

Women Republicans of Cleveland County

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Holidays



July 4, 2022, is a federal holiday. The History of Independence Day dates to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolution struggle, weighted a resolution that would declare independence of the United States from Great Britain. On July 2, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve the resolution of independence. Two days later its delegates adopted the **Declaration of Independence**, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin.

Coincidentally, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day, July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration.

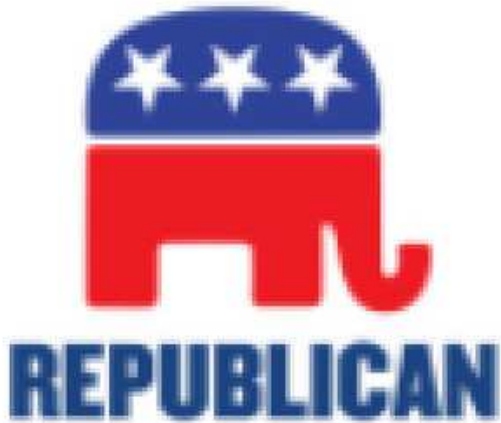
Traditionally, Americans celebrate this day a of political freedom and patriotism by displaying the American flag outside their homes or buildings. Additionally, Independence Day fireworks are often accompanied by patriotic songs such as the national anthem



Highlighting veterans (both members and associate members): Dennis Bailey, MSgt, USAF, Retired, Albert Wayne Richter, USAF, Korean War (1951-1953); Tom McCoy, USNG Army, 1966-1972; Frank Dashnaw, USMC, Retired, 1973-1996; Sherry Yocum, Captain, USAF, 1980-1990.



Guest speaker at the May 2022 meeting was Matthew Holland, Executive Director of Pregnancy Resource Center of Cleveland County (info@prccc.org), located at 1304 South Post Road, Shelby, NC 28152. WeROCC members donated both cash and items to their boutique, Matt is a dynamic speaker and a staunch Republican advocate. While he promoted the Pregnancy Resource Center benefits, he expressed his believes in the Republican party and really engaged WeROCC members who attended this meeting.



WeROCC meeting- 14 July 2022, 6pm.

Speaker: Rebekah Vaughn, President of College Republicans @ Gardner Webb University. Rebekah is a political science major, philosophy minor. She is working to get her PhD in political theory.

Save the Date Events:

August 6, 2022- 7th Inning Stretch Festival. CC GOP will sponsor this event and WeROCC and the Men Republicans will help with setting up the tent, tables, and electric fans, as well as, man the table to promote Republican clubs and candidates.



September 29th through October 9th, 2022- Cleveland County Fair. GOP will sponsor a vendor table.

October 15, 2022- The Shelby Livermush Festival, now referred to as 'Mush Music and Mutts'- WeROCC will sponsor a vendor table.



In 2009 the Shelby Livermush Festival was featured in the Travel Channel's tv series "Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmerman."



Caring for America: **Habitat for Humanity, CC Women's Build Project-** (June 4 and June 18, 2022). WeROCC President Sherry Yocum participated with other women in Cleveland County to put up interior walls for the house on June 18, 2022.

Hosting the event reinforces the message that every woman can make a difference through learning and using construction skills. Did you know that CC Habitat for Humanity has a goal of building a minimum of 2 houses per year? Besides this event, CC Habitat for Humanity has a construction calendar where volunteers can work on Tuesday and every other Saturday. If interested, contact local Scott at Habitat Office/Restore at 323 W Grover Street, Shelby, NC 28150.





Top Supreme Court Cases



1. Abortion: Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization draft majority opinion could overturn Roe v. Wade. The dispute concerns a Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks. The state is asking the justices to take the giant step of overturning Roe, a seminal case decided in 1973 establishing a constitutional right to abortion before fetal viability which most experts say occurs now around 23-24 weeks of pregnancy. In the draft opinion, Justice Samuel Alito said that Roe "must be overruled." If the five-member majority holds, it will wipe away near 50-year-old precedent and change the landscape of women's reproductive health going forward.

The Supreme Court has officially ruled in favor of the state of Mississippi in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, keeping the state's 15-week abortion ban in place and **officially overturning Roe v. Wade** and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, returning the issue to the states.

