

Opinions...

Yours,
Ours,
Others

“Quote of the week...

“Education is the most powerful weapon

which you can use to change the world.” — Nelson Mandela



**Wes
Westmoreland**

The Election You Don't Know About

Election Day is here, polls show a number of people who are undecided about their choice, but I've not found them. As I engage people, they are clearly decided

about their choice for President and Governor; but virtually no one knows about the most important race on the ballot.

Years ago, our judicial races were partisan, in other words, the candidates ran as either Republicans or Democrats. At that time, the NC Supreme court was held by a six to one Republican majority. It was obvious that the majority of voters realized Republicans would be tougher on crime, and tend to apply the constitution as written. A few years ago, the General Assembly changed the law, now the races are non-partisan. The voter has no way to know by looking at the ballot the most conservative candidates. Today, the Supreme Court holds a conservative majority by a single vote.

This year, that single vote to uphold the constitution is in jeopardy. Justice Paul Newby is the only justice up for election; no one seems to be aware of the race, or the importance of it. Justice Newby is widely considered to be one of our most effective justices, often writing the opinions of the most complex cases. He is a conservative who has represented NC well on the court.

Simply put, the Supreme Court race for Newby's seat is the single most important race on the NC ballot. His loss

would allow liberal justices to overturn much of the legislation passed by the General Assembly this session, and most assuredly would overturn a Voter ID bill, likely to be signed into law with McCrory as Governor. The importance of this race cannot be overstated.

Additionally, there are three appellate court seats on the ballot. Conservatives Marty McGee (please note, there is another McGee running, Marty is the conservative), David Robinson and Chris Dillon. Each of these will make excellent judges.

The final race in which you may not recognize names is for NC Senate, District 46. Due to redistricting, Cleveland is now paired with Burke County. Senator Warren Daniel currently serves from Burke. I have known Daniel for a decade, and have served with him in the Senate. He is a man of impeccable character, a hard worker, and has made an excellent Senator. He has my full support for this seat, and I hope that he can count on yours as well. It is critical that Warren Daniel remains in Raleigh to bring jobs into our area..

In addition to your support for Romney, McHenry and McCrory, Dan Forrest for Lt. Governor, Moore and Hastings for NC House, and our local Republicans including Ronnie Hawkins, Johnny Hutchins and Susan Allen for Commissioner, I hope you will support the conservative choices for the courts, and Warren Daniel for Senate. It is these lesser known races in which you can make a real difference for North Carolina.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

As you go to the polls this year, there is one candidate that deserves our support.....Mary Accor. She has given of her time unselfishly to help our county move positively in the right direction. When you speak to her she never has a negative word to say about anyone. Rather she focuses on the good in everybody. With all of the negative smears and ungodly dispositions from others, we need and deserve people like Mary Accor who leads with godly principles and protects our children through her support of our school system. She believes in her community and supports her hometown and all municipalities and townships. She knows that law enforcement, fire department employees and volunteers are keys to our safety and supports their initiatives. Each meeting is

started by recognizing the positive efforts of our youth and communities, and honoring those who fought for our freedom, our veterans. Mrs. Accor has experience, integrity, and moral values. She is a true leader that believes in PEOPLE regardless of party, and putting others before self. Her 33 years as a public school educator has reached the masses of children in the Kings Mountain-Grover areas, and now many are productive citizens exercising their own rights to the voting process. Faith, family, and Service to others are her strengths; the characteristics needed in all candidates. Please join me and others in supporting our own Mary S. Accor for Cleveland County Commissioner....Thank you and God Bless

Gregory Crier

NOTICE

We appreciate your letters to the editor.

In fairness to all candidates, no letters concerning candidates in the Nov. 6, 2012 general election will be run in the Herald after the edition of Oct. 24.

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Dear Editor,

Warren Daniel is an up and coming leader in the NC Senate. We need to keep Warren working to bring jobs to Cleveland County, and I am asking you to join me in casting your vote for Warren Daniel."

If you haven't had the opportunity to meet Senator Warren Daniel, you should make an effort to do so. Warren is finishing up his first term in the NC Senate and has shown all of us that his leadership skills will be a strong asset to our community. He's not only a strong and intelligent leader; he cares about people and has a passion to serve.

I watched Warren's work with several bills this past session but especially appreciated his dedication to legislation that reduced our tax and regulatory burdens on

families and small businesses. When you meet Warren, you know instantly that he is putting his family and your family first, every time he pushes that voting button.

This is a hard job and it takes a great deal of time. I appreciate that Warren has dedicated the time and energy to serve and to work with me to keep Cleveland County moving forward. Together, I feel like we make a great team and appreciate your support and your vote for Warren Daniel. As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Representative.

Tim Moore
Member, North Carolina House
of Representatives
Serving Cleveland County

Dear Editor,

As the 2012 elections cycle is drawing to a close, I hope that voters will think about the best candidates who will have their interests at heart when making political decisions after getting elected.

A candidate who will vote only in his constituents' best interests will be John McDevitt , candidate for NC Senate # 46. This is the Senate seat held by Kings Mountain's long-time favorite son Senator Ollie Harris.

John is a native of Cleveland County. He grew up in Kings Mountain and graduated from Kings Mountain High School. Many of the residents of Kings Mountain knew him as a child and remember him through school. He moved away when his father accepted the position of police chief in Rutherford County. Although John later moved to Burke County and served for many years as their very popular sheriff, he never forgot his roots and friends in Kings Mountain and Cleveland County.

After retirement from law enforcement, John has stepped up to run for the NC Senate, and I am asking that you

vote for him. His platform items include strong support for public education, senior citizens, job recruitment, law enforcement, veterans, and second amendment rights.. John is a family man and will represent family values in Raleigh.

Early voting has started in Shelby, and another early voting site will open in Kings Mountain at Boyce Memorial Church, Monday, Oct 29th through Nov. 2nd—10AM to 6:30 PM and Sat, Nov 3rd—8AM to 1PM.

I hope you will vote for John McDevitt for the NC Senate. Just think how easy to contact our Senator knowing that he grew up on King Street in the rock house before you get to the Patrick Senior Center and that he will recognize you by name because you have a personal connection. Remember your friendship and connection with John McDevitt because he certainly will remember you.

Vote John McDevitt for NC Senate # 46.

Betsy Wells
Kings Mountain

ence working with people and solving problems. When I took office as Sheriff Burke County had its highest crime rate in recorded history. When I retired Burke County had its lowest crime rate in recorded history.

I have been endorsed by the State Employees Association of NC (SEANC), the

NC Association of Educators (teachers), the NC League of Conservation Voters and the Fraternal Order of Police. I was voted Best Elected Official in Burke County in 2010 and 2011.

I have become absolutely disgusted with our political system. Our state and nation

are so politically deadlocked that nothing is getting accomplished. As Sheriff I

worked for all the people. I am not about Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative. I just want to bring jobs to Cleveland and Burke County. I just want to improve our schools and I will work with anyone who will do those things.

I have enjoyed my years of public service and am asking that you trust me as the people of Burke County have for the past 37 years and allow me to be your representative in the NC Senate.

Sincerely,
John T. McDevitt
Candidate NC Senate
District 46

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