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Candidates and spectators pack the Old Courthouse for primary forums.

Republican Women sponsor two forums

The Lower Cape Fear Republican Women's Club, in conjunction with the New Hanover County GOP, sponsored two political primary forums in April. Federal and state republican candidates squared off in the first forum, also sponsored by the District 7 GOP. Max

Winitz of the local Fox affiliate moderated the event.



In the second forum, local school board candidates and New Hanover County Commission candidates

answered a myriad of questions posed by WWAY-TV3 news anchor, Ann McAdams.

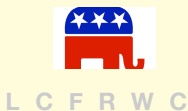
The LCFRWC would like to thank all participants of the forums on their professionalism. We'd also like to extend our congratulations to the primary winners. As you know, Ilario Pantano is our 7th Congressional District candidate. I can't think of a better man for the job! If you haven't yet been by his campaign headquarters, it is located near Henry's on Shipyard Boulevard.

Thom Goolsby and LCFRWC member Beth Dawson are NC Senate and

Congratulations to all our republican primary winners! Please let us know how to best help you—Sandy Best

NC House candidates, respectively. We all need to work hard for them this Fall.

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Dawson said, “ I am pleased to report that I ended the second quarter’s campaign finance report in the top 10 of new candidates across the state; however, we still have a long way to go in the next couple of months! Several fundraisers and meet the candidate events are in the planning stages, and I will keep you posted on the details and dates. I have spent this summer attending many meetings and events- the NCGOP Convention, educational conferences, training sessions, and community meetings.

“The Dawson for House campaign headquarters is located at 2231 Wrightsville Ave. and the website is www.dawsonforhouse.com. Please sign up to volunteer on the website and call me at 762-2010 if you have any questions.”

According to Thom Goolsby’s campaign website, he is our “Jobs” candidate. The website states, “ My background is one of service to our state and experience in the private sector. In addition to running my own small law firm, I have earned an MBA and am an avid investor. I clearly understand that every tax dollar which is taken from our citizens is a dollar which cannot be invested in a family’s or business’s budget.

“State spending must be reduced. Taxes must be cut – and we need people with courage to go to Raleigh to do the right thing so our state gets back on track. I oppose

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NC House Republicans place their mark on bills



Representative Carolyn Justice with Judge Jay Hockenbury(right), and NC Appeals Court candidate Dean Poirier at the 2010 Tea Party @ Hilton.

From various press reports

RALEIGH—The North Carolina House of Representatives adopted four significant amendments to SB 897, the 2010-2011 budget bill. These amendments, offered by Republican legislators, will eliminate unnecessary end-of-grade tests and provide funding to teachers for classroom supplies, prohibit the paying of "golden parachutes" to state employees who are terminated or leave their jobs, and forbid the practice of allowing tuition for certain full scholarships to out-of-state students to be paid the same as in-state students. Another Republican supported amendment would allow certain funds from the NC Lottery to be distributed to

both charter and public schools.

Rep. Bryan Holloway (R-Stokes), a former school teacher, offered the amendment to eliminate EOG tests in U.S. history, civics, economics and physical science, which are not required by No Child Left Behind. The \$2 million currently spent to administer these tests would be used to provide classroom supplies that had been reduced in previous state budgets. In many cases, teachers have been forced to purchase these supplies with their own money.

"The House correctly decided to eliminate ineffective tests that do not measure student accountability. In addition, this amendment will use this See, “House,” continued on Page 3...

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money in the classroom to truly benefit children," said Rep. Holloway. "This is a large step in moving toward the much needed reforms our state needs in education."

Rep. George Cleveland (R-Onslow) successfully sponsored an amendment to require Morehead - Cain and Park scholarships for nonresident and foreign students in the UNC system to be paid at out-of-state tuition rates. Currently, these scholarships are allowed to be paid at the in-state tuition rate. Rep. Cleveland's amendment will save taxpayers \$6 million annually.

"The citizens of North Carolina won today," said Rep. Cleveland. "No longer will they be subsidizing out-of-state and foreign students to the tune of \$6 million in the UNC system. This money will now fund a proven program, Career Technical Education, which has a graduation rate exceeding 90 percent in our high schools."

