

# ABCConnections

an e-newsletter for ABC Boards in NC

## New ABC Stores Open in Durham and Wingate

The NC ABC Commission is excited to announce that new stores have opened in both Durham and Wingate!

The Durham store held its grand-opening celebration on June 20 at its new location, 1928 Holloway St. The new, self-service store is next door to the old "counter store" it replaced.

The new Wingate ABC Board is excited to have officially opened for business on June 4. The store is located at 4104 Highway 74 in Wingate.

Congratulations to both the Durham ABC Board and the Wingate ABC Board! 🎉



Above: The Wingate ABC Board opens its first store. At Left and Below: The new Durham ABC store held its grand opening in June; the new store replaced the old "counter store" shown at the far right. More Wingate ABC photos on page 4.

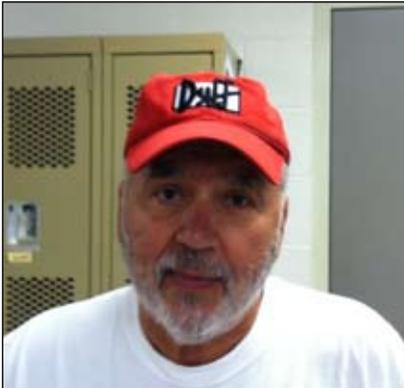


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## Two Employees Retire from the NC ABC Boards



Duff Duffner

### Russell "Duff" Duffner | Fletcher ABC Board

Russell "Duff" Duffner retired from the Fletcher ABC Board in Henderson County after 19 years with the board. Duff and fellow Fletcher ABC Board alumnus Ken Greene coordinated the Fletcher ABC referendum in the early 1990s and the board's first store opened in 1993. The men both joined the Fletcher ABC as board members. During Duff's time, the store saw three expansions in the original location.

In 1995, Duff resigned as a board member and became the general manager. More than a decade later, in 2007, the Fletcher ABC Board built a new state-of-the-art store. With such enhancements as sliding doors behind the shelving to allow for easier restocking, the store is both large and innovative, and it will accommodate growth for many years to come.

Originally from Milwaukee, Wis., Duff has a master's degree in Educational Administration from Luther College. He is a retired Air Force Lieutenant

Colonel and was a B-52 pilot and Staff Officer. He and his wife have two children and four grandchildren. The couple will stay busy in 2012 with trips planned to Florida, Oshkosh, Wis., Cancun, Mexico, and Iowa.

Enjoy your retirement, Duff!

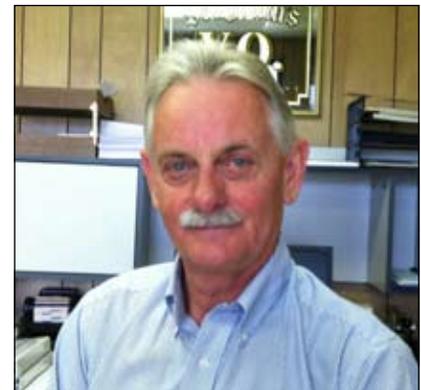
### Jerome Roberson | Martin County ABC Board

Jerome Roberson retired from the Martin County ABC Board after 31 years of service. Originally hired in 1980, Jerome began his career with the board after working with his father for several years.

Jerome worked with the board's general manager, Junior Warren, who started the tradition of hosting an annual fish fry for ABC boards in the northeastern part of the state. In 2006, Jerome became the board's manager; he will continue as a part-time employee.

Jerome has two sons, two stepsons, one grandchild and another on the way to keep him busy in his spare time.

Congratulations on your retirement, Jerome! 🍷



Jerome Roberson

**If you have retirement announcements, article suggestions or other questions about the newsletter, contact Guy Potts at 919-218-0748 or [Guy.Potts@abc.nc.gov](mailto:Guy.Potts@abc.nc.gov).**

## Long-time ABC Commission Employee Retires

Vicki West retired on June 30, after 35 years of service. In 1977, Vicki started her career with the Wake County Clerk of Court office as a court room clerk. After two years in that position, she moved to the NC ABC Commission where she began at the receptionist's desk. Vicki held several positions within the Commission, retiring as a permit specialist. In this role, Vicki processed permit applications and answered questions from permit applicants and permit holders, helping them complete the application process and/or fulfill the responsibilities of their permits.

During retirement, Vicki does not plan to slow down too much. She is excited about establishing her own business as a private consultant and is also looking forward to spending time with her husband, three children and four grandchildren. Congratulations to Vicki; we wish you the very best in your retirement! 🍷



Vicki West (center) poses at her retirement reception with some of her coworkers in the NC ABC Commission's Permit and Product Compliance Division. From left: Ann Johnson, Anna Mintz, Vicki West, Tami Clifton, and Sally Blackmon.

## In Memoriam...

Wanda Kay Haraldson Bordeaux, 54, of Leland, lost her battle to cancer after a courageous fight on Sunday, March 18, 2012, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

She was born on August 3, 1957, in Wilmington, the daughter of the late Rodney and Peggy Haraldson; she was also preceded in death by a brother, Larry Haraldson.

Wanda was a dedicated supervisor for Belville ABC Stores for many years as well as being an avid bingo player and bargain shopper. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, sister, nana, niece, cousin and friend to all that knew her.

