



# The Anderson County Democrat

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Don't forget- Democratic Debate on October 13th!

## Anderson County Democratic Party Meeting on September 24th

On Thursday, September 24th the Anderson County Democratic Party held their meeting at the historic Green McAdoo Cultural Center in Clinton. The Green McAdoo Cultural Center showcases the story of integration in Clinton during the civil rights movement.

Thus this was the perfect venue for our party meeting with the backdrop of equality for all at a historic location. Party chair, Catherine Denenberg made some announcements including that the ACDP has reserved a table for the Jackson Day Dinner in Nashville on October 23rd. Please contact her at [cate.denenberg@gmail.com](mailto:cate.denenberg@gmail.com) if you wish to attend. The keynote speaker is DNC Chair Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

Bob Cowan, Regional East Tennessee Vice-Chair and host of the Labor Day picnic in Roane County had some announcements as well. He stressed the need for Democrats to be visible in Tennessee. Mr. Cowan said *"Too many times I've heard that people didn't know we existed, I thought I was the only one they'd say"*. To help make us visible, he is raising money to purchase a double-axel trailer to help promote the party. I'm sure we have all seen those terrible tea party trailers around the area spreading misinformation about Democrats. This needs to change. The hope is to move this trailer around, bring it to events, and let candidates use it to help with their campaign. If its enough of a success, they might invest in a second trailer. He also raised the possibility of using trailers in Middle and West Tennessee as well. There is also a roasted nut sale to help with small level donations towards this goal. If you'd like to help towards this goal, please contact Bob Cowan at [rcowan10@gmail.com](mailto:rcowan10@gmail.com).

We ended the meeting with State Committeeman Richard Dawson giving a brief speech about the Green McAdoo Cultural Center and the civil rights movement in the area (see photo above). This was followed by the screening of a seven minute film about integration in Clinton.



## Voter Registration Vital

The Republican Party is trying to make it as hard as possible to vote. That makes it even more imperative that you put forth the effort to vote on Election Day. Remember, the deadline to register to vote is 30 days prior to an election.

To register to vote in Anderson County:

1. Go to:  
<http://www.acelect.com/voter-tools/voter-registration/>
2. Download a voter registration application
3. Complete and mail to :  
Election Commission  
100 North Main Street  
Anderson Co Courthouse Room 207  
Clinton, TN 37716-3683

In addition, you should be able to pick up an application form at any:

Tennessee Drivers License Testing Center, city hall, county courthouse, county clerk office, register of deeds office, or election commission office.

## Upcoming Fall Events

**October 11th, 3PM**  
Oak Ridge Climate Prayer Vigil and concert by Sparky and Rhonda  
Melton Hill Park Pavilion, Melton Lake Drive, Oak Ridge

**October 23rd, 6PM CST**  
Jackson Day Dinner  
Hosted by Tennessee Democratic Party in Nashville  
Keynote speaker:  
DNC Chair, Debbie Wasserman Schultz

**November 11th, 11 am**  
DEET (Democracy for East Tennessee) Veterans Day event.  
Oak Ridge Civic Center, Room A/B  
See notice on Page Two for details.

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## A word from the Assistant Editor, Scott Julius

I thought I was the only one. Given the Republican Party's choke hold here, I truly didn't think there were enough Democrats in Anderson County to make for a viable party. After graduating college in Maryland and moving back to Tennessee I wanted to make a difference in politics (I was a political science major). I joked with a Democratic friend of mine about an Anderson County Democratic Party, not being serious just venting frustration. She revealed to me the existence of the party and invited me to attend the next meeting in late-February 2013. I attended that meeting and the rest is history.

Getting involved with the party at the local level gave me the chance to make that difference. I met many wonderful Democrats I never knew existed here and made friends that I still have today. With this new camaraderie, I embarked on a quest to help the party any way I could. It started with making Power Point's for party meetings. Then it morphed into being the picture taker for party events. Today, I take care of the party website, help update Facebook and Twitter, and am assistant editor of this newsletter. My efforts have helped make the party more visible in the community. It has been a very rewarding effort.

If I could give some advice, it would be participate! Help out at events, ask your questions, and most importantly tell your friends about us! After all, there has to be more Democrats we haven't found in the county yet. Let's get them and YOU involved!

## A Veteran's Day Event

DFET (Democracy for East Tennessee) will hold have a Veteran's Day Program on Wednesday, November 11, at 11 a.m. in the Oak Ridge Civic Center, Room A/B. This is the time and date of the traditional observance of Armistice Day—the precursor to Veterans Day in the U.S.