A third amendment, offered by Rep. Hugh Blackwell (R-Burke), will limit transition payments or golden parachutes for state (mainly university) employees. This amendment will stop the practice of maintaining the salaries of separated state and university employees. This so-called university "standard" was revealed last year in the cases of former NCSU chancellor James Oblinger, Provost Larry Neilsen, and former NC A & T

Chancellor Stanley Battle, who all received lucrative taxpayer financed deals upon their resignations.

"We cannot support paying public employees for work they are no longer doing," said Rep. Blackwell. "It is time to stop this irresponsible practice."

Rep. Paul Stam (R-Wake) was also successful in offering an amendment to strike a special provision in the budget bill which would have prevented classroom teacher funds from the NC Lottery to be distributed to charter schools.

"Charter Schools clearly deserve to share in these lottery funds," said Rep. Stam. "I am glad the House supported this amendment and trust the conference committee will do likewise during its consideration of the budget."

These Republican supported initiatives, if retained in the legislation by the Senate-House conference committee, will help provide fiscal responsibility to the budget package.

Speaker Joe Hackney (D-NC), has banned the word "Jesus" as illegal speech during public prayers offered by volunteer pastors before legislative meetings. According to republican legislators, Hackney consulted with republican leader, Rep. Phil Stam before doing so.

According to a Fox News Radio report by Todd Starnes, "Ron Baity confirmed a Fox News Report entitled "Pastor Yanked from Capitol Over 'Jesus' Prayer" which reports the Pastor was relieved of his duties as an honorary chaplain of the state house of representatives after he closed a prayer by invoking the name of Jesus.

"I got fired," said Ron Baity, pastor of Berean Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. He had been invited to lead prayer for an entire week but his tenure was cut short when he refused to remove the name Jesus from his invocation.

"Baity's troubles began during the week of May 31. He said a House clerk asked to see his prayer. The invocation including prayers for our military, state lawmakers and a petition to God asking him to bless North Carolina.

"When I handed it to the lady, I watched her eyes and they immediately went right to the bottom of the page and the word Jesus," he told FOXNews Radio. "She said 'We would prefer that you not use the name Jesus. We have some people here that can be offended.'"

"When Baity protested that he himself would be offended if the government ordered him to deny Christ, she brought the matter to the attention of House Speaker Joe Hackney personally.

"Speaker Hackney then decided to disinvite Pastor Baity, that he could pray that day only, but would not be allowed to pray again in the future, and the pastor's services were terminated for the remainder of the week, because he prayed "in Jesus' Name."

A day in the life of a NC Legislator

by Sandy Best

It was my recent honor to shadow Representative Carolyn Justice for a day while she was conducting business as a legislator in Raleigh. Having winged my way through a throng of sweating sweepstakes parlor demonstrators outside of the Legislative Building, I wondered how the blazingly hot day would unfold. As a local journalist, I had covered Rep. Justice when she was a Pender County Commissioner. After trading in my press pass for diaper bags, we became good friends. She raised boys, too. This day was different, though. I could sense it.

From the moment I stepped into her office, Rep. Justice and her staff made me feel welcomed, just as they did to every person who popped in that day. Whether or not visitors were constituents, and regardless of appointment status, Rep. Justice had an open door. I don't want to call

everyone who visited a lobbyist, because to have that designation, you actually have to be registered somewhere. I met some very interesting people that day, though. Several men from Four County Electric in Pender County wanted to stop by because it was "Energy Day" at the LB. They didn't want Rep. Justice to forget about them. Later, a couple of fellas from River Watch dropped in to stress the importance of their group's monitoring of river water outtake and its affect on the lifespan of the Cape Fear River.

While taking me on a tour of the LB, Rep. Justice was stopped by a group of physicians who were very concerned about Medicare payment cuts, and how it would affect the availability of doctors in the future. She listened patiently with her trademark earnest smile, and **See, "Day," con't on Page 5...**



Top photo— County Commission candidates

Bottom photo— Frank Williams, 7th District GOP Chair and Thom Goolsby

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The April 15 meeting of the LCFRWC at the City Club in downtown Wilmington.

Mark your calendars!

The Lower Cape Fear Republican Women's Club will meet again on September 2, 2010 at the City Club in downtown Wilmington at 6:30PM for a social, and 7:00PM for its meeting. NC GOP Chairman Tom Fetzner will be our guest speaker. We will vote on candidate disbursements at the meeting. Please, members, make every effort to attend this very important meeting. RSVP by Aug. 27.

