

The Anderson County Democratic Women's Club News

March 2024

Fundraiser for Anne Bachus

Friday, April 5, 2024, from 5pm – 7pm

Come support Anne Backus, the Democratic candidate running for Tennessee House, District 33
The Lodge, 424 Goans Avenue, Clinton, TN, \$50 per person, minimum donation

To buy tickets: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/acdwcfundraiser>

Email: BackusforTN33@gmail.com; Website: <https://www.backusfortn33.com/>

April Program on the National Deficit

Monday, April 22, 2024, 5:30pm

Clinton Community Center, 101 S. Hicks Street, Clinton, TN
Joe Zitka from Pellissippi State and Jack Allen, running for Tennessee 3rd Congressional District,
will speak on the national deficit, \$5 for pizza.

Future ACDWC Events

May 20th program – Sam McKenzie, Tennessee State Representative for District 15 from Knoxville,
will report on the legislative session, in conjunction with Anderson County Democratic Party.

June 24th program: Debbie Helsley, Knoxville City Council

July 22nd program – National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)

August 26th program – State of the Anderson County and Oak Ridge libraries

September program – Anderson County Democratic Party picnic

October program – Marsha Livingston and Bob Smallridge speak on public education

November – business meeting

December – holiday party

Candidate Openings for the November 5, 2024, Election – Qualifying Deadline: Noon April 4 except the filing deadline for all City Councils is Noon August 15th.

OAK RIDGE

City of Oak Ridge Council Seats

Jim Dodson
Derrick Hammond
Chuck Hope

City of Oak Ridge School Board, now partisan, August Primary

Angi Agle
Keys Fillauer

City of Oak Ridge Municipal Judge

Jimmy Normand

CLINTON

City of Clinton City Council Seats

Rob Herrell Ward 1
Larry Gann Ward 2
Jim McBride Ward 3

Clinton City School Board, now partisan, August Primary

Joey Smith
Merle Pryse
KK Meredith

NORRIS

City of Norris City Council Seats - All 5 seats up for election

Chris Mitchell, Mayor
Chuck Nicholson
Bill Grieve
Will Grinder
Loretta Painter

Upcoming Public Meetings:

Oak Ridge

City Council Regular Meeting, March 19th 6pm, Municipal Building Courtroom (changed from 3/11)
City Council/Manager Work Session, March 26th 4pm, Municipal Building Courtroom
Municipal Planning Commission, March 21st 5:30pm, Oak Ridge Municipal Courtroom
Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, 7pm Second Thursday of month, Civic Center Social Room
Disability Advisory Board, 11am Third Monday of Month, Senior Center
Land Bank Board of Directors, 8:30am First Tuesday of the Month, Municipal Building Courtroom
Senior Advisory Board, 9:30am, First Monday of the month, Senior Center
Industrial Development Board, 4pm First Monday of the month, Municipal Building Courtroom
Traffic Safety Advisory Board, 7pm Third Monday of month, Central Services Complex Conf Room

Clinton

Clinton City Council, March 25th 5:30pm, Clinton City Hall

Clinton Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission, March 11th 6pm, Clinton City Hall

Anderson County

Anderson County Commission, March 18th 6:30pm, Anderson County Courthouse Rm 312

Anderson County Library Board, March 14th 5:30pm, Clinton Public Library

Anderson County Regional Planning Commission, March 12th, 6:30pm, Courthouse Room 312

Anderson County Operations Committee, March 11th 6:00pm, Courthouse Room 312

Anderson County Democratic Party:

March 16th at 12:30pm, Anderson County Democratic Selector Convention, at the Clinton Community Center, to select 21 Selectors.

April 20th is the 2024 Blue Pots & Paddles Chili Supper and Fundraiser Auction! Tickets are available [Blue Pots & Paddles Chili Supper Tickets](#). If you are interested in donating an item or service, [complete this donation form](#).

League of Women Voters:

Friday 3/29/2024 12pm, Brown Bag Lunch with the Legislators, Oak Ridge Civic Center, Social Room

Friday 4/26/2024 12pm, Brown Bag Lunch with the Legislators, Oak Ridge Civic Center, Social Room

Our American Roots – An Exploration of Cultures Lecture Series:

A free lecture series on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. Presentation at 6:00pm – Consolidated Nuclear Services Y-12 New Hope Center (602 Scarboro Rd.) Abdurahim Oguz, a Uyghur physicist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, will give a talk on “Persecution of Uyghurs in China – A Uyghur’s Perspective.”

Club Updates/Member News

Member news:

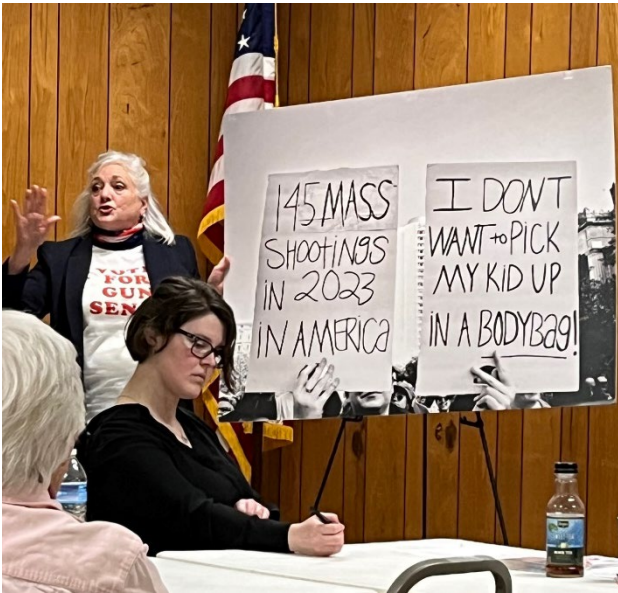
Appointment? Election? Promotion? Marriage? New baby? Move? If you have news to share with your sister Democrats please let us know and your news will be included in the newsletter.

Recap of Glenda Whitfield’s Presentation on Gun Control

February 26, 2024, 6pm – 7:30pm at the Clinton Community Center

Glenda started her talk with a quiz and then answered the questions during her presentation. In answer to the first question, guns are the highest cause of children’s deaths in the US.

Glenda joined the Tennessee Three marching in Nashville after the Covenant school shooting and emphasized the bi-partisan nature of the protest. She also reviewed the special legislative session called by Governor Lee last fall, which produced no legislation. She pointed out that the shooter at the Covenant School had an AK15, although he suffered from mental illness.



A red flag law has been proposed in this session and we were all given postcards supporting that legislation to be sent to our legislators.

Glenda told us that 64% of Tennesseans favor gun control, but recent laws passed by our legislature allow permit less carry, allow 18-year-olds to carry and allow guns to be stored in unlocked vehicles.

In conclusion, she reviewed federal legislation passed in 2022 that would provide funds to states to impose red flag laws; Marsha Blackburn opposed.

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