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Happy Labor Day

Note From the Chair

Welcome to **your** new Anderson County Democratic Party newsletter. Yes, this newsletter belongs to you. It will be your source of what is happening within the Democratic Party in Anderson County and the State of Tennessee. We intend to keep you informed and to be a forum for you to express your thoughts, frustrations and suggestions as they relate to politics.

I'm sure you are more than aware that we are only months away from the Presidential and local Primary in March, yes March,count 'em 7 months. That means there will be the need to support our local candidates...better than we have. We will be highlighting our candidates so you will get to know them even better than you think you do now. Those who may have an interest in running for office, please be in touch, deadline for filing for county offices is September 11th.

There are two people who are very instrumental in the birth and publication of this newsletter and I would like to introduce them to you now. This newsletter is the brain child of Pat Fain. At our Reorganization Meeting last March, Pat was quick to ask to head up the Publicity Committee. If you have a Letter to the Editor that you want to share, forward it to either Pat, or to me, we encourage your input and participation. The second person is none other than Scott Julius. Scott is our "Social Media Guru". Scott not only is the person who is seen snapping pictures at our functions but he does the "publishing" of the newsletter, takes care of our website (andersoncountym democrat.com), Facebook and Twitter.

So Welcome, this is for you and the growth of the Anderson County Democratic Party, be in touch and participate not only with the newsletter but with the party....WE NEED YOU!

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EAST TENNESSEE LABOR DAY PICNIC
DEMOCRATIC PARTY VISIBILITY CAMPAIGN

Guest Speakers:



Mary Mancini
Chair, Tennessee Democratic Party



Terry Adams
Founder/Attorney, The Adams Law Firm

Date: Monday, September 7, 2015
Time: 12 Noon - 3:30 p.m.
Place: Roane County Park (Shelter 2), 3515 Roane State Hwy, (W/way 70), Hazleton, TN
Tickets: \$12 per person, children under 12 are free.*

Entertainment:



Todd Sharp
also featuring Terry Adams



Ripley the Donkey
will be available for photos

Food, Music, Prizes, and Fun for the Entire Family!



* Tickets may be purchased in advance (call 885-446-0418), or at the picnic.

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For many people, Labor Day is the day we get together with friends and family for a long weekend of fun. Before you breakout the grill and gear up for **VOLS** football, think about the meaning of Labor Day There is some dispute as to who the founder of Labor Day is. Some say it was Peter J. McGuire, co-founder of the American Federation of Labor who suggested a holiday to honor those who "Carved the grandeur we behold". Others say it was Matthew Maguire, secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York City at the time, proposed the holiday in 1882.

It would be the Central Labor Union that adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic. Between 1885-1887, municipal ordinances were passed nationwide for a day to honor the American worker. The movement gained steam until February 1887 when the Oregon legislator passed the first Labor Day bill. Twenty-Three states had passed similar bills by the time Congress passed an act on June 28th, 1894 mandating the first Monday in September as Labor Day nationwide.

So enjoy this Labor Day weekend, but take time out to remember the contributions our workers have made to the prosperity of our country. {US Dept. Labor}

September Events

Sept. 7th, 12:30-3:30pm

LABOR DAY PICNIC
Roane County Park
3515 Rhone State Hwy.
Guest Speakers: Mary Mancini & Terry Adams

Sept. 11th, Final Day

To pick up Qualifying Petition for county races at Elections Commission.
Clinton Court House

Sept. 24th, 6pm

ANDERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY MTG

Green McAdoo Cultural Center 101 School St. Clinton



We want to hear from YOU!

We want to hear from you. Send the editor your thoughts, comments, and opinions for publication here.

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*It is the honor of the Anderson County Democratic Party to introduce to you the chair of the Tennessee Democratic Party, Mary Mancini. She has been working tirelessly for Democrats Tennessee from Mountain City to Memphis since her election to the position in January 2015. While based in Nashville, she hasn't been shy about traveling around the **Volunteer State** getting to know the people at the county party level. Mary Mancini has made it known in the past that she values the work and contributions of the county parties. That said, she was kind enough to say a few words for the inauguration of this newsletter. We shall let her take it from here:*

It's hard to be a Democrat in Tennessee. Across the state, Democrats are demoralized by the super-majority of Republicans in the state legislature and their extremist right wing agenda.

They see Tennessee Republicans focused on increasing tax breaks for corporations but not increasing the minimum wage for working Tennesseans. They see Tennessee Republicans shutting down the *Commission on Women's Health* and the *Women's Economic Council* and then killing Democratic legislation to enact equal pay for equal work. They see Tennessee Republicans focused on allowing guns in the parks where our children play but not allowing those same kids to have access to affordable health care.

They also see Tennessee Democrats suffering loss after loss in the last several election cycles (the Governor's mansion, two U.S. Senate and 7 Congressional seats, and countless state house, state senate, and local races) and a damaged infrastructure with shrinking county parties.

So where do we go from here?

First, there can be no more excuses for losing year after year. We're at the point where something - *no, everything* - has to change. We know that as long as we keep doing the things we've done, we will keep getting the same results. We also know that there's no silver bullet, there's no magic plan. The GOP didn't beat us all at once, they beat us one step at a time. We're going to beat them the same way by getting back to basics, rebuilding our party and winning elections.

What does that look like? Here's our focus:

- Data driven decision-making – allocating our resources

in state legislative districts where we can win.

- Rebuilding and re-energizing our base.
- Recruiting excellent candidates.
- Rebuilding the Tennessee Democratic Party brand.
- Damaging the Tennessee Republican Party brand.

- Fundraising to have the resources we need to help our candidates to victory.

Tennessee Republicans have a program to elect even more Republicans in Tennessee with a catchy name called "Red to the Roots." Catchy names are good for a little while and then people move on.

The TNDP doesn't have a catchy name for taking back our state. "Building Stronger County Parties", "Training Better Volunteers", "Winning More Elections" - these aren't slick slogans. These aren't programs that start and stop. Doing our job doesn't have an end date. We aren't in this to rack up quick points on a scoreboard. The TNDP is committed to no less than the tough, grinding work necessary to take back our state from Republicans and then making sure they never get power again.

You know the saying, "how do you eat an elephant?" The answer is: "One bite at a time." Well that's exactly what we are going to do. The Tennessee Democratic Party is rebuilding one day at a time, one county party at a time, one candidate at a time, one election at a time, and one victory at a time. It won't be flashy, it won't be overnight, but it's going to happen. With hard work, data-driven planning, and standing up strong for our Democratic values – day-by-day, bite-by-bite, we are going to take Tennessee back for the Democratic Party.

