



Local 4-H'ers joined in the "4-H for Youth for America" celebration during National 4-H Week. Pictured, clockwise from left, a Jackson Avenue 4-H'er prepares her craft for fair competition; Kimberly Park 4-H'ers put

finishing touches on their fair exhibit; Alder Street members try their hands at making radio spots for the national week; Lavar Douglas gives tips on apple decorating (photos by Helen Prince).

Forsyth County 4-H'ers celebrate National 4-H Week

Members of the 4-H Club in Forsyth County joined 4.5 million young people nationwide in observing National 4-H Week, Oct. 6 to 12.

Members were challenged to acquire the knowledge and skills to become productive citizens and leaders of the nation.

Using the theme "4-H for Youth for America," members

of the largest out-of-school youth co-educational

organization celebrated with activities aimed at promoting individual growth and accomplishment, creativity, social responsibility and family involvement.

In Forsyth County there are 650 volunteer leaders and junior

leaders. About 150 local 4-H'ers are involved in formal communication activities.

More than half of the Forsyth County members live in Winston-Salem.

Republican newcomer

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saw our pictures in the paper, they didn't see qualifications; they saw color."

Knox, 25, will face Democrat Patrick P. Hairston, president of the local NAACP, for the North Ward seat during November's general election.

But Ms. Williams-Henry maintains that she was the better of the two Republicans and said qualifications counted for little during the primary.

She also said a better showing by black Republican voters would have helped her cause in the predominantly black, predominantly Democratic ward.

"If the black Republicans would have voted," she said, "I would have won."

There are 1,183 Republicans in the North Ward, 95 of them black.

Ms. Williams-Henry said her campaign mass-mailed campaign literature and called "every Republican in the North Ward," but to little avail.

"The vote was down racial lines," she said. "It's as simple as that."

Ms. Williams-Henry said the Republicans' low visibility in the North Ward and the lack of another Republican primary in the city contributed to her defeat as well.

"The people just didn't come out," she said.

In the North Ward, approximately 6 percent of the registered Republicans cast ballots, while 17 percent of the registered Democrats turned out to vote.

But Ms. Williams-Henry, who had considered running an unaffiliated campaign, said she will remain with the GOP.

"I switched to the Republican Party because we need more blacks in the Republican Party who care about poor and black people," she said. "I'm concerned about the needs of poor and black people. I'm concerned about the needs of all people."

Despite the primary's outcome, Ms. Williams-Henry said, she does not dislike Knox. "Mr. Knox is a good person," she said. "He's really nice. I think he needs to be politically seasoned a lit-

tle more. He worked hard. I think we both ran a first-class campaign."

In time Knox could become "politically sophisticated," she said.

As for the voters, black people need to become more politically sophisticated, too, said Ms. Williams-Henry.

"Many black people don't know how to vote," she said. "Many middle-class black people don't know how to vote but won't admit it. We have to educate the people. Registering them is not good enough. We need to learn how to vote for people and not parties."

"We need to train our people how to vote and maximize their voting power. Right now the Republicans are in power, and blacks are powerless."

Ms. Williams-Henry said that few white voters support black candidates.

"Black Democrats will vote for white Republicans," she said. "But white Democrats have a hard time voting for black Republicans Blacks are now the only racial group who are loyal Democrats. White Democrats vote Republican. It has always been that way."

The Republican primary wasn't Ms. Williams-Henry's first political experience. She was student government president at West Virginia State University, a predominantly white school, where she studied public administration. She received her bachelor's degree from West Virginia State in 1982.

She also worked for Gary Hart during the 1984 Democratic primary election and is an administrative assistant for Charles McLean, past president of the state NAACP.

Even though Ms. Williams-Henry is out of the running for the North Ward aldermanic seat, she said she "will be interested" in the coming election.

"I will be willing to volunteer work for the best-qualified candidate in the North Ward," she said. "It should be obvious to everybody who I will support."

Student's death

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another 20 days.

Meanwhile, Betty Robinson, Diane's mother, is convinced that her daughter didn't commit suicide.

"I talked with Diane Monday morning (her roommate found her body later that day) and she was in a good mood," said Mrs. Robinson. "She was jolly, and she talked about coming home to take me to the doctor later that day. She told me she would be here at 6."

"She and I had a heart-to-heart talk. She called me at work and fussed at me because it's hard to get in touch with me. She was in the best mood."

When she arrived home from work, Mrs. Robinson said, Diane had called to say she would be a little late getting there because she had to pick a friend up from band practice.

"That was Diane; she wouldn't disappoint me," said her mother. "If she was going to be late, she would call."

Mrs. Robinson said she and Diane, an only child, were very close and shared everything.

"Even if Diane was in a bad mood, she would call me and tell me," said Mrs. Robinson. "She was my heart. She was my pride and joy. Anything she did, she told me."

"When they called and told me that Diane was dead, this hit me like a ton of bricks," said Mrs. Robinson. "I'm just empty on the inside. She was in the best mood ever."

"I don't believe she killed herself. It's unbelievable."

Like her mother, WSSU students who knew Diane doubt that she committed suicide.

"She was full of energy," said

Tonya Spates, a sophomore. "I had classes with Diane last year, and we would get together and talk about boyfriends. I saw her the week before she died, and she told me she was interested in running for queen and that she was thinking about trying out for Miss Day Student."

Said junior Warren Carter: "Diane was too level. Level people don't act erratic. This suicide story is just too shaky. There are no facts."

Diane, a junior, was an English major and last year's Miss Gate City Club. She was also a cheerleader at Greensboro's Grimsley High School and was a member of her high school's homecoming court.

Mrs. Robinson said she doesn't know of any problems Diane had that would prompt her to take her own life.

"There was nothing that I know of," said Mrs. Robinson. "Her grades were good. I don't know of any boyfriend problems."

But rumors abound. Many students feel that somebody other than Diane was involved, possibly a boyfriend.

Chandler said he has no facts that show someone else was involved.

Somebody had to give Diane a gun, said Mrs. Robinson, because she didn't own one.

Until she is presented some facts to the contrary, Mrs. Robinson said, she will never believe Diane killed herself.

"She had too much going for her," said Mrs. Robinson. "But I'm living my life for her now. I really loved her. If I had my choice, I would bring her back."

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