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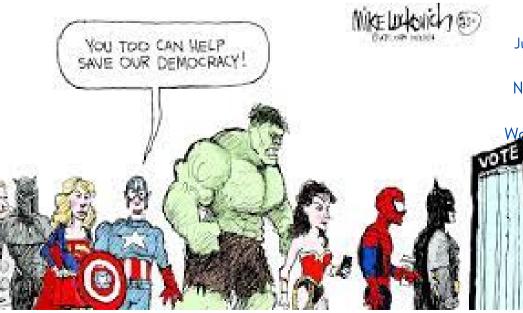
CALLING ALL DORCHESTER DEMS TO ACTIVATE THEIR SUPER POWERS AND VOTE!!

WHEN DEMOCRATS SHOW UP

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WE WIN!

And WIN WE MUST BECAUSE HATE AND BIGOTRY **MUST BE DEFEATED!** VOTE AS IF YOUR LIFE AND LIVELIHOOD **DEPENDED ON IT!** --THEY DO!!!



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MONTHLY DCDP GENERAL MEETINGS

Virtual Tuesday, May 10 7 to 8:30 PM

Democratic Candidates running in the June Primary will join us to share their messages. Open to members and aspiring members. **Click <u>here</u> to register.**

In person DCDP MEETING AND PRIMARY ELECTION WATCH PARTY Tuesday, June 14, 7 PM Location

Kickin' Chicken 800 N. Main St Summerville, SC 29483 Sign up <u>here.</u>

GET READY TO VOTE

Be sure your voter registration is up-to-date, go to **SCvotes.gov** or click <u>here</u>. Get your sample ballot, find out your Districts and **check your polling place before you leave to vote**. Check what is acceptable

government issued **Photo ID** <u>here.</u>

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WELCOME AND ORIENTATION COFFEE TALKS

Saturdays, May 7 and June TBA 10:00am-11:00am

Do you have questions about the Dorchester County Democratic Party? Want to chat with like-minded people? Bring your coffee and join us virtually, at 10:00am to chat with DCDP members. Invite your friends! Sign up here.

WESTERN DORCHESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CLUB

meets In person!! Masks are highly recommended. **May 23 and June 27 6:30 PM**

at Betty Cain/CLASSY SASSY 421 Parler Avenue, St. George, SC 29477



The deadline to register to vote is Sunday, May 15th at 11:59 PM

STATEWIDE DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY,

Tuesday, June 14, 7 AM to 7 PM **Don't miss it!**

EARLY VOTING

Dates and Times:

Dorchester County K.F. Waggoner Bldg (KFW Meeting Room-Clemson Extension): Tues., May 31 to Fri., June 10, 8:30 AM to 5 PM (closed Sat.-Sun., June 4-5) and June 11 (Sat.) 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. 201 Johnston Street, Saint George, SC 29477

Satellite Locations:

Rollins Edwards Community Center June 6 to June 10 (Monday—Friday) 8:30 AM to 5 PM. 301 North Hickory Street, Summerville, SC 29483.

Wescott Park

June 6 to June 10 (Monday—Friday) 8:30 to 5 PM. 9006 Dorchester Road, North Charleston, SC 29420.

DCDP PHONE BANKING

Remote, Join from anywhere. Help to maximize voter turnout in Dorchester County, in the **June 14 Democratic Primary,** by making voters aware of the primary and how to absentee vote. Click here to volunteer.

VIRTUAL FORUM FOR US SENATE May 18, 7 PM

Meet 3 SC Democratic women candidates, hosted by SC Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Register <u>here.</u>

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Click on the image to register. Tickets are \$150 each. DCDP will have one or more tables.

SCETV Politics Features

<u>This Week in South Carolina</u>

click on the link for online access.

SC Lede, bi-weekly podcast, with updates on State House debates and legislation.

In June, SCETV will host debates between the gubernatorial candidates. Check your user guide for date and time.

Download the free SCETV app <u>here</u>.

Check out **<u>Dr. Rubin's latest Blog</u>**, on Governor McMaster's failed deal with the Panthers. As usual, SC taxpayers are footing the bill for our government's ineptitude.

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SUPPORT OUR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

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May Special Election Tuesday, May 17th



Flip This Seat!! Vote for <u>ReZsaun Lewis</u> for SC House District 97 in the Special Election

on Tuesday, May 17th. The polls are open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Go to <u>SCVotes.gov</u> to check your registration.

