



Craven County Democrat



January 2012

NEWS FLASH

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012
STATE-WIDE
PRECINCT MEETINGS
TO KICK-OFF THE ELECTION YEAR AND
THE BEGINNING OF THE
DNC CONVENTION
DELEGATE SELECTION

**Craven County
Democratic Party
Monthly Meeting**

Monday, January 23

Speaker

Kevin Monroe

**Deputy Director
of Intergovernmental
Affairs & Outreach**

**2012 Democratic
National Convention**

**Dinner (Dutch-treat)
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Golden Corral
Restaurant
Martin Luther King Blvd.
New Bern**

Everyone Welcome!

FROM THE CHAIR

Happy New Year Fellow Democrats,

I came across an interesting question the other day. "What is the most important thing we can do this year to further Dr. Martin Luther King's vision for America?" My immediate thoughts were—vote, no, not just vote, vote Democratic and work hard to elect Democrats. What are your thoughts as Democrats in response to this question? I have posted this same question on the Craven County Democratic Party Facebook page. Please use this link and give us your response. If you are not a friend, use the link at the bottom of this page to become one.

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001350227574&ref=brem#!/groups/188033464578907/>

This is such an incredibly important election year and, yes, I know that we say that every go around, but I feel a real urgency about this election. The Republican Congress and the Republican Legislature are determined to undo all the good that Democrats have accomplished for the people of this country and state. They do not care about how many people will be harmed by their narrow agenda. The importance of electing our Democrats at all levels cannot be overstated. So in the coming year there will be many times that I will come to you asking for your volunteer help and your financial support to make sure we elect Democrats.

Communication will be especially important in this election year and we will need to be able to reach as many Democrats as possible. You can help by asking your fellow Democrats if they are on this e-mail list. If they are not, ask if you can send in their e-mail addresses so they can be in the election year communication loop. Send their names and e-mail addresses to me at rparnell43@suddenlink.net.

Thank you in advance for all that you will do in this coming year!

CALENDAR

2/09—Democratic Women
Noon, Golden Corral

2/27—Democratic Party
5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting
Golden Corral

3/06—Statewide Precinct Meetings

3/26—Democratic Party
5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting
Golden Corral

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Dear Fellow Democratic Leader,

Despite governing during one of the most difficult periods in North Carolina's history, Governor Beverly Perdue has been a strong and effective leader on the issues that matter most to North Carolinians.

Fighting for Jobs

Governor Perdue has been tireless in her efforts to recruit and retain jobs for North Carolina

Since she entered office, over 1,000 companies have committed to bringing or creating more than 80,000 new jobs in North Carolina, committing to more than \$16 billion of investment in our state.

Under her leadership, North Carolina has consistently been ranked one of the best places in the nation to locate or expand a business.

Fighting for Education

In the face of unyielding opposition from the GOP-controlled General Assembly, Governor Perdue has fought tirelessly to protect our public schools from the deep and unnecessary cuts forced by the GOP-controlled legislature's anti-education budget.

Governor Perdue knows that North Carolina's economic future is dependent upon our ability to educate our children well and provide a qualified workforce for potential employers. That is why she stood up to protect the jobs of 6,300 teachers and teacher's assistants and vetoed the GOP's anti-job, anti-education budget.

Those are just two of the areas in which Governor Bev Perdue has fought for our values, and now it's time for Democratic leaders across the state to unite and fight for her.

We, the undersigned, are just some of the Democratic leaders from all across North Carolina who Support Governor Perdue and will be working tirelessly for her reelection efforts in 2012.

[To add your name to the list, please click here or visit http://www.ncdp.org/webckbev](http://www.ncdp.org/webckbev)

Thank you. We look forward to working together in 2012!



2012 DNC Delegate Selection Process

The 2012 Democratic National Convention will take place on the week of September 3, 2012 in Charlotte, North Carolina. North Carolina will have 158 Delegates and 12 Alternates to the convention that will nominate President Obama for a second term in office.

If you are interested in becoming a delegate to the national convention, copy and paste the following link to the NCDP web page.

