



## We Need Democrats in Office Now More Than Ever

by Diane Hubbard, Chair, Randolph County Democratic Party

I have been trying to write this message to you all for a week now. It seems like every time I get started, some new, horrible thing happens and I have to recalibrate my brain. There is so much going on right now at all levels of government. Who knew being a witness to history would be so exhausting?

Anyone who has been paying even the tiniest bit of attention to the news knows about the corrupt conservative wing of the Supreme Court and its recent shenanigans. These people, who were apparently grown in petri dishes at the Federalist Society, have decided that it's their duty to legislate from the bench. They have taken away women's bodily autonomy, tinkered with our Miranda rights, and have hamstringed the EPA (which puts ALL regulatory agencies in jeopardy). They have made it easier to purchase and carry concealed weapons in public and have stated their intent to invalidate LGBTQ+ rights and gut voting rights. I never want to hear another word from Republicans about "activist judges." These judges lied to get on the bench to fulfill their benefactors' objective of turning the US into a Christian Nationalist theocracy.

To combat all the new and exciting ways they have found to stick it to us, we will need to get out every vote that is humanly possible for Democratic candidates. It is crucial that we prevent Republicans from taking the US House or

retaking the US Senate. Republicans try to act patriotic, but these are people who say they are dedicated to the US Constitution when it suits them, but perfectly okay with treason when it doesn't. We cannot prevail without your help. We need a variety of people who are willing to give us some time between now and November 8. We need phone/text bankers, door-to-door canvassers, poll greeters to hand out info at voting places, poll watchers to observe voting processes, event planners and organizers, drivers to give non-driving folks rides to vote, and any number of other things that may pop up.

We look forward to working with new volunteers and old friends! To sign up as a volunteer, please visit [tinyurl.com/RCDPmidterms](http://tinyurl.com/RCDPmidterms).

The philosopher Plato said, "The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men." We cannot leave votes on the table this year. If we expect to live in an equitable and inclusive society, we're going to have to work for it. That means getting every single Democrat and like-minded voter out to cast a ballot for candidates who are on the path to making this the country we want it to be; a place where life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness aren't merely words on ancient parchment but achievable goals for today.

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Asheboro, NC 27203 (henceforth referred to as HQ)

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P.O. Box 4814, Asheboro, NC 27204

HQ is currently open. Call for hours.

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### Volunteers and Organizers Needed!

There is a lot to be done before the midterm elections this November and many hands make light work. We are looking for several volunteers for various jobs and projects this campaign season. Some of these positions include volunteer coordinator, campaign sign management, letter writers, organizers for specific communities/voting blocs, poll watchers, electioneering, door-to-door canvassers, HQ staff, event organizers, and other projects as the need arises.

Please email Diane at [rcdp.countychair@gmail.com](mailto:rcdp.countychair@gmail.com) or visit [tinyurl.com/RCDPvolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/RCDPvolunteer) and let us know which project or activity you'd like to help with.

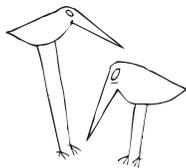
## Don't Miss the Blue Jean Gala! Meet Fellow Democrats for Fun and Fundraising

Our 14th annual Defending Democracy Blue Jean Gala is swiftly approaching. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, August 20**, starting at 5:30 pm at the George Washington Carver Community Enrichment Center. Our legislative candidates for NC House and NC Senate are scheduled to speak, as well as our 9th District Congressional candidate, Ben Clark. We also will be hearing from our NC Court of Appeals candidates. After all the nonsense from our US Supreme Court, you probably already realize how important our state level judicial candidates are.

As in years past, we will have gift basket auctions and a 50/50 raffle. We are still taking donations for items to go in the baskets. Popular items include gift certificates to local merchants of restaurants; tickets to concerts, plays, the Zoo, etc.; handmade arts and crafts or pottery. We've even auctioned off furniture. Get creative!

If you have something you think we could use, please reply to [randolphdem@gmail.com](mailto:randolphdem@gmail.com) and we'll set up a time to meet you. The deadline for basket donations is Friday, August 12. If you are able to help put them together, we will be doing that on Monday, August 15, at 11 am.

Catering will be handled by award-winning restaurant Magnolia 23. Single tickets are \$50. Sponsorships are available for \$250 (2 tickets), \$500 (4 tickets), and \$1000 (full table/8 tickets). To purchase tickets, sponsorships, or to find our more information, please visit [secure.actblue.com/donate/22gala](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/22gala). You may also mail your request to Randolph County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 4814, Asheboro, NC 27204 or call/text Diane at (336) 391-6198 to reserve tickets.



