

The Anderson County Democratic Women's Club (ACDWC) News

October 2024

October 16th 10:00am Early Voting Begins! Ends October 31st 6:00pm

October 28th Program at 5:30 pm at Clinton Community Center

Marsha Livingston will speak on school vouchers, we'll have delicious Fall soups to enjoy. Bring a side dish, bread or a dessert to share.

Future ACDWC Events

November 25 – business meeting and an election retrospective. We will vote on our 2025 Board. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the November meeting. The proposed 2025 slate is:

President: Ann Miller

Vice President: Ann Mostoller

Treasurer: Amanda Mantooth

Secretary: Sissy Randolph

Nominating: Beth Adler

Please contact Regina Guy if you would like to serve as a Board Member, or contact Ann Miller to help on any of the committees (programs, membership, newsletter, fund-raising, or events).

December – holiday party

Upcoming Public Meetings:

Oak Ridge

City Council Regular Meeting, October 14th 7pm, Municipal Building Courtroom

Municipal Planning Commission Bus Meeting, October 17th 5:30pm, Oak Ridge Municipal Courtroom

Disability Advisory Board, October 21st 11:30am, Oak Ridge Senior Center

Traffic Safety Advisory Board, October 21st 7pm, Central Services Complex

Clinton

Clinton City Council, October 28th 5:30pm, Clinton City Hall

Clinton Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission, October 15th 6pm, Clinton City Hall

Anderson County

Anderson County Community Action Commission, October 22nd 12:00pm, 149 N. Main, Clinton

Anderson County Commission Monthly Meeting, October 21st 9:30am, Courthouse Room 312

Anderson County Democratic Party:

Canvass with Anne Backus Saturdays at 10:45am

Canvass with Tiffany Malone Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30pm

Canvass with Ashley Craven Saturdays at 10:30am

District 8 Dems & Friends, October 27th, El Indio Restaurant, Clinton, TN 5pm- 7pm

Recap of the ACDWC and Anderson County Democratic Party Summer Picnic

September 7, 2024 at the Melton Lake Pavilion (697 Melton Lake Dr. Oak Ridge)

We gathered at the Melton Lake Pavilion for a fun mid-day picnic. There were hot dogs, cold drinks, and lots of yummy potluck side dishes and desserts. The merchandise table was overflowing with great t-shirts, bumper stickers, and other things we can be proud to display. The ACDP recruited volunteers and signed up folks for the district meet-ups. Jerry Archer was the emcee for the day and did a great job of keeping everything flowing!

We heard from Jack Allen (candidate for US Congress), Anne Backus (TN State House), Derek Hawn (TN State House), Tiffany Malone (O.R. Board of Education), and a prepared message from Ashley Craven (O.R. Board of Education). We also heard from recently elected Ebony Capshaw and David Miller!

There was plenty of food and really great conversation and laughter.



Summer Wilson of Clinton High School Awarded 2024 ACDWC Scholarship

Each year, the ACDWC presents a \$1000 scholarship to a senior at one of the three high schools in Anderson County. This year, the Board and the Scholarship Committee of Maria Gee and Pat Marshall selected Summer Wilson of CHS as the recipient.

In high school, Summer's activities included FFA, in which she received several awards, served as officer, and won several competitions, including the Envirothon Team Regional Championship. She also served as Team Captain for both the Cross Country Team and Track and Field Team at CHS. She volunteered for several track, FFA, and animal/environmental causes, including participating in planting more than fifty trees in Jaycee Park. She also worked part-time throughout high school. In one job as a Field Assistant and Researcher for CRESO, she caught (and released) snakes and insects to collect data, maintain trails, and clear invasive plants. In addition to this busy schedule, she maintained a 3.11 GPA.

Summer will continue her education at UT Chattanooga, planning to study Environmental Science. Summer explains: "I want to study plants and animals to figure out how to conserve them. Conservation/the natural world is very important to me and very important to the survival of the human race."

Applicants submitted several wonderful essays on the assigned topic "Why I Am a Democrat", many of which stressed protection of the environment, safeguarding public education, women's reproductive rights and equality for all. In Summer's essay, "Why I am a Democrat", she states, in part:

Being a Democrat isn't just being part of a political party, to me it's about empathizing with the most vulnerable in our community....[I]t seems that we have gone backwards within the past few years, specifically with women's rights.

From my perspective, Democracy means choice and freedom. The overturning of Roe v. Wade is a direct attack on freedom, women, and the LGBTQ+ community. The decision opened the floodgates to far right unconstitutional legislation.... Despite the fact that the majority of Americans opposed the overturning, it still got passed because a Republican president, that didn't even win the popular vote, appointed ultra conservative Justices. I am a Democrat because that never should have happened.

The huge laws that are being passed should not be made by the few rich white men that happen to be in power right now....[W]e should also have more diversity in the government....I am absolutely appalled by the behavior of the Republican party in recent years. That is why I am proud to call myself a Democrat.

ACDWC congratulates Summer and all the applicants for their hard work in high school and in our community. We wish them the best as they further their education. The positions they shared give us renewed hope for the future and assure us that they will work hard to promote democratic ideals.

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ANDERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

JOIN US OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Our fiscal and membership year is a calendar year, January through December.

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Oak Ridge, TN 37831

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2024 ACDWC Dues -- \$25.00 Amount enclosed: \$ _____

2024 Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women Dues -- \$5.00 Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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Total enclosed: \$ _____

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