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Elections favor local incumbents; U.S. Senate goes GOP. Dave Blanton, dave.kmherald@gmail.com. In an election that saw nearly half of the county's registered voters head to the polls, a number of incumbents held onto their jobs in law enforcement, county management and in state and federal lawmaking positions.

28,125 total ballots were cast in the county from a total of 62,051 registered voters, according to local election officials. Those figures mark an uptick over the usual figures for a midterm election, officials said, adding that increased early voting opportunities are likely responsible for the higher numbers.

According to the North Carolina Board of Elections, a new record for voter participation during a midterm election was set in 2014. The previous record was set during the 2010 midterm election.

County Commissioners, Sheriff and Coroner races Incumbents Jason Falls and Eddie Holbrook handily defended their seats on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, while voters passed over challenger Willie McIntosh. With 21 out of 21 precincts reporting late Tuesday, Falls and Holbrook has picked up more than 15,000 votes each, while McIntosh had collected a little over 11,000.

Falls, a Republican who lives in Kings Mountain, currently serves as chairman of the county board. During the campaign, he touted his record of voting

against local tax increases. A licensed auctioneer, he also campaigned on economic development. Holbrook, a Democrat who is the senior dean of development and governmental relations at Cleveland Community College, also focused on economic development, a subject he said he has been passionate about since first joining the board 2007. The Democrat helped permanently secure the American Legion World Series in Shelby. McIntosh, a Democrat and former president of the Cleveland County Chapter NAACP, served as a commission member from 1996-2006 and is a retired Shelby police officer.

The three candidates were vying for two open seats on the county board. Voters handed incumbent Sheriff Alan Norman a landslide victory in the race, giving him 23,309 votes to Republican challenger Carl Jensen's roughly 4,370, according to local election officials.

The vote ushered Norman, a Democrat who campaigned as a "working sheriff" with 31 years of law enforcement experience, into his third term as the county's top law enforcement officer.

Challenger Carl Jensen is a former FBI agent who has worked extensively in the security and private investigative industries.

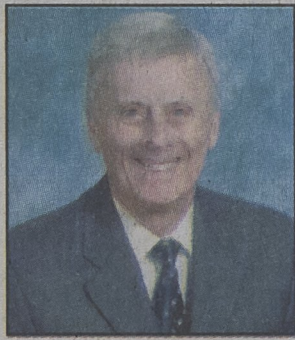
Robbie Morgan secured the Cleveland County Coroner's job with 15,787 votes, topping opposition Tott Griffin, who collected 10,867 votes. What started as a seven-person race for county coroner was eventually whittled down to the two.



Alan Norman
Sheriff



Jason Falls
County Commissioner



Eddie Holbrook
County Commissioner



Robert Morgan
County Coroner

Griffin won the Democratic primary vote. Morgan was unopposed in the May GOP primary. Griffin, who would have been the first African-American coroner in Cleveland County, works in the funeral home business and had served as medical examiner in the county from 2004-2007. Morgan, owner and operator of a funeral service, is a 17-year veteran in the industry. He is also a former paramedic.

U.S. House, N.C. House, N.C. Senate, and local District Attorney and District Court Judge races. In the U.S. House of Representatives 10th district race, Republican incumbent Patrick McHenry outpaced challenger by a wide margin at the polls Tuesday. The Denver resident and three-term Congressman got 17,458 votes to Democrat Tate MacQueen's 10,142.

In an election to see who would represent N.C.'s 46th district, incumbent state senator Warren Daniel cruised past Democratic challenger Emily Church. Daniel picked up 16,244 votes while Church garnered 10,943. Republican incumbent Tim Moore ran unopposed for reelection for this seat in the N.C. House representing the



Michael Miller
District Attorney - 27-B



Tim Moore
NC House - 111th District



Warren Daniel
NC Senate - 46th District



Tom Tillis
US Senate



Patrick McHenry
US House - 10th District



Kelly Hastings
NC House - 110th District

111th district. Likewise, his senate counterpart in the 110th district, Kelly Hastings, a Republican, was also running unopposed. In the race for N.C. District Attorney for district 27B, Michael Miller defeated John Bridges. Miller collected 15,725 votes while Bridges fell short with 11,740. Ali Paksoy ran unopposed to victory in his race for the N.C. District

Court Judge for district 27B.

