



The Anderson County Democrat

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Vote in the March 1st primary for a Democratic candidate!

It's all about the youth. By Scott Julius

I think the first sign I'd end up a Democrat was when I was in sixth grade living in Omaha, Nebraska at the time. It was the election of '92' with then current president George H.W. Bush squaring off against Bill Clinton and Ross Perot. Current events was a topic that had begun to interest me. While my sixth grade mind didn't understand the complexity of the issues, I found Bill Clinton to be someone that would be a good leader. The Republican side just seemed mean to me and didn't like what they said about Mr. Clinton.

My middle school held a mock election. I was anxious to tell everyone how good Mr. Clinton was and naively thought everyone else would see it the same way. To my horror, everyone seemed to love Ross Perot. Perot seemed like someone who belonged on a comedy show, didn't know what he was talking about, and was just plain goofy. While I pleaded with my classmates to vote for Mr. Clinton my pleas fell on deaf ears. All I'd hear in response was "he has big funny ears" or "his accent is cool". I recall telling them "What on Earth does his ears or accent have to do with making him a good president?" To my bitter disappointment Perot won the election with Mr. Clinton ending up in third. I walked away wondering what I could've done differently to sway their opinion.

While in the end, Bill Clinton won the '92' election, that experience never left me. I was a Democrat then, even if I didn't know it. Nebraska is also a red state, so it's no surprise to me today that the mock election went the way it did. However, it did make me want company in my school as I felt alone and frustrated at how few people agreed with my views. People in my middle school did actually vote for Mr. Clinton, I just never met them. I thought "if only those of us who supported Mr. Clinton could've banded together maybe we could've changed minds".

A few weeks ago I got the chance to help young and college Democrats band together to give us the voice that we often feel are silenced. The county party chair, Catherine Denenberg, commissioned me to help organize young and college Democrats in Anderson County. I am excited about this opportunity and the chance to unite the next generation of Democrats. It's also a huge challenge as I'm literally starting from scratch.

I have since been put in touch with people who have experience

with getting youth organized and involved. With the information and assistance I've been given and offered I'm confident this will get off the ground. It won't happen overnight, but in time we'll have the youth involved more in the party.

The need to get the youth involved in the party is essential. After all, the youth are the next generation of Democrats. These could be a future county mayor, city council person, member of the General Assembly, Congressman or woman, or even President. We owe it to the youth, to our future to give them the place and voice they deserve.

I challenge each and every reader of *The Anderson County Democrat* to reach out to the youth. Get them involved with the party. I would love to see a youth contingent at party meetings in the future. If you know of any youth who may be interested in joining a college or Young Democrats (ages 13-36), please put them in touch with myself or Catherine.

I thank you, the party thanks you, and the next generation of Democrats thanks you for your help.



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Anderson County Democratic Party: Respect...Inclusion...Equality

Some NOT so light reading for the political junkie...a change of pace for this issue!

For most issues of *The Anderson County Democrat*, we've had a section that's proven popular with our readers called "Light Reading for the Political Junkie". It's a collection of articles from local, state, and national sources about political issues going on the month of publication. For this issue, we're going to do a different twist on that. Both Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are neck and neck in Iowa. At the time of publication, we still don't know who'll win it. Each time I see a poll one of them has passed the other. A CNN commentator mentioned that and hit the nail of the head when he called Iowa "A true horse race". This newsletter takes no sides on the candidate you vote for (so long as he or she is a Democrat!) but we feel it would be a good idea to share various views of why different persons or organizations are choosing to back the candidate they do. So please enjoy, vote for the Democratic Party candidate of your choice, and treat those who support a different Democratic candidate than you with respect. After all, whoever you support, at the end of the day we're all Democrats and that's what matters!

Articles & Endorsements - Hillary Clinton

1. An interesting *Washington Post* article of why Mrs. Clinton is more supportive of President Obama. [Read why here.](#)
2. A *Washington Post* article that states why as much as the author likes Bernie Sanders, thinks we need to throw our support behind Hillary Clinton. [Find out why.](#)
3. A reporter explains why she backs Hillary Clinton for President and the reasons she won't apologize for it. [Click here to learn why she's so passionate about supporting her.](#)
4. CNN ran an article about Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro endorsing Hillary Clinton. [Why did he chose to endorse her?](#)
5. From CNN, we hear about the man behind the African-American outreach effort for the Clinton campaign. [Read about his story and efforts.](#)

About the chart on Page Four

On Issue Nine of *The Anderson County Democrat* we inadvertently published an inaccurate list of petition filing dates election dates for 2016. We were passed bad information from a normally reliable source. Since then, we've contacted them and got a corrected version. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Throughout the 2016 campaign we will be keeping this list up to date with current candidates as we learn of who is running.

Articles & Endorsements- Bernie Sanders

1. Robert Reich makes the argument that Bernie Sanders is the better candidate for President. [Here's why.](#)
2. Elizabeth Warren hasn't backed either candidate yet, but this article makes the case that her views are more in line with Bernie Sanders. [This is why she's more likely to back him and why it counts.](#)
3. This *Washington Post* article looks deep into the Sanders campaign. It showcases why different people and organizations support him. [This is why.](#)
4. An interesting *Washington Post* article about backers of Bernie Sanders among the African-American community. [Here's what they have to say.](#)
5. Blog article by environmentalist Bill McKibben about why he supports Bernie Sanders. [Learn why he thinks voting for Sanders is voting green.](#)

Some light humor for the political junkie!