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then responded with a wealth of knowledge on House bills and current legislation that could help them. Moreover, she guided them to the democratic legislator that could help them with their specific need, driving home the point that republicans can’t do much for them until they’re in the majority.

We met Rep. Mitch Setzer in the “sanctuary,” and he was so flamboyant, he could have walked right off a page of a Faulkner novel. Before y’all confuse “sanctuary” with “library,” he used that nickname for the legislative chamber. I enjoyed his stories of his time in the House. He recalled the day the General Assembly received a bomb threat and how he’d never seen the chamber clear so quickly. Later that day, I thought of him when I read a Facebook post which stated, “If idiots were trees, this place would be the enchanted forest.” It just sounded like something he’d say.

For lunch, Rep. Justice let me tag along to a meeting of the Joint Women’s Caucus. I had to bite my tongue, close my eyes, and sit on my hands. A group of really nice high school kids stressed the importance of educating their peers on the risks associated with underaged drinking. They ultimately want the GA to tax the foam out of beer so that kids under the age of twenty-one won’t be able to afford to buy it. Never mind that underaged drinkers shouldn’t be able to buy beer, the fact that the Honorables just hiked the tax on beer less than a year ago should have been enough to put the brakes on that runaway train. It wasn’t. The

ladies lauded the youngsters’ courage for speaking to them about an issue of such obvious importance. I’ll insert here that Rep. Justice was silent on the subject. However, most democratic women legislators, and at least one republican woman legislator, heralded the idea of a joint bill that would raise the beer tax and earmark the revenue for educating high-schoolers on the perils of beer bongs, binge drinking, and quarters. One legislator even dared the dads to complain about the increased price of a six-pack. Yes, it was eye-popping madness. I couldn’t wait to get out of that meeting. Beer lovers can breathe a sigh of relief until next year. The GA adjourned without that tax being slipped into a bill.

Back in Rep. Justice’s office, she and her legislative assistant, Vivian, conducted business, and I recuperated from the beer-tax love-fest. I was impressed by how quickly Rep. Justice could switch gears and redirect her focus. Soon afterwards, we found ourselves in an environmental committee meeting with Rep. Danny McComas. The topic of discussion was watercraft waste discharge in estuarine waters. The language of the bill had some visitors concerned that boaters would bypass NC harbors to dock in VA or SC. The committee decided to examine it further before taking action.

With not a minute to spare, we made our way to the sanctuary, where Rep. Justice and I parted ways. Only legislators, pages, and selected legislative assistants can be on the floor of the chamber. Rep. Justice’s intern escorted me to the gallery, which was packed

with onlookers. A firefighter was honored posthumously from the floor of the House, and his family and coworkers listened from the gallery. Several people were extended the “Courtesy of the Gallery” that day, including me. I think that Rep. Justice just wanted to hear Speaker Joe Hackney extend courtesies to the president of the Lower Cape Fear Republican Women’s Club. Thank you, Rep. Justice. I was duly shocked and AWED! Inside joke. The largest piece of legislation that passed that day was one in which the GA asked the Department of Environmental Health and Natural Resources to study the impact that the Gulf oil slick could have on our coast, and ways to mitigate the damage. I thought that was a little redundant since that should be DEHNR’s current concern anyway.

My eyes were opened a little wider to the myriad ways the democrats waste our hard-earned money in Raleigh. It is a mind-set among them that everything can be solved with legislation. That means spending more of our money and/or regulating more of our businesses and lives. I met veteran republican legislators who are chomping at the bit to become members of the majority without changing their party affiliations. I also met some democratic legislators that need to spend more time at home. It’s time to stop the insanity, folks. For the honest, hard-working, beer drinking or teetotaling taxpayers among us, let’s work hard to deliver the republicans that crucial majority in the fall.

Pantano campaign outpaces McIntyre

The Pantano for Congress Campaign announced recently that they raised \$211,720 in campaign contributions during the second quarter of 2010. The Pantano campaign out raised their opponent, incumbent Democratic Congressman Mike McIntyre almost 2 to 1.

“Our fundraising success in the second quarter shows the support that is building behind our campaign,” Pantano said. “While my opponent received over 81 percent of his contributions from special interest groups in Washington, D.C., we raised over 93 percent of our contributions from regular citizens. I feel truly blessed to have received such generous support from my friends across the district and across America.”