<http://www.ncdp.org/pages/dnc-delegate-selection-process>

For further information on the convention, copy and paste the following link.

http://charlottein2012.com/splash/2011_11_1/index.pl

**TIME TO BUILD OUR VICTORY FUND
FOR WINNING IN 2012**

Craven County's Annual Democratic Party Fund Drive

The Craven County *Victory Fund* provides the funds for the cost of operating the county party headquarters, voter outreach, and GOTV. Some of the activities included are the newsletter, executive committee meetings, annual conventions, and the operation of a campaign headquarters. Your support of our County Party is important to the ELECTION OF DEMOCRATS!

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End of year listing in newsletter

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**Perdue Pushes To Temporarily Restore Three-Quarters Of The
One-Cent Sales Tax To Stop Deep and Unnecessary Cuts to Schools**

1/17/2012

RALEIGH – Gov. Perdue today issued the following statement regarding her plan for the future of North Carolina schools.

“Education has always been part of the fabric of who we are as a people in North Carolina and it’s the key to our future. We must stop the deep and unnecessary cuts that are going on in North Carolina’s schools. That’s why I’m for temporarily restoring three-quarters of the one-cent sales tax that the Republican-controlled General Assembly eliminated and for dedicating those funds to North Carolina schools.

I have cut spending to eliminate waste and make government more efficient. But we cannot allow the legislature’s extreme education cuts to continue. The North Carolina Association of School Administrators pointed out recently that North Carolina has fallen to 49th in the nation in per-pupil funding. The legislature’s budget has hurt education at all levels – from pre-k all the way through higher education – and has led to higher class sizes and the loss of thousands of teacher and teaching assistant positions. And their budget forces even more teacher layoffs next year -- we must act to prevent these additional cuts.

Our children’s future is so important that today, I want to let you know that when I present my budget this spring, I will once again call on the Republican-controlled General Assembly to temporarily restore three-quarters of the one-cent sales tax as a vital step to funding our schools. Also, in the days ahead I will be speaking with you about other budgetary matters that affect North Carolina families.

Education is the key to our children’s future and to North Carolina’s economic future. Investing in education is central to our ability to attract new jobs and businesses to our state. We owe it to our children and our state to stop these cuts and make education a priority again – a fraction of a penny for progress.”

NORTH CAROLINA SENATE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Dear Friend,

I wanted to send you a quick message to share the latest Asheville Citizen Times Report Card on the failing GOP General Assembly leadership. When the Republicans called an unconstitutional new session last week at 1 a.m. to punish teachers for speaking out against half a billion dollars in K-12 education cuts, the people of North Carolina paid attention. This is not the kind of leadership the people of North Carolina voted for and we deserve better.

Sincerely,
Krista Anderson
Senate Democratic Caucus Director

[Asheville Report Card: F to Republicans picking on teachers](http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20120113/OPINION01/301130001/Report-Card-F-GOP-picking-teachers?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Frontpage|p)

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F to N.C. legislative Republicans having a stealth vote at 1 a.m. to bar payroll deductions from teachers pay going to the N. C. Association of Educators. Allegedly NCAE had sent mailers in House districts where five Democrats joined Republicans in voting for the drastic education budget cuts. The Republicans should be ashamed of the way they handled another piece of legislation impacting more than 70,000 educators. Give the elected Republican officials enough rope, and they will hang themselves. Obviously, they do not want to be re-elected.

D to rising tuition increases at the campuses of the University of North Carolina system. We agree with the assessment of nearly two dozen former Board of Governors members who have sent a letter to the board: "We cannot responsibly shift an increasing burden in the form of ever-rising tuition and fee charges on to students and their parents." The board has been considering whether to lift a self-imposed cap of 6.5 percent in annual increases, trying to offset the more than \$1.2 billion in cuts and reversions in state taxpayer support since 2008. The biggest hit came this summer with the \$147 million cut approved by the Republican-controlled General Assembly.

RE-DISTRICTING MAPS

To go to the NC General Assembly web page to view how the re-districting for NC House affects Craven County, copy the following link and paste into your browser.

http://www.ncleg.net/gis/randr07/District_Plans/PlanPage_DB_2011.asp?Plan=Lewis-Dollar-Dockham_4&Body=House

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Your participation is invited and welcome. All Democratic activists, candidates, and elected officials are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter. Due to pressure of space, concise writing will be appreciated and items will be selected for printing based on space available. The editor reserves the right to edit and shorten accepted items. **Deadline for submission is the 15th of each month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.** I look forward to receiving your ideas, comments, and submissions - Rachel Parnell, 514-2198.

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