Surviving is her husband, Joey Bordeaux; children, Mandy (Tony) Mason of Andrews, NC, Laura (BJ Childers) Bonetti and Hunter (Jaimie Young) Bordeaux, all of Leland, NC; grandchildren, Tiffany (Nick) Phillips of Robbinsville, NC, Troy Mason of Andrews, NC, Alexis and James Bonetti of Leland,



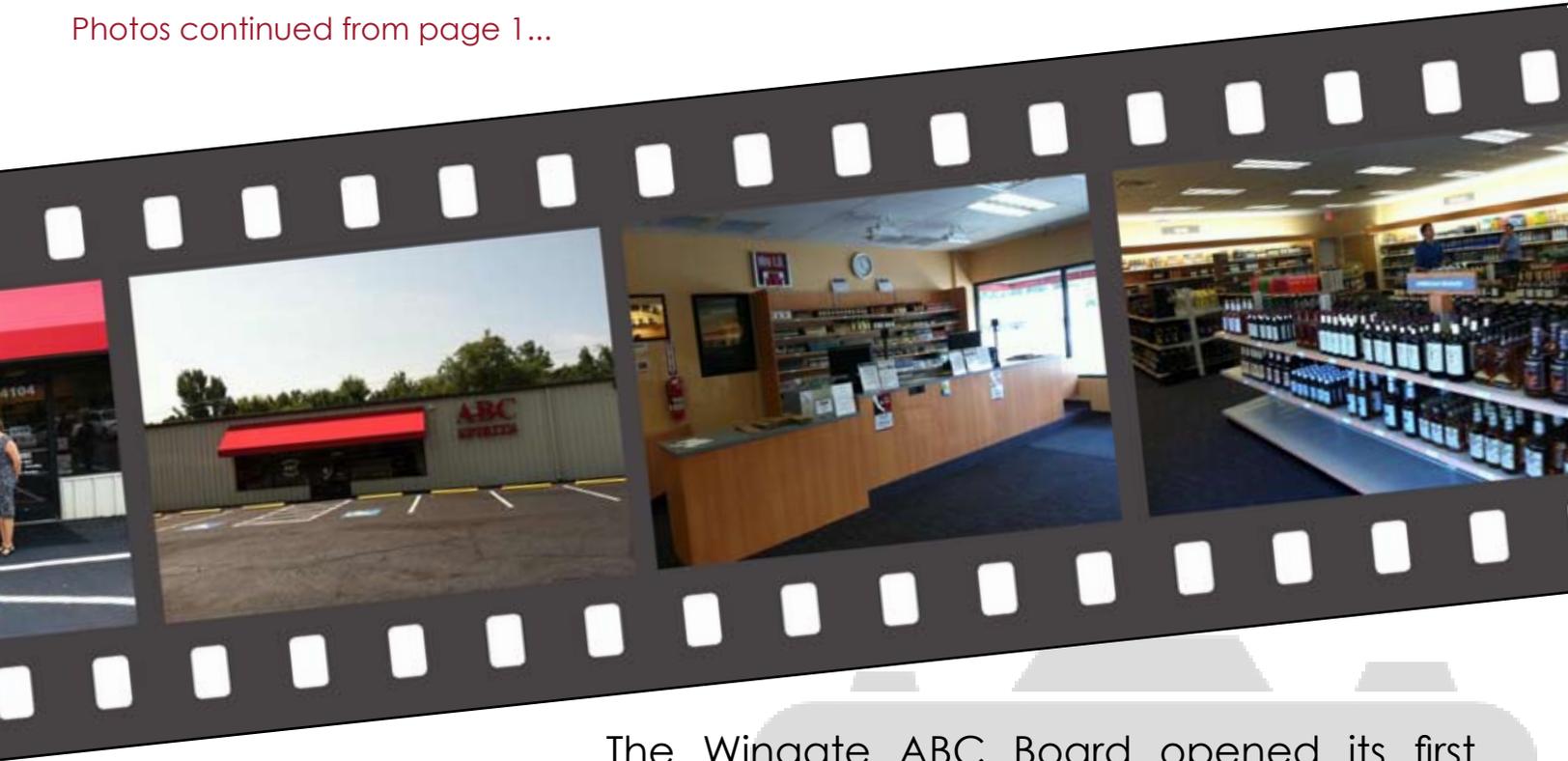
**Wanda Kay Haraldson Bordeaux**  
August 3, 1957 to March 18, 2012

NC, Forrest and Brooke Childers of Wilmington, NC; brothers, Al (Jackie Edwards) Haraldson, Randy (Lorell) Haraldson, all of Wilmington, NC and Pat Haraldson of Leland, NC; nieces and nephews, Elizabeth (Brandon) Craver of Burgaw, NC, Kimberly, Dakota and Keegan Haraldson, and Tracy (Brian) Thomas all of Wilmington, NC; great-nieces and nephew, Briley Haraldson and Baily Craver of Burgaw, NC and Cruz Thomas of Wilmington, NC; and several very special people, WJ and Margaret Bordeaux, Bill and Joyce Bordeaux, Aunt Helen, Debbie Taylor, Pam McCartney, Amy Strange, Bobbie Surface, Lisa

Ward, Debbie Yarborough, Dr. Howard Armistead and David Long.

*Obituary courtesy of Andrews Mortuary in Wilmington.*

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The Wingate ABC Board opened its first store in June and held a ribbon cutting ceremony to honor the occasion. The store provides customers with ample parking and a clean, orderly and bright shopping experience.