U.S. Senate roundup Republicans Tuesday won six of the six seats they needed to gain control of the U.S. Senate, as voters in Arkansas and Colorado ousted the Democratic incumbents while electing Republicans in West Virginia, Montana and South Dakota. Thom Tillis won a close and hotly contested race against in-

cumbent Democrat Kay Hagan. In that race, Tillis picked up 1,412,865 votes to Hagan's 1,364,623.

The victories allowed the Republican Party to reach its goal of taking the Senate back from the Democrats eight years after losing the chamber amid a wave of angry voter sentiment aimed at President George W. Bush and the Iraq war.

Allison celebrates 95th birthday

Connie A. Allison, retired Kings Mountain educator, celebrated his 95th birthday Sept. 21 with 125 family members and friends at the Bynum Chapel Family Life Center. His hobby, "Sudoku," was the theme for the party and the program was presented by the members of his church, Good Hope Presbyterian, former students, a great niece and his loving grandchildren.

His children, Sharon and Johnny Byers of Charlotte, his son, Kevin Allison of Richmond, Va., and grandchildren Justin Byers, Alyson Byers and Olivia Allison, hosted the party attended by friends and relatives from Charlotte, Kan-

napolis. Hendersonville, Winston-Salem, Statesville, Greensboro, Shelby, and Kings Mountain, North Carolina, as well as Au-

gusta, GA and Richmond, VA. An Elder in Good Hope Presbyterian Church, Allison is also active in the Kings Mountain Lions Club and an active volunteer in the community.

Allison, who retired as Principal of North Elementary School, came to Kings Mountain in 1960 as Principal of Davidson High School where his late wife, Adelaide, was on the staff. They both worked at Compact High where Allison was Principal, then Mrs. Allison joined the Home Economics Department at Kings Mountain High School and was Distributive Education teacher there prior to retirement. Mr. Allison taught Trigonometry at the high



Connie A. Allison

school while Principal at Compact and served as East School Principal before his tenure at North School. He retired in 1984 after a 24 year career in education in Kings Mountain District Schools and the Cleveland County system.

Cindi Wood's new book

"Anonymous" now available

Kings Mountain's Cindi Wood, a sought-after speaker who teaches the "strung-out and frazzled, how to creatively manage the stresses of life, has written another Bible study, "Anonymous- Discovering the Somebody You Are to God." The book is available at Lifeway and Barnes & Noble and online sources for \$15.99 and published this fall by Abington Press.

Wood, wife, mother and grandmother, former Kings Mountain teacher, and entrepreneur is also the author of "I've Used All My Sick Days - Now I Will Have to Call in Dead," "The Frazzled Female, The Frazzled Female Bible Study," the "Victoriously Frazzled Bible Study," "Too Blessed for This Mess," the "Frazzled Female Journal Devotional Journal" and

"Desperate, Seeking Simplicity."

Simply reading the titles of her books can bring a smile.

Through the popular Frazzled Female seminars Cindi leads women to develop practical strategies to deal with daily pressures. With insights and humor, her teachings point participants to the vibrant love that is experienced as you hear from God through Bible study and spending time with Him.

"At one time or another, every woman has felt overlooked, unimportant and bruised by the world," says Cindi. But she adds, "there's good news. While the opinion of others may drag us down, the God who created us has an entirely different opinion of who we are. That's because we are His creation and everything He created is good."

The Bible is filled with anonymous women who made a significant impact in God's story. Each week of the six-session study begins with an overview of the anonymous woman's story, including background material with relevance to the cultural lifestyles and surroundings of the day. The daily lessons explore her story and the ways that all women can relate to her. Contemporary "anonymous" stories



Cindi Wood

and quotes are sprinkled throughout, reinforcing the very personal relevance of this study. Wood's speaking events have taken her across the United States and into other countries and through Biblical-based teaching coupled with humor from daily experiences, she offers hope and encouragement through her books, magazines, guest interviews on TV and radio and public appearances. Cindi is the daughter of the late Charles and Ruby Alexander of Kings Mountain. She and her husband, Larry, are parents of two sons, Brandon and Lane. Brandon and wife Bonnie live in Nashville, TN, where he is a photographer/designer and she is a school teacher. They have two children, Charlie and Ruby. Lane is college and student pastor at Capital Community Church in Raleigh. He and wife, Meghan, a school teacher, have three children, Durham, Ezra and Lily Wood.

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