See our new, updated, easy-to-use DCDP <u>website</u> https://www.dorchester democrats.com featuring our newly elected officers, a reformatted Events page with easy sign ups and our roster of candidates for the June Primary and November General Elections Democratic Primary Candidates in order of filing

Senator Mia McLeod for Governor Joe Cunningham for Governor William "Cowboy" Williams for Governor Calvin CJ Mack McMillian for Governor Dr. Carlton Boyd for Governor Krystle Matthews for US Senate Angela Geter for US Senate Catherine Fleming Bruce for US Senate Gregg "Marcel" Dixon for US House District 6 Dr. Michael Addison for US House District 6 Congressman James Clyburn for US House District 6 Lisa Ellis for Superintendent of Education **Rep. Jerry Govan** for Superintendent of Education (no website) Dr. Gary Burgess for Superintendent of Education **ReZsaun Lewis** for SC House 97 **Damien Daly** for SC House 97 (no website) **Rep. Joe Jefferson** for SC House 102 (no website) **Collin Holloway** for SC House 102 (no website) Click on the links to learn more about

our candidates and support your candidates of choice.

Vote in the Democratic Primary on June 14.

STATE OF THE STATE

The **State House** ends its legislative year on Thursday, May 12, sine die. The **Marijuana Bill might be** dead for the year, on procedural grounds. The **Trans Athlete Bill** is likely to pass.

<u>Murrell Smith</u>, R.--Sumter, has been chosen as the next Speaker of the House. Being from a rural district, he's expected to bring a new and different perspective to the House. Click the link for the April 28th US News article.

S.133, "Con Con," also know as COS (Convention of States), was passed and signed by Gov. McMaster, on 4/13, making SC 19th of the needed 34 states. If 2/3 of the states sign on, they can petition Congress to hold a Constitutional Convention to re-write the Constitution, with the goal of limiting the taxation and spending powers of the federal government, and its ability to regulate interstate commerce. Read *Post and Courier* article <u>here</u>. **Note:** Any proposals made during such a convention would still require 3/4 of the states or 38, to become law.

H 3444, Composition of the State Election Commission was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H 4568, this bill would require that abortion pills come with information about how to "reverse." It was based on disinformation, which was called out by medical doctors, and was sent to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

H 4245, caps how much an insured person can be charged for insulin, and was also sent back to committee.

McMaster wants, a "no-exceptions" abortion ban, and will bring the General Assembly back to debate it this summer, if Roe goes down. Post and Courier, 5/4/22.

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Why Democrats Are Against Education Vouchers

The real problem with vouchers is that they bleed our public schools to death. While they look like a gift to lower economic groups, they are undermining the system of public education that has traditionally lifted these groups out of poverty and into the middle class.

Both of our endorsed **Candidates for SC Superintendent of Education,** Lisa Ellis and Jerry Govan, guests at the April DCDP general meeting, are opposed to vouchers. Click <u>here</u> for our Primary picks.

The Radical Right agenda to destroy public education was aided and accelerated by the pandemic. Teachers resigned under the strain of added demands of remote learning, childcare and continued low pay. Repugs stoked the flames of parental angst about school closings, mask rules, books and gender.



For "Attack on Public Education," a brief history of public education and where the Radical Right wants to take us, listen to Lee Mc Gowan, **Politics Girl**, on <u>Apple Podcasts</u>, or wherever you get your podcasts.

SCOTUS LEAK AND BACKLASH

Editorial Opinion

Now it is more likely than ever that the **Supremes** will overturn Roe v. Wade, per the 1st <u>draft</u> of the decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health, by Justice Samuel Alito. Typically, while Repugs want to punish the leaker, Dems are up in arms at the prospect of losing a right that we've considered settled Federal Law for half a century. See **Politico** article <u>here</u>.

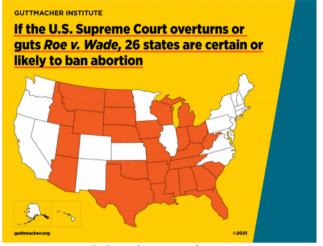
As a woman deprived of knowing my paternal grandmother because she died, before Roe, after a back alley abortion (when my father was 9 years old), this makes my blood boil. I hope the furious backlash of 100 million American women sends Radical Right strategists, their Dark Money donors and their minions back to the swamps where they sink into the quicksand that they've intended for others.

If Roe goes down, Trigger Bans and Zombie laws (old laws still on the books) will kick-in, in Republican-dominated states. **It will result in needless deaths and hardships for women and families while giving rapists rights over women,** because most of these laws do not make exceptions for rape, incest or risks to the health of the mother! Unintended perhaps, it will also add more "rapist DNA" to our gene pool.

Once this established right falls the Radical Right will come for others. It's time for the silent majority who think it should be a woman's choice (70% of US) to get loud. Go to the streets. Vote, vote, vote!

Urge our Senators to pass the **Women's Health Protection Act.** Watch who votes against it on Weds., May 11th, on C-Span 2, or livestream it <u>here</u>. Hold them accountable.

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Click on the image for more.

Political strategists, lawyers and others discuss SCOTUS Leak fallout: How We Win, Episode 134. Axios Today, 5/4