account or the Bill by Mail program. Transponders automatically deduct tolls from a prepaid balance and provide drivers up to a 35% savings, including on the future express lanes on Interstate 77. The NC Quick Pass E-ZPass transponder can also be used for toll facilities in Florida (SunPass), Georgia (Peach Pass) and states where E-ZPass is accepted.

For more information about NC Quick Pass transponder options, customers can visit www.ncquickpass.com or follow NC Quick Pass on Twitter @NC_QuickPass.

Bowman Classes of 1971 and 1972 Meeting

The Bowman Senior High School Classes of 1971 and 1972 will meet at Golden Corral in Matthews this Saturday, May 25 at 1:00 p.m. For information contact Winnie Brown (704) 475-0755.

Wadesboro Memorial Day Schedule

The Wadesboro Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day holiday. There will be no garbage pickup that day.

Garbage collection will be shifted a day the entire week. Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday, etc. The normal collection schedule will resume on Monday, June 3

If you have any questions please call Town Hall at 704-694-5171.

Grace Senior Center Trip to Fuller BBQ in Pembroke, NC

Grace Senior Center is offering a trip to Pembroke, NC for a delicious lunch at Fullers BBQ on Thursday, June 13. Fullers is a buffet that offers a variety of foods including barbecue, steak, chicken, seafood and home-made desserts.

Participants will meet in the parking lot at Walmart for a 9 a.m. departure, returning by 4 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$32.18, which includes lunch and transportation. If you would like to go, the deadline to register is Wednesday, June 5. Call Mary Jones at 704-694-6616.