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CALENDAR

(RCDP Meetings will be conducted in person at Democratic HQ, 114 Sunset Ave, Asheboro, NC, unless otherwise noted.)

☑ **Habitat for Humanity Workday** 205 McMasters St., Asheboro, Saturday, April 4, 9:00 am; RSVP at mobilize.us/randolphcountyncdems/event/928404/ or contact Dale McClain at dmcctf1@yahoo.com.

☑ **Read-in at County Commissioners Meeting** Monday, April 6, readers arrive at 5:00 pm, Meeting begins at 6:00 pm, Historic Randolph Courthouse, Worth St, Asheboro.

☑ **Monthly Breakfast and Executive Committee Meeting** at HQ Saturday, April 11, 9:30 am; Bring a breakfast item to share. RSVP at mobilize.us/randolphcountyncdems/event/877588/.

☑ **9th Congressional District Convention** will be held between May 3 - 6. Exact date, time, and venue to be announced at a later date.

☑ **Monthly Breakfast and Executive Committee Meeting** at HQ Saturday, May 9, 9:30 am; Bring a breakfast item to share. RSVP at mobilize.us/randolphcountyncdems/event/877588/.

☑ **Spring SEC Meeting Saturday, May 30** venue to be announced.

WEEKLY EVENTS

☑ **Stand on Salisbury (SOS)** Weekly protest on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 5:30 pm and Saturdays from 2:00 - 4:00pm at the corner of Cox and Salisbury in Asheboro. Lovers of democracy welcome!

☑ **Espresso Your Voice** Conversation, connection, and advocacy, hosted by Democracy Forward, Thursdays at 4:30 pm at the Chat & Chew Bakery & Café, 10301 N Main St, Archdale.

To RSVP for upcoming RCDP events, please visit mobilize.us/randolphcountyncdems/.

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Mailing address: Randolph County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 4814, Asheboro, NC 27204

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SAVE THE DATE!

18th Annual Defending Democracy

Blue Jean Gala

Saturday, September 5, 2026

Social Hour 5:30 p.m.

Dinner Served 6:30 p.m.



Resolution in Support of the Freedom to Read

WHEREAS, public libraries belong to the whole public and must remain open, welcoming spaces for all; and WHEREAS, freedom of speech and the freedom to read are fundamental democratic principles; and WHEREAS, diverse books, including *Call Me Max*, help public libraries serve all families and reflect the full range of human experience;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Randolph County Democratic Party stands firmly in support of public libraries, free expression, and the freedom to read; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we reject censorship, book bans, and political interference in public library collections; and

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remain open, welcoming spaces for all; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we affirm the right of every reader and every family to access diverse books and make their own choices, free from intimidation or ideological control.

This resolution was passed at the 2026 Randolph County Democratic Convention on Saturday, March 21, 2026.

Winning Costs Money! Donate Today.

Randolph County Democrats and Independent allies are doing well this year. We are regularly protesting, and we are voting. To bring this November election home, we desperately need money. We need \$10,000 just to keep our doors open.

We could use twice that to maximize our voter turnout and help out our outstanding roster of candidates. We are, without exaggeration, fighting against a power hungry, powerful group of White Christian Nationalists who have taken over our county library board and are trying to take over our Asheboro City School Board and other local boards.

Please donate through the following link and pass our link on to at least one friend. No donation is too small! Together we can do this.



Visit secure.actblue.com/donate/rcdp2026 or scan this QR code to donate online. Personal checks may be sent to Randolph County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 4814, Asheboro, NC 27204



Read-In

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Randolph County Commissioners Meeting

Monday, April 6, 5:00-6:00 pm
Randolph County Historic Courthouse
145-C Worth St., 2nd Floor
Asheboro, NC 27203

Show your support for the dismissed Library Board and freedom of speech by attending the Read-In before the County Commissioners Meeting.

Make Your Voice Heard – If you have an article, event, or book/media review you'd like to contribute to *RanDem News*, please email it to us at rcdp.newsletter@gmail.com.

