

# FarmHouseBuffet

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 This Weekend **Fri-Sun Aug 31-Sept 2**  
 for **Labor Day**  
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Seafood Buffet & Menu Items  
 Friday & Saturday 4:30-10  
 Sunday Country Lunch Buffet 11:30-4

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In the event of an emergency, first responders can use the Vital ICE app to retrieve the user's vital information. This information can then be easily taken on the ambulance to the hospital, or sent directly to the hospital from the Vital ICE app, where ER staff can further access this critical information. Remember, time is of the essence when saving lives!

# Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



## Gaddy's Wild Goose Refuge

I was thinking about fall of the year, remembering the days when Gaddy's Wild Goose Refuge was an attraction for so many. During the weekdays many bus loads of school children would visit to watch the geese. At times there would be as many as perhaps 10,000 in the pond and the 'cotton patch' field around the pond.

Many people probably remember how it all began - hunting down on the river was not controlled by rules, regulations and laws then, so a hunter could shot, kill, trap or whatever, even using live decoys. Laws were later passed preventing that kind of hunting - no live decoys either. This was the era of time that the Gaddy's Refuge began.

The Refuge was a small, muddy pond that was dug out by hand (no bulldozers then) at the edge of the field. As some geese would fly over they could see and hear the 'grounded-crippled' ones in the pond. This attracted the flyovers. The Gaddys began to feed around the area - and there was an occasional 'fishing trip' by Mrs. Pat Ross (Miss

Hazel's mother), who was in her 80's-90's. The fishing could not have been much - my brother and I 'dipped' most of them from a nearby branch, delivering same in a tin can to the pond.

The goose population at the pond grew tremendously. Articles were in The State magazine and other publications, and news media and others were telling about the thousands of Canadian Geese here in Anson County. Visitors from many states visited, sharing in the geese population. Of course Sunday afternoons, quite a few visited to 'watch the geese' and just 'visit.' That is how I got the above picture (plus hundreds more) of the 'little fellow' with the geese in the background. My son Tommy was about five years old then...

And, that makes me at least about thirty-nine, I think!!

Thank you so much! I began my 87th birthday celebration even before August 10th, and it has lasted all the week...and I am still receiving calls, cards, comments! Thanks and appreciation. Ed

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## Practice Safety and Ethics as Dove Season Opens on Saturday

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's Home from the Hunt campaign reminds hunters to always practice safety and follow state and federal laws while in the field. The 2018-19 season for mourning and white-winged dove is separated into three segments: 1) Sept. 1-Oct. 6, 2) Nov. 17-Dec. 1 and 3) Dec. 10-Jan. 31. All hunters must follow applicable licensing requirements and hunting regulations.

The daily bag limit is 15 doves, and shooting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset for the entire season, including opening day. Hunting of migratory game birds by any method is not allowed on Sundays.

- The Commission advises dove hunters to follow these safety tips:
- Never shoot at low-flying birds.
  - Never place decoys on utility lines.
  - Never combine game bags.
  - Always adhere to established safe zones of fire.

It is a violation of state and federal law to take migratory game birds with the use or aid of salt, grain, fruit or any other bait. Hunters should understand dove hunting regulations fully and inspect areas to be hunted for signs of baiting. Hunters also need to be aware that an area is considered baited for 10 days following the removal of all bait. The Commission encourages hunters to ask landowners about agricultural processes for fields or if areas to be hunted are baited.

Migratory gamebirds may be hunted in agricultural areas where grain has been distributed as the result of normal agricultural operations. Information regarding agriculture and planting techniques may be obtained from a local N.C. State Extension Service Center.

For more information on mourning doves, visit [ncwildlife.org/mourning-dove](http://ncwildlife.org/mourning-dove) or download the latest informational brochure at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

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