## Join us for Brunch in the Park

Please join us on **Saturday, August 6 at 10 am** for our August Executive Committee Brunch Meeting. We will be setting up at the upper picnic shelter at Memorial Park, 314 Armfield Ave., Asheboro. We will discuss the upcoming 14th Annual Defending Democracy Blue Jean Gala, future dates for canvassing and events, and volunteer opportunities. If you've never attended a meeting before, this would be a good, casual event to break the ice. Bring your favorite breakfast item to share and bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you!

## Recent Press Releases from the North Carolina Democratic Party

### *Date: July 13*

In a radio interview yesterday, Ted Budd attempted to change his tune on supporting veterans despite his long record of voting against veterans' interests. When it mattered most, Budd voted against bipartisan legislation that would bring much-needed health care to veterans suffering from toxic burn pit exposure overseas and at home. This includes North Carolinians living in Camp Lejeune who suffered illness due to contamination in the water supply.

### *Date: July 21*

Today, State Representative Deb Butler, NCDP Chair Bobbie Richardson, and Clean Cape Fear Co-Founder Emily Donovan gathered on the banks of the Cape Fear River in Wilmington to call out Ted Budd's dangerous record opposing clean water legislation.

In Washington, Congressman Budd has put his own interests ahead of North Carolina's interests. He's taken money from corporate oil PACs while voting against legislation that would ban offshore drilling off North Carolina's coast and consistently voted against legislation that would help clean up PFAS contamination in the Cape Fear River.

### *Date: July 20*

Over the past week, the North Carolina Democratic Party participated in the Defend Choice Week of Action as part of a national push to mobilize supporters and engage voters in North Carolina and across the country to call out Republicans for opposing abortion rights, highlight what is at stake in November, and organize to elect Democrats up and down the ballot as the backstop to protecting abortion rights.

From the top-ticket US Senate race down the ballot, organizing to elect Democrats is critical to protecting abortion rights in North Carolina amid Ted Budd and NC Republicans' current efforts to ban abortion in our state with no exceptions for rape, incest, or the life of the mother.

### *Date: July 20*

Last night, every North Carolina US House Republican, including Congressman Ted Budd, voted *against* the Respect for Marriage Act, which would enshrine marriage equality in federal law, repeal the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), and provide additional protections for marriage equality.



## General Election Information

The Democratic candidates who are running for office in the November election, appearing on the ballot in Randolph County, are listed here along with their websites.

### General Election Candidates

Cheri Beasley, US Senate  
*cheribeasley.com*

Ben Clark, US House of Representatives, District 9  
*BenClarkNC.com*

Brooke Crump, NC Senate, District 29  
*facebook.com/BrookeCrumpNCSenate*

Erik Davis, NC House of Representatives, District 78  
*erikdavisnc.com*

Shawn C. Ewing, NC Senate, District 25  
*Ewingfornc.com*

Robert T. Reives, NC House of Representatives, District 54  
*reivesforhouse.com*

Susie Scott, NC Senate, District 70  
*SusieScottForNC.com*

Kimberly Walker, Randolph County Board of Commissioners, District 4  
*kimberly-walker.com*

Sean Walker, Randolph County Sheriff  
*Walker4Sheriff.org*

Additionally, if you are interested in learning more about the Judicial Candidates who will be on the November ballot, visit their websites:

### Contact Information for Judicial Candidates

Gale Adams: *judgegaleadams.com*

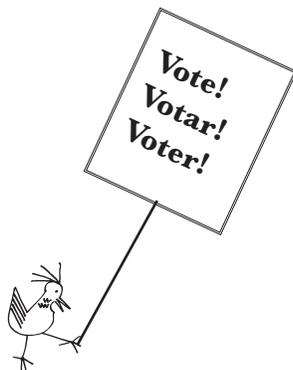
Sam Ervin IV: *ervinforjustice.org*

Lucy Inman: *lucyinmanforjustice.com*

Darren Jackson: *judgedarrenjackson.com*

Brad A. Salmon: *judgebradsalmon.com*

Carolyn Thompson: *carolynthompsonforjudge.com*



## CALENDAR

(Meetings will be conducted on Zoom unless otherwise noted or announced.)