Calls to Action From Democracy Forward

(See back page for legislator contact info)

Federal Issues



Funding Homeland Security

Due to a partial government shutdown and TSA staff shortages, ICE agents are being temporarily deployed to assist at airports. This move is highly controversial because ICE lacks aviation security training, raising concerns about safety, civil liberties, and passenger experience. The deployment stems from the ongoing Department of Homeland Security funding impasse, with Congress divided over immigration enforcement and operational priorities. Meanwhile, Democrats are pushing to partially fund DHS agencies such as TSA, FEMA, and the Coast Guard without including ICE or Border Patrol, using procedural tactics like discharge petitions to force votes. Their goal is to keep essential homeland security functions operational while withholding funds for immigration enforcement until reforms, limits, or oversight measures are implemented. Republicans keep blocking their efforts.

Contact Your US House Rep & US Senators

"The ongoing DHS funding impasse is putting critical agencies like TSA, FEMA, and the Coast Guard at risk and creating real danger for American travelers and communities. You must support partial DHS funding that keeps these essential services operational without tying them to ICE or immigration enforcement, rather than allowing politics to compromise public safety. Immediate action is needed to protect Americans and ensure our homeland security functions are fully funded and effective."

State Issues



Still No NC Budget!

North Carolina lawmakers have still not passed a full state budget for the 2025-2026 biennium, even though state law expects it to be in place by July 1. The delay stems from disagreements between the House and Senate—both controlled by the Republican majority party—over tax policies that affect funding for teacher and state employee raises and programs like Medicaid. This ongoing failure to pass a timely budget, a recurring issue since 2015, is creating financial uncertainty for schools, state agencies, and local governments, especially as districts already face added pressure from potential federal funding threats.

Contact State Legislators:

"It is unacceptable that North Carolina still lacks a comprehensive budget for the 2025-2026 biennium, leaving our schools, teachers, state employees, and essential programs like Medicaid in crisis. You must pass a full budget immediately—there is no justification for further delay. Our students and public servants cannot continue to bear the consequences of legislative inaction."

Call Me Scandalized

by Margaret Wolfe-Roberts

You might have heard how the County Board of Commissioners recently dismissed the entire board of library trustees after they declined to relocate a book about a trans schoolboy. At the meeting in March, about a dozen people got up and spoke on the matter. It was lively, let me tell you.

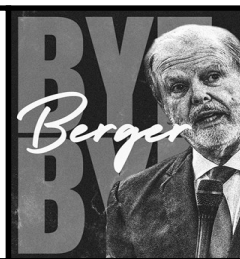
Several pastors spoke in praise of the Commissioners. A mom brought up suicide by trans people and a former teacher recounted how she tried to kiss her elbow as a child, hoping she could turn into a boy, since boys were allowed more freedom. Others said library trustees had come to a fair decision using existing bylaws and that marginalizing trans children amounted to bullying. "Randolph values" cited by Commissioners were questioned. Concern for the selection process of future library trustees was aired.

After the meeting, I went to the Asheboro branch to see for myself. *Call Me Max* is artfully told and illustrated, I'll give you that. Unfortunately, I did find a few questionable choices: words like "bathroom" and "spiders" and even "I tried to hold it all day" were employed. Do we really think our children are ready for such concepts as "gross bugs" and full bladders?! As for values, you can judge for yourselves. I'll merely describe what I read with my own eyes. One child likes overalls and Batman pajamas and "Max's" parents do nothing to change "Max's" mind. A friend at school likes to climb trees. Another friend likes to wear dresses. Not once are they reprimanded! Not once does anyone say they must kiss their elbow in order to change gender! Max explains that his situation is different. He knows he's NOT a girl because he doesn't feel like a girl on the inside.