For the quarter, the Pantano campaign raised \$211,720 compared to \$114,119 for Congressman McIntyre. Pantano raised over \$100,000 from supporters in the 7th District and outraised McIntyre by a better than 5 to 1 margin in the district. Since entering the race on January 27th, Pantano has raised \$320,930. Over that same time period, McIntyre has only raised \$213,243.

“Why do these numbers matter?” Pantano continued. “These fundraising numbers clearly show that momentum is on our side. The citizens are fed up, they are voting early and they are doing it with their pocket books. As I travel across the district, the voters are responding to my message of conservative values and

Let's talk politics

with Sandy Best



How many of you have ever voted for a democratic candidate?

Why? Are you planning on voting against a republican in the November elections? If so, why are you a registered republican?

We had a brutal primary season. There is no doubt about it. However, it's time to consider what it would be like with a democratically controlled county commission and school board, and another couple of years of life with the Pelosi/McIntyre machine. Most of us realize that our livelihoods are at stake. For those of you who don't, please come out of the fog.

The days of republicans going along to get along have come to an end. I've heard the arguments from my elders: "I'm too old to cultivate a relationship with another Congressman," and, "My life's work means too much to me." "Mike is really on our side." "He's a friend."

Where is the deprogramming room? There are deep, fundamental differences between republicans and democrats. McIntyre is NOT on our side and he's never been your friend. Leutze will not ever vote to lower our taxes. Causey will not improve the lives of New Hanoverians, and McMahan changed party affiliations for his job.

For the first time in recent memory, we have a great slate of candidates for every race. It's time for action. We have to send Mike-alikes home. We must take the NC House and NC Senate. It's imperative that we retain control of the county commission and school board. We need conservatives on the bench, and leading our local law enforcement agency.

I need leaders who won't trade their personal convictions for personal gain. That's why I'm voting a straight republican ticket, and I'm endorsing Hogston, Washburn, and Hockenbury in the local judicial elections. Please pledge to do the same!

fiscal responsibility. The people of the 7th District are tired of politics as usual with a Congress focused on the needs of special interest groups instead of the needs of the people.”

“It's not the big Washington PACs or Union Bosses,” Pantano concluded. “It's the moms and pops that are chipping in, folks whose children go to public school just like my kids. It's parents who are struggling to pay their mortgage and working hard to feed their families just like my wife and I. We are picking up

new supporters every day from all political persuasions, some of whom have never before voted for a Republican. They don't want a 14 year incumbent in Congress. They want a fresh face who will fight for their values. The message is clear: The American Dream is under attack, and the American people are rolling up their sleeves to take their country back.”

Drop by the Pantano headquarters on Shipyard Blvd. to learn of ways in which you can volunteer.

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socialism in all forms. I believe we are in the mess we are in because government has tried to do too much at the expense of the working people of this state.”

Rick Catlin and Brian Berger are our New Hanover County Commission candidates. We cannot afford to lose any commission seats, so let’s all remember that we’re working toward common goals this fall!

When asked about his campaign, Brian Berger said, "I want to thank everyone who came out and voted in the run-off, regardless of how they voted. It’s become clearer that voters are looking for candidates talking issues that are seriously affecting lives and livelihoods. They’re not interested in personal attack politics. As GOP candidates and activists, let’s deliver: traditional Republican values. It’s time for all of us to rally behind those candidates with real ideas to limit government spending and tax increases, fight crime, and increase accountability in government from New Hanover County to Washington DC. Let’s get to work and ensure a Republican sweep in November!"

Rick Catlin, who is already serving our community in various ways, commented, “We are continuing to build our campaign, but also to enjoy a little time off. I see some new issues on the horizon in November and I have been spending much of my time meeting with CFPUA, Titan,

and NHCO management to learn more and find solutions. New EPA and State environmental standards may be a real game changer for economic development in our County.

In the next month I will be working with folks in DC about critical coastal issues and will be advising our beach towns on the best path forward. On the job already..”

LCFRWC member Janice Cavanaugh, Don Hayes, Ed Higgins, and Derrick Hickey, M.D., will represent republicans in the race for the New Hanover County Board of Education.

Speaking for the republican candidates, Janice Cavanaugh said, “ I expect a spirited campaign this fall for School Board. One of the democratic candidates for school board is the head of Move-On.Org in New Hanover County. I fully expect him to use all of his resources of that very liberal organization to his advantage. Don, Ed, Derrick and I are working hard to insure that we maintain a strong Republican majority on the board. Many times the board is faced with making decisions regarding social policy. It is vital that we continue to have a conservative perspective on the board.”

