

TCGOP Newsletter

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UPDATE FROM RUTH HARRIS, COUNTY CHAIR

To Our TCGOP Members and Conservative Unaffiliated:

You may think the most important thing you can do for your country is to vote in the November general election. Yes, that is important. **But even MORE important is to vote in the March primaries.** That is where we select the best candidate to go up against the opposition in November and, if they win, we are "married" to that person for a long time. In the case of the Senate race it is six years! If we choose the wrong person, that's a long time to live with our decision. In the past, we have had only about 20% turnout for the primaries. We want to change that in 2022. In 2022, we elect a new sheriff, a new US Senator, new NC Supreme Court judges, and many more!

In the past, you may have failed to vote in the primary because you didn't know enough about the candidates. There are so many! You feel overwhelmed. Since the GOP cannot endorse a particular candidate, it does require some research. We want to help you with that this year. In fact, we want to make it fun! We want you to find those candidates you can get behind. They become your horse in that race. Think of it like the sports team you root for in college football. It will make the general election all the more interesting because you know who the candidates are and you have a favorite!

We will be having individual candidate events at our **NEW HEADQUARTERS at 470 Asheville Hwy, Suite G** (next to "Love That Yogurt!" on the college-facing side of the building). In addition, on the evening of February 19th, during early voting, we will bring as many candidates as possible to the Rogow Room at the library. We want to give you as much opportunity as possible to meet and get to know all these candidates.

We have accomplished much this year with our new website, acquiring our new year-round headquarters, and increased engagement. Thank you to all who contributed their time, energy, and financial resources to make all this happen. Next year will be even better!

From the TCGOP to all of you and your families, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ruth Harris

Transylvania County GOP Chair

America First Focus

The 2022 and 2024 election cycles are MASSIVELY IMPORTANT for the future of the Transylvania GOP, our state, and our nation. As we wind down a very challenging year, we're encouraged about the battles that America First patriots are winning across our country. Our party saw growth, but we need to continue to expand. We have important work to do in 2022 and we're positioned stronger to get it done. We are asking you to join our fight to reclaim our country.

The major focus next year is making sure that we elect solid **America First** candidates at all levels. Due to the 10-year US Census, North Carolina gained a US Congressional seat, and the General Assembly has redrawn all the legislative maps. Consequently, Transylvania County now has new legislative districts.

We are focused on improving interactions and communications with you. This monthly newsletter is a part of that new communications plan.

Transylvania County GOP News

We now have a new **permanent** TCGOP headquarters located at **470 Asheville Highway, Brevard, NC**. This brings us important meeting space and a more convenient way to interact with current members and attract new ones. We will be holding our first headquarters event Saturday, December 11th, when two candidates will hold meet and greet events. Please join us at 12-noon for US Senate candidate Mark Walker and at 1:30 for US House candidate Michelle Woodhouse.

We will also be announcing an open-house and hope to see you there soon!

We have launched our redesigned website at <https://www.transylvaniagop.org/>. Please visit the website and check out valuable information you'll need and [sign up for the newsletter](#). You will find news and other important information.

One 2022 goal is to make it easy for you to get involved with your Transylvania County GOP. Whether you have five hours a week or three hours a month to give, we can find your contribution happy place. Being involved enables us to pull back the curtain and enable you to see the political process up close as it happens. In 2020, we watched Madison Cawthorn become a "rock star" right before our eyes. Beginning in 2022, and looking ahead to 2024, we are offering an exciting menu of standing committees designed to support our 15 precincts. We believe that you'll find it's extremely gratifying to do your part for the conservative cause. [Please go to our website and consider membership on a TC GOP committee](#).

Legislative Redistricting News

With every 10-year federal census there is a realignment of legislative representation based on population changes. The good news is that North Carolina has gained another seat in the US House of

Representatives. The North Carolina General Assembly enacted this redistricting on November 3, 2021. We now belong to three new districts: NC Senate, NC House, and US House.

