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RED COCKADED WOODPECKERS WELCOME BABY IN NEW WMF NORTH COUNTRY HOME

Originally named *Picus querulous* for its loud, brash calls, the red cockaded woodpecker, now known as *Picoides borealis*, is actually a very social and family-oriented bird. Red cockaded woodpeckers (RCWs) live in family groups consisting of a breeding pair and several helpers. The helpers are male offspring from previous years that assist with incubating eggs and feeding nestlings. Female young typically disperse after leaving the nest.

Thirteen RCW family groups currently call the main section of The Walthour-Moss Foundation home. RCW data on The Walthour-Moss Foundation was originally collected by North Carolina State University researchers and is now collected by Sandhills Ecological Institute biologists.

In October 2016, as part of our current Foundation stewardship plan, four artificial nest box cavities were inserted in to mature longleaf pines near Moor Meadow. The artificial nest boxes make up the first RCW cluster in the Foundation's North Country. Six months later, during the spring nesting season which lasts from April to June, the cluster was occupied. The new residents hatched and fledged a single male chick. In total, twenty-nine red cockaded woodpeckers were fledged from nests on the Foundation in 2017.

An additional cluster made up of three to four artificial nest box inserts will be added this fall near Firestone Lake in the Foundation's North Country. The Sandhills Ecological Institute will monitor all of the Foundation's RCW clusters starting again early April 2018. We certainly hope the new cluster will be as well received as the one near Moor Meadow!

A special thank you to Kerry Brust and her team at the Sandhills Ecological Institute for their ongoing work monitoring the red cockaded woodpeckers in The Walthour-Moss Foundation and throughout the Sandhills. For more information on the RCWs, please visit: <https://www.fws.gov/rcwrecovery/rcw.html>.



Photos by Kerry Brust

LEFT: NINE-DAY-OLD RED COCKADED WOODPECKER NESTLING, COLOR BANDED AT THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED MOOR MEADOW RCW CLUSTER. **RIGHT:** ITS A BOY! PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN WITH CAVITY INSPECTION CAMERA TEN DAYS LATER SHOWS BABY BIRD WITH RED-CROWN PATCH. JUVENILE MALES HAVE RED CROWN WHILE JUVENILE FEMALES DO NOT. THE RED-CROWN PATCH MOLTS OUT IN FALL AND IS REPLACED BY A RED COCKADE IN ADULT MALES.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! NCDOT TO HOST PUBLIC MEETING ON U.S. HIGHWAY 1 AND U.S. HIGHWAY 15-501 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is hosting a public drop-in information session on Monday, September 18 about the US Highway 1 portion of the Moore County Comprehensive Transportation Plan. NCDOT will have the current maps for the U.S. Highway 1 upgrades available for review and NCDOT engineers will be on hand to answer questions about the project. The plan remains for U.S. Highway 1 to remain in its current alignment and for portions to be upgraded to a synchronized street (also called a “superstreet”).

If you live in Moore County, **we ask that you please attend the drop-in session**, as it will be informative and your attendance ensures that NCDOT remains aware of the importance of this issue to Horse Country residents: **September 18 - 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Aberdeen Recreation Center, 301 Lake Park Crossing.**

For more information on the US Highway 1 project: <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/us1-15-501-moore/> Please note that the project page includes a link to an online survey about the U.S. Highway 1 and 15-501 projects. A link to the survey can be found here: <https://us15-501-1-demo.metroquest.com/>. The survey takes just 3-5 minutes to complete and asks users to rank priorities and concerns as it applies to the design and construction of the synchronized streets.

Please take the survey – emphasizing the need for (1) a safer corridor and (b) reducing travel time for local trips are key to maintaining U.S. Highway 1 in its current alignment and keeping a bypass off the table.

Save the date!

Bluebird Box Cleaning Day
Sunday, January 28, 2018

**Longleaf Pine Tree
Planting Day**
Sunday, February 11, 2018

WHAT'S IN BLOOM?



Sandhills Blazing Star (*Liatris cokerii*)

Perennial with stems to 0.8 m tall. Leaves, 5-18 cm long, 2-5 mm wide, and densely punctate on both surfaces. Flower heads grow in a dense spike. Each head has four to nine pink to rosy disc flowers 7 mm long with five short lobes. Blooms August through October.