After some initial fear, confusion, and teasing, the community learns to accept Max for who he knows he truly is, same as others see him. Kids play together and share clothes with their friends. Max uses the bathroom with the boys, who do not run away screaming. I don't know about my readers, but all this seems pretty sketch. Communities learning to adapt to novel circumstances? Sharing resources in the ways they're most needed? Respect for freedoms, and self-determination of identity? And where were the parents in all of this!?! Oh, right—supporting their children, 100%. Maybe there'll be one less suicide, after all.

P.S. If you're interested in having a say in our libraries' and children's futures, please consider applying now to be a library trustee. No elbow-kissing required.

The End of an (Awful) Era
♦ Drew his own rigged District.
♦ Made North Carolina a laughingstock.
♦ Wasted \$10 million campaign dollars.
♦ LOST BY 23 VOTES.



Join RCDP for a Habitat for Humanity Workday

Habitat for Humanity's mission is to provide decent, affordable homes to families who would not otherwise be able to afford a home with a conventional mortgage. Habitat for Humanity builds simple, decent, energy efficient homes. The homeowners must put in "sweat equity" to qualify for a home. In return, they receive an affordable, interest-free mortgage.

We recently completed our first five bedroom home, which some of you worked on during our last volunteer work day. Those folks, nine of them children, are excited to be in their own home.

We are currently working on three additional homes at that same site on McMasters St. One is nearing completion and we are hoping to have that family move in soon. Two others are under construction, one framed in and partly finished, and one just starting.

Volunteer help is one of Habitat's biggest needs. It is rewarding work and does not usually require special construction skills. Please consider joining us for our next volunteer work day on Saturday, April 4, at the site at 205 McMasters St., Asheboro.

Thank you to Dale McClain for organizing this event for us.

RSVP at mobilize.us/randolphcountyncdems/event/928404/ or contact Dale McClain at dmcc11@yahoo.com.



Resolutions Passed at Randolph County Democratic Convention

The following resolutions were unanimously passed at the Randolph County Democratic Convention on Saturday, March 21. Please visit our website to read the full text of these resolutions to see what we, as a party, support and expect from our government.

- A Resolution in Support of the Freedom to Read
- Resolution to Protect Residential Ratepayers from Data Center-Driven Utility Costs
- Resolution to End Rural Medical Deserts and Combat Rising Healthcare Costs
- Resolution to Fully Fund the Leandro Comprehensive Remedial Plan and Strengthen North Carolina Public Schools
- Resolution to Protect Due Process and Ensure Transparency in Federal Immigration Enforcement

Visit randolphcountydems.org/2026resolutions to learn more.

We've Got the Best Candidates

- US Senate - **Roy Cooper**
- US Congress, District 9 - **Maj. Ret. Richard Ojeda**
- NC Supreme Court - **Anita Earls**
- NC Court of Appeals, Seat 1 - **John Arrowood**
- NC Court of Appeals, Seat 2 - **Toby Hampson**
- NC Court of Appeals, Seat 3 - **Christine Walczyk**
- NC Senate, District 25 - **Southey Blanton**
- NC Senate, District 29 - **Judy Little**
- NC House, District 54 - **Robert T. Reives**
- NC House, District 70 - **Bill McCaskill**
- NC House, District 78 - **Matt Borja**
- Randolph Co. Commissioner, District 2 - **Robin A. Stevens**
- Asheboro City School Board - **Mikayla Cassidy**
- Asheboro City School Board - **Hilda DeCortez**



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Teen Dems Chapter Forming

Randolph County Democrats are pleased to announce that we are forming a Teen Dems chapter. There are currently five members, but we would love more teenagers 13-17 to join. The chapter plans to have 4-5 meetings annually. The chapter hasn't drafted its mission statement, but the focus will be decided and voted on by members.

The adult representative for the Randolph Teen Dems chapter is longtime RCDP volunteer Rebekah Todd, who can be reached at rebekah789@gmail.com. Assisting with structure, organization, and bylaws is Rebekah Megerian, who can be reached at jmegerian@triad.rr.com. If you have or know a teen interested in participating, please contact one of the adult sponsors mentioned above.