In 1918, hostilities in World War I ceased and an armistice was declared. On June 4, 1926, in this country, Armistice day was made an official day of celebration with a joint Congressional Resolution that declared "it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer..."

(Veterans Day was instituted by President Eisenhower in 1954 to honor all veterans, not just those from World War I honored by Armistice Day celebrations.)

It is in this spirit (that of the years of Armistice Day celebrations in this country) that DFET invites Veterans and members of the public to a program of music, reflection, and expressions of appreciation and remembrance for the valor and service of those who have served in the military.

For further information, contact Virginia Jones, 483-8944.

## *Light Reading for Political Junkies*

- About price controls on pharmaceuticals:

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2015/06/05/1390625/-Is-It-Time-For-Pharmaceutical-Price-Controls#>

- About the effects of pharmaceutical company greed (from 2012, but still relevant):

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2012/07/09/1107757/-Pharmaceutical-Greed-and-Its-Consequences>

- House Speaker John Boehner retiring. Who could replace him?

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/09/25/opinions/cupp-boehner-retiring/index.html>

- The transcript of Pope Francis's address to Congress:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/transcript-pope-francis-address-to-congress/>

- For a summery of the first Republican circus (debate) look here:

<http://www.forwardprogressives.com/second-gop-presidential-debate-absolute-circus-chock-full-incoherent-nonsense/>

- For a list of Koch Brothers products to boycott:

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2014/04/01/1288957/-Sign-the-pledge-Don-t-buy-these-Koch-products?detail=email#>

*For those of you who missed it: The minutes of the Anderson County Democratic Party on September 24th. Special thanks to Hillary Kershaw for providing them.*

ACDP General Meeting. At Green McAdoo Center

9/24/15

Meeting began at 6:10pm.

27 people attended (see attached list)

Catherine Denenberg called the meeting to order and began with the pledge of allegiance.

A list for role call was passed around.

Minutes from the previous meeting were not read.

Catherine Denenberg announced that the ACDP has reserved a table for the Jackson Day dinner. Individuals should contact her if they wish to attend, and this is a wonderful opportunity since the county parties are getting a huge discount on the price of a table.

Our November meeting will have Mr. Fitzhugh as the speaker, and the party is trying to reserve the Alexander Inn for the event, but that is still in the works and more updates will be forthcoming.

Ann Mostoller announced that Al Chambliss is speaking at the Democratic Women's Club meeting on 9/28 at the Oak Ridge Shoney's. All are welcome to attend.

Bob Cowan (from Roane County) announced the Roane County fundraiser for an East TN Democrats trailer. The trailer would be for greater visibility in east TN, as well as publicity measures, assisting with fundraisers and useful for equipment storage. This would also be a trailer that could be brought to other counties for large events, thus useful outside of Roane County. As for funding, they are seeking some large donors to contribute to the several thousand it will take to purchase this. There is also a roasted nut sale as a fundraiser for smaller level donations. If you are interested in either of these, contact Bob Cowan.

## Convention Dates:

Republican National Convention for 2016

Location: Quicken Loans Arena, Cleveland, Ohio

Date: July 18-21st 2016

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Democratic National Convention for 2016

Location: Wells Fargo Center, Philadelphia, PA.

Date: July 25th-28th 2016

*Minutes Cont.*

Pat Fain (Publicity Committee Chair) announced the new newsletter, which should have reached everyone via email. If you have not received it, please contact her and she will get that fixed. Also, the newsletter would like submissions of letters to the editor, as well as additional topics to present in the newsletter. Please contact her if you have ideas or want to get involved.

Todd Waterman announced the TN Interfaith Power & Light Climate Prayer Vigil. It will be at Melton Lake Park in Oak Ridge on 10/11 at 3-7pm. The ACDP has an advertising table at the event, everyone is invited to attend. There is also a free concert afterwards.

Richard Dawson then gave the introduction to the presentation of the evening, which was a tour of the Green McAdoo Cultural Center, a small museum dedicated to the incidents surrounding the integration of Clinton High School.

After that point the entire group enjoyed the museum and educational videos and accompanying box dinner. The meeting was not officially adjourned.

## *Candidates In Their Own Words*

Bernie: <https://berniesanders.com/youth-summit/>

Hillary: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/09/22/clinton-adds-details-to-plans-on-prescription-drug-costs.html>

O' Malley: <https://martinomalley.com/the-latest/america-succeeds-when-women-and-families-succeed/>

Chaffee: <http://www.chaffee2016.com/chaffee-proposes-new-tax-bracket-for-wealthy/>

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