In recent weeks we've seen a steady stream of horrible statements from Republican presidential candidates about their vision for being President. None of it is good. It's a wish list of handouts to millionaires, no hope of a minimum wage raise, a competition among them as to who would repeal the Affordable Care Act faster, and so much more. That said, here's a break from that via a skit by an actor playing George W. Bush on Saturday Night Live. He in an entertaining way evaluates the current contenders for President on the Republican side. We hope you'll enjoy it as much as we did! [Saturday Night Live Skit of George W. Bush evaluating the 2016 Republican Presidential candidates.](#)



Democratic Women host Terry Adams Attention Democrats! Important Notice!!!



This has been passed onto us via Jean Hiser:

Register to Vote by Feb 1 to Vote in March 1 Pres. Primary

Women (and men) make a difference when we vote. Please be sure to register by Monday, February 1, 2016 to vote in the Presidential Primary, Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Check if you are registered at Voter Registration Information Lookup. To register or to change your name and/or address, you will have to go to your county Election Commission office. The Anderson County Election Commission is located inside the County Courthouse in Clinton, 2nd Floor. It must be registered by 4:30 PM or postmarked by February 1st. Hours are M-F 8am-4pm or 8:30am-4:30pm unless hours extended. There is only one day left!

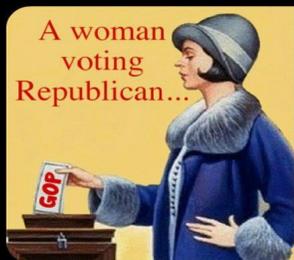
Dr. B. Ayne Cantrell, President of AAUW of Tennessee

On Monday, January 25th, 2016 attorney and 2014 candidate for Senate Terry Adams gave a speech at a meeting of the Anderson County Democratic Women in Clinton.

Terry Adams is a civic activist in the Knoxville community, is a board member and general counsel for Crockett Policy Institute, a progressive think tank focused on creating solutions for Tennessee problems. He is founder and managing attorney of the Adams Law Firm and Admiral Title, Inc. He serves on the Tennessee Bar Association's Executive Committee for Sports & Entertainment.

A debate watch party in February!

The Anderson County Democratic Party is preparing to host a watch party for the Democratic Party presidential debate for **February 11th, 2016**. It looks like the time it will start will be at 9PM (the debate start time). Join us at Fulin's in Oak Ridge (in the Kroger shopping center) for good times and good food! It doesn't matter if you're "Feeling the Bern", "Standing With Hillary", or voting for O'Malley stop on by! Put on the T-Shirt of the candidate of your choice and watch three fine candidates talk about their vision for being commander in chief! We look forward to seeing you and that you can join us.



A woman voting Republican...



Is like a chicken voting for Colonel Sanders.

"This election is tighter than an alligator wearing a tutu"

James Carville, Jan.29,2016

Upcoming Events... From the Anderson County Democratic Party Chair

February 20th: East Tennessee Regional Training at Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church 10-4 PM, Lunch Provided

February 25th: Chili Supper and Auction at Claxton Elementary School, 6 PM

March 5th: County Convention for Delegate Selection— Oak Ridge Civic Center Social Room— registration will begin at 11:30 AM— DOORS CLOSE AT 1:00 PM EST. Call to order promptly at 1:05 PM EST. Anyone in line to register may complete registration. NO ONE ALLOWED IN AFTER DOORS CLOSE!!!

March 24th: Party meeting at ATLC in Oak Ridge, 109 Viking Road, 6 PM.

April 21st: Party meeting, 3rd Floor of Clinton Courthouse, Judge Elledge's courtroom at 6 PM

May 26th: Party meeting at ATLC in Oak Ridge, 109 Viking Road at 6 PM.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR VOTERS AND CANDIDATES 2016

| Voting Dates | Absentee Ballot | | Voter's Registration | Early Voting | Candidate Petition |
|------------------------|-----------------|--|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1-Mar | By Feb. 23 | | Ends Feb. 1, 4:30pm | Feb 10-23 | * see link below |
| Presidential Primary | | | | | |
| 4-Aug | May 6-July 28 | | closed, July 5th | July 15-30 | Jan.8-April 7 noon |
| ANDERSON COUNTY | | | | | |
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| TnDist. 36 | | | | | |
| CommissionerDist 4 | | | | | |
| CommissionerDist8 | | | | | |
| PropertyAssessor | | | | | |
| SchoolBrd Dist.3 | | | | | |
| SchoolBrd Dist.4 | | | | | |
| SchoolBrd Dist.5 | | | | | |
| SchoolBrd Dist.8 | | | | | |
| 8-Nov | Aug 10-Nov 1 | | closed October 8 | Oct 19-Nov 3 | May 20-Aug 18 noon |
| CLINTON | | | | | |
| President of US | | | | | |
| Council Ward 1 | | | | | |
| Council Ward 2 | | | | | |
| Council Ward 3 | | | | | |
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| NORRIS | | | | | |
| Council | | | | | |

*For Information about Tennessee Election Law, please [Click Here](#).

*For Information about what a petition is, please [Click Here](#).