August 6 at 10 am — **Randolph County Executive Committee Meeting, open to all registered Democrats in Randolph County. In-person brunch meeting at Memorial Park in Asheboro.**

August 20 at 5:30 pm — **Blue Jean Gala**

September 6 at 7 pm — **Randolph County Executive Committee Meeting**

September 15 — **October/November Newsletter deadline**

October 1 & 2 — **Fall Festival**

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(*facebook.com/RandolphCountyDemocraticParty*)

and website

(*randolphcountydems.org*)

often for information and updates. We have many opportunities to make a difference in Randolph County in the coming months.



## Book Review

*Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World* by Jack Weatherford

Temüjin, otherwise known as Genghis Khan, rose from nothing to become one of the most powerful men to ever live. Among his progressive innovations, he invented the concept of meritocracy — putting people in jobs to which they were best suited rather than using nepotism to fill his ranks. Genghis Khan created rules regarding how people of all social strata should be treated. He broke up the aristocracies and hierarchies that existed before his reign. He learned from every experience he ever had and used this knowledge to create the largest contiguous land empire in recorded history.

— reviewed by Jay Hubbard

## Share a Review or an Opinion

Send your review/opinion piece to: *rcdp.newsletter@gmail.com*. There is a 50 word limit for reviews, and a 300 word limit for opinions. We will publish as many as space allows. Please be aware that articles will be edited if necessary for space and clarity. Thank you.

## Vote for Candidates who will Protect Access to Abortion Care

by Susie Scott  
NC House candidate for District 70

Since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v Wade*, the family of a 10-year-old rape victim in Ohio was forced to take her to another state to get an abortion.

In a case in Wisconsin, a patient who had a partial miscarriage was left bleeding for 10 days because her doctors were worried they could face criminal charges if they removed any fetal tissue or gave her Mifepristone which is used for treating miscarriages as well as in medication abortions.

Abortion is a safe medical option, and whether or not to have one is a personal decision that should be made by the women who bear the risks of giving birth. It is a necessary procedure in some life-threatening cases such as ectopic pregnancies. Every pregnancy is unique, and we do not know the personal details of each situation. Doctors that care for pregnant women need to be able to do their job in confidence without politicians restricting their treatment options or forcing them to lie to their patients.

Although abortion is still legal in North Carolina for the time being, that will change after this year's election if we don't protect the Governor's veto by voting for state legislative candidates who are willing to defend our access to abortion services. Republican leaders of both state legislative chambers have made their plans clear for 2023. On June 24, 2022, Tim Moore stated, "North Carolinians can also expect pro-life protections to be a top priority of the

legislature when we return to our normal legislative session in January." That same day, Phil Berger made the following statement:

"North Carolina's law banning abortions after 20 weeks is currently unenforceable. We will take immediate action to ensure North Carolina's late-term abortion ban is reinstated. Senate Republicans will determine whether other steps are appropriate to strengthen our pro-life laws, but I do not anticipate legislative action prior to adjournment."

If Republicans regain a veto-proof majority in the legislature in 2023, the Governor will not be able to stop them.

So what can you do to protect women's health and their access to abortion? This November, you need to vote for candidates at all levels of government who will protect a woman's right to decide. Go to their websites and Facebook pages to find out where they stand.

As for me, I am proud to announce that my campaign has been endorsed by Planned Parenthood Votes South Atlantic. I promise you that I will do everything in my power to protect abortion access in our state.



## October Fall Festival Returns

After two years on hiatus, the Asheboro Fall Festival will be held on **Saturday, October 1**, and **Sunday, October 2**, in Downtown Asheboro. We have requested our usual spot in front of Democratic HQ located at 114 Sunset Ave. We are so excited to have the opportunity to see everyone. We've missed you!

RCDP will be registering voters and handing out candidate information outside HQ, as usual. Inside, we will be holding our annual bake sale to help fund our education scholarships. Because of Covid-19, we have missed out on two years of Bake Sale funding. We hope to fill our coffers again so we may offer \$500 college scholarships to deserving students in Randolph County.

Persimmon pudding is always a best seller and we want to capitalize on that fact. If you would like to bake persimmon puddings for us, we have plenty of pulp in the freezer at HQ. We will gladly supply you with all you need.

We will also need volunteers to register voters, hand out campaign materials, hand out bake sale samples, work inside at the bake sale, and donate other baked goods. You may sign up to work online by going to [tinyurl.com/2022FFSignup](https://tinyurl.com/2022FFSignup). You may also sign up by sending an email to [RandolphDem@gmail.com](mailto:RandolphDem@gmail.com) or by leaving a message at 336-629-9003.

Please come see us the first weekend in October for all your Democratic and dessert needs!