The decision, written by Justice Samuel Alito, states, "There is nothing in the Constitution about abortion, and the Constitution does not implicitly protect the right. It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives."

2. Scope of the Second Amendment/American Gun Debate:

As the country grapples with gun violence, Supreme Court ruling striking down a New York State law that restricted people's ability to carry guns in public. The decision, in effect, says the Constitution guarantees the right to carry a firearm outside the home.

Spotlight of the Month:



Kathy Allen

Kathy is an AAA-certified defensive driving instructor as well as a North Carolina Motor Vehicle Department School Bus and Traffic Safety certified drivers' education instructor. Kathy is also board certified as a substance abuse counselor, an Alcohol Drug Education Traffic School facilitator, and a Department of Transportation Substance Abuse Professional. Kathy is driven to save lives.

Kathy Allen served as the Southwest Regional Vice President of Addiction Professionals of North Carolina. In her role, she organized and coordinated training for other addiction professionals to maintain and improve skills and meet credentialing requirements. Kathy served on the board as Chairman of the Policy and Procedure Manual Ad hoc Committee, Conference Committee Chair, and Personnel Committee member 1/2014 - 1/2019.

Kathy Allen is the founding president of Women Republicans of Cleveland County. Kathy was asked to start a new club in Cleveland County. Kathy served as the founding president of WeROCC from December 2012 to July 2013. In July, when the club officially received its charter, Kathy continued to serve the club as president until December 2015. Kathy served as immediate past president in 2016 as well as Treasurer and continues to support club presidents with prayer, advice, and a variety of behind-the-scenes leadership support.

Kathy Allen is currently serving on the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women as the Treasurer. She enjoys helping new clubs get founded and guiding clubs in making good financial choices and appropriate reports to the NCBOE.

Kathy Allen enjoys watching her daughter and two step-sons grow with their families providing her 9 grandkids.

Kathy lives in Shelby, North Carolina with her husband. When working on self-care, you can find Kathy at the beach in Cherry Grove, South Carolina, or spending time with her grandkids.

WeROCC's 3rd fundraiser is in progress and will continue until October 2, 2022, ---Handgun Raffle. We have sold over 700 of the 1000 tickets to date. We encourage all members to pick up their tickets and sell them. This allows WeROCC to support both Republican Candidates and numerous community projects. For tickets to sale or buy, call Sherry Yocum, President.

**Women Republicans
of Cleveland County
(WeROCC) Gun
Raffle**

Drawing will be held on
October 2, 2022
Do not need to be present to win

1 TICKET - \$5
5 TICKETS - \$20
25 TICKETS - \$100

Only 1,000 Tickets will be Sold

**LUGER TAURUS MODIFIED G3C
9MM 12 ROUND HANDGUN**

All WeROCC
Members will
be selling tickets

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Membership Application

Calendar Year _____

Regular Membership/Renewal : \$35.00

Date submitted:_____ Dues paid by : Ck#_____ Cash _____

Associate Membership : \$20.00

Date submitted:_____ Dues paid by : Ck#_____ Cash _____

Name: _____ DOB: __/__/____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

How did you hear about the Republican Women? Newspaper—Mailings— Facebook

or a Club Member (please include name) _____

Regular Membership - shall be open to any woman who is a registered Cleveland County Republican and accepts and advocates the Objectives and Rules of this Organization.

Associate Membership - shall be open to Republican women who have primary membership in a federated local club upon payment of the required dues; Republican men are eligible for associate membership upon payment of the required dues to WeROCC. Associate members cannot hold office, have a voice, or vote at any WeROCC meeting. They also cannot be counted for the purposes of determining the number of delegates to National or State federation meetings or conventions. Republican men who are associate members in WeROCC do not become members of the NCFRW or the NFRW.

Please return the application and dues to the Membership Chairwoman via mail or in person.

You may also choose to take a photo of the application and send via email or text as alternate notification.

Mail: PO Box 3327 Shelby, NC 28151

Email: wallh75@gmail.com or Via Text: Text picture and send to 704-488-8299

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