District Change	Old District	New District
NC Senate District		
- From 48 to 50	Chuck Edwards (R)	Kevin Corbin (R)
NC House District		
- From 113 to 119	Jake Johnson (R)	Mike Clappitt (R)
US Congressional		
- From 11 to 15	Madison Cawthorn (R)	TBD - Nov 2022

- NC State Senator – See the “S.L. 2021-173 Senate” map for the new district. The March 8, 2022, GOP primary election will determine our November General Election candidate. We will provide you with candidate information after the filing period closes on December 17th.
- NC State House Representative - See the “S.L. 2021-175 House” map for the new district. The March 8, 2022, GOP primary election will determine our November General Election candidate. We will provide you with candidate information after the filing period closes on December 17th.
- US House of Representative - See the “S.L. 2021-174 Congress” map for the new district. The March 8, 2022, GOP primary election will determine our November General Election candidate. We will provide you with candidate information after the filing period closes on December 17th.

2022 Republican Primary Elections – March 8, 2022

The party primary elections historically have low voter turnouts. Everybody watching what is happening to our country will agree that we need to have our best America First candidates in the November 2022 General Election. We will continue to update you on candidate information after the filing period closes on December 17th. Here are some key GOP primary elections that will be held March 8, 2022.

- NC State Senator – (see above)
- NC State House Representative (see above)
- US House of Representatives, District 14 (see above)
- US Senate (Richard Burr is retiring)
- NC Supreme Court
 - Democrats currently have a 4-3 majority. We have a chance to take a 5-2 majority on this court.
 - The NC Voter ID law is working its way up to the NC Supreme Court.

- Two Democrat Supreme Court justices are up for re-election in November 2022: Sam Ervin and Robin Hudson.
 - We have three candidates for these two positions: Trey Allen, Richard Dietz, April Wood.
 - Allen and Wood will likely compete in the March primary.
 - Transylvania County Board of Commissioners
 - Two seats are on the 2022 ballot
 - David Guice (UNA) is retiring.
 - Incumbent Jake Dalton (R) is running for re-election.
 - The March primary will determine the Republican candidates to fill these seats.
 - Transylvania County Board of Education
 - Two seats are on the 2022 ballot: Marty Griffin (D) and Courtney Domekur (R).
 - Griffin is running for re-election
 - Domekur will not seek re-election

Upcoming Events

Below are our upcoming events. Please refer to the website at www.transylvaniagop.org for the latest updates.

Date	Event	Location
December 6, 2021	TC Board Of Education	Morris Education Center, located at 225 Rosenwald Lane, Brevard, NC
December 11, 2021	Candidate Meet & Greet Mark Walker US Senate, Michele Woodhouse US House	TCGOP Headquarters, 470 Asheville Highway, Brevard
December 11, 2021	Annual Charles Taylor Dinner	Crown Plaza Asheville, 1 Resort Drive, Asheville
December 13, 2021	GOP NC 11 Christmas Party	The Cascades, 201 Sugarloaf Rd, Hendersonville
December 20, 2021	TC Board Of Education	Morris Education Center, located at 225 Rosenwald Lane, Brevard, NC
January 11, 2022	TC Board of Commissioner Meeting	4:00, Admin Bldg, 101 S. Broad St., Brevard
November 18, 2022	TC Board Of Education	Morris Education Center, located at 225 Rosenwald Lane, Brevard, NC
January 25, 2022	TC Board of Commissioner Meeting	6:00, Admin Bldg, 101 S. Broad St., Brevard
February 19, 2022	Pot Luck / Candidates Forum	5:30, Transylvania County Library, 212 S. Gaston St., Brevard
March 8, 2022	Primary Election Day	Precinct Voting Locations
May 19, 2022	NC GOP Convention	Greensboro, NC
November 8, 2022	General Election Day	Precinct Voting Locations