Judge Jay Hockenbury is running for reelection to Superior Court in the 5th Judicial District in November. He does have opposition, but has decided not to accept

political donations. Judge Hockenbury has always been a staunch supporter of the LCFRWC.

Judge Hockenbury said, “Now that the primary elections are over and having celebrated Independence Day our campaign is moving into higher gear. The campaign has Precinct Chairman in almost all of the 18 Precincts in my electoral district (approximately south of Oleander to Fort Fisher). The campaign has received endorsements from many Clerks of Court, judicial and elected officials. I have been going to various community and group events and have on-line both a campaign web page, www.judgehockenbury2010.com, and a connected Facebook page, (hockenbury for judge) listing the events I am attending. If you want to volunteer in any way, go to the web page, click on the Help the Campaign link; check the appropriate boxes and then click submit, and I will be in touch with you. I am so encouraged by the tremendous support I have received. This is not an election year to sit on the backbench but one to be active and encourage others to do so. The future of our state and nation is at stake.”

Also running for judicial office is LCFRWC Associate Member, Jonathan Washburn. He is vying for Judge Rebecca Blackmore’s seat. Jonathan updated us on his campaign by saying, “I am excited about the

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interest in the judicial elections, and am thankful for all the people who have helped me and inquired about the campaign. I'm not sure the general public always gets ramped up over a judge's race, but folks sure are talking to me about it. My issue of addressing substance abuse within the criminal system seems to have struck a chord with a lot of the voters.

“I am having a "Theater Night" on September 22 at the Cape Fear Playhouse at 615 Castle Street. Every patron will get a chance to read from a script and appear on stage. I am encouraging folks to bring their favorite lawyer joke to tell during intermission. It is taking place from 6 PM to 8 PM that Wednesday night. There is no fee for admission, but I am seeking sponsors in advance who will be given recognition at the event.

“At the end of July, I will begin putting up campaign "paddles". This is my version of the "yard sign". They are actual Coast Guard approved canoe paddles, painted with reflective lettering.”

Republican Chad Hogston is running for the newly created, but never filled judicial seat in the 5th District. He has democratic competition, but he is very active, and has the cutest supporter—his four month-old son, Levi.

Hogston offered, “I'm in the first phase of the campaign right now - which is

fundraising. I have been making the rounds and have had a very positive response, which is extremely encouraging. We are in the process of collecting the original committed contributions from people so that we can start investing it into the campaign. I have a much clearer idea of what needs to be done this time, given my experience in the primary. I believe I will be much more efficient in every aspect of campaigning, and will know where to expend my energy and funds.

I will continue to ramp up the campaigning as time progresses - this is a marathon, not a sprint! I also am happy to say that I received the endorsement from the Fraternal Order of Police, which represents the majority of the law enforcement agencies here locally. That was a big boost, and confirms that I have the support of all the branches of the courthouse.

We plan on having multiple events this season - Our first is August 19th in Landfall. I hope that you can come. The second event will be at Federal Point Yacht Club in Carolina Beach on September 9th, and then we have one at Seapath Marina on September 25th. We will also be having a large family-oriented pig-picking in October, as well as several other meet-n-greets.”

The race for Clerk of Court will heat up this Fall. Our own club member, Jan Kennedy, will face a

democratic challenger for the position. Jan has worked for years as an associate in the Clerk's office and volunteered, “I have my bumper stickers and yard signs now and would love to give them to anyone who wants them. I am currently working on a fundraiser but don't have those details yet. I will certainly let you know when that is set up. I also have been doing meet and greets.”

We also have a republican candidate for New Hanover County Sheriff—Marc Benson. Sheriff Ed McMahon is a democrat.

Our own Representative Carolyn Justice will face a democratic challenger in November. Since she does not accept PAC money, it is important that we do what we can individually for her campaign. She will be having a fundraiser on September 23. Details will follow. Representative Danny McComas does not have a challenger this Fall, but Brunswick County Representative Frank Iler does. Last, but not least, Senator Richard Burr won his primary bid.

We have great republican candidates, and it's time to join a campaign. The LCFRWC will be awarding monetary contributions to selected candidates at its September meeting.