Common Blue Curls (*Trichostema dichotomum*)

Annual 15-60 cm tall. Leaves are opposite 2-8 cm long and 5-20 mm wide. Blue stalked flowers appear from leaf axils. The lower of five petals forms a lip, 5-10 mm long, with dark blue spots. The long blue stamens curve forward and downward. Blooms August to October.



PRESERVE OUR FOREST GOLF TOURNAMENT To BENEFIT

THE WALTHOUR-MOSS FOUNDATION

**MID PINES COUNTRY CLUB
DECEMBER 10, 2017**

10:30 am Registration ~ 11:30 am Shotgun Start

Play on a Team- \$100 ~ Sponsor a Hole- \$100

Captain's Choice (Scramble)

\$10,000 HOLE IN ONE CONTEST

**Prizes for Winners, Closest to Pin, and Closest to the Line
Awarded in Mid Pines Cosgroves Lounge after the Round
Cash bar and Snacks**

**For more information, please contact
Dick Walsh at 910-690-6847 or Landon Russell at 910-695-7811.**

TO SIGN UP, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO WMF:

Please list team members and indexes below. If a team member does not have an index, organizers will assign one.

Player 1 (\$100) _____ Index _____ Player 2 (\$100) _____ Index _____

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☐ Assign me to a team ☐ I will sponsor a hole (\$100 each) Name _____

Contact name _____ Email _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ My check, made payable to **The Walthour-Moss Foundation**, is enclosed for \$ _____

☐ Please charge my credit card for \$ _____ Card no. _____ Exp. _____ CVV# _____

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For more information, please contact Landon Russell at **910-695-7811**
or via email at director@walthour-moss.org or logon to our website at
www.walthour-moss.org.

Please Volunteer!

The WMF Bushwhacker Club will meet to clean and clear trails:

SATURDAY, September 16

SUNDAY, September 24

SUNDAY, October 8

To volunteer:

email: director@walthour-moss.org or call: 910-695-7811

THE WALTHOUR-MOSS FOUNDATION



Invites You to Attend

The Sixth Annual Horse Country Social

Sunday, October 1, 2017

Noon to 3:00 PM

**The Walthour-Moss Foundation
LYELL'S MEADOW**

225 Mile Away Farm Lane, Southern Pines



**Catering by The White Rabbit, Cider by James Creek Ciderhouse,
Wine by Bacco Selections, Beer by Southern Pines Brewing Company,
and Music by The Paint Hill Holdouts**

**Lunch Tickets are \$35 per adult and \$15 per child under 12
Please RSVP by September 22**

Yes, I (we) will attend The Sixth Annual Horse Country Social!

I would like to purchase: _____ Adult Lunch Tickets at \$35 each
_____ Child Lunch Tickets at \$15 each
____ My check, made payable to The Walthour-Moss Foundation, is enclosed for \$ _____
____ Please charge my credit card for \$ _____ Card no. _____ Exp. _____ CVV# _____

Name _____ email _____ Phone _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Name(s) of Attendee(s) _____

- * Please return this card along with payment by Sept. 22 to **WMF, PO Box 1794, Southern Pines, NC 28388.**
- * To order tickets by phone, please call 910-695-7811.
- * To order tickets online, please logon to walthour-moss.org and click on the order ticket link.
- * Please note that the \$35 lunch ticket is not tax deductible. The full amount will be used for goods and services.
- * Attendees will be given lunch ticket (s) on October 1 at the event registration table. Tickets will not be mailed.

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TRICK-AND-TREAT TRAIL RIDE

Proceeds to Benefit WMF Trail Repair Fund

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Lyell's Meadow, 225 Mile Away Lane, Southern Pines

Riders 9:00 am - 3:00 pm and Carriages 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Open Start

\$25 per rider or carriage, \$15 per child under age 17

Costume Contest

Prizes for costumes will be awarded throughout the day

Picnic in Lyell's Meadow

Bring a blanket and a picnic lunch to enjoy in Moor Meadow

CONCESSION ON-SITE FOR FOOD PURCHASE

Early Entries Accepted Through October 20, 2017

Entries accepted by mail, phone or online - Please see entry information on reverse

Ride will be held Rain or Shine

Questions or Comments?

Please contact The Walthour-Moss Foundation at 910-695-7811

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TRICK - AND - TREAT TRAIL RIDE

Number of Participants: _____ Rider _____ Driver _____

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

___ My Check, payable to WMF is enclosed for \$ _____ ___ Charge my credit card \$ _____

Card no: _____ Exp: _____ CVV: _____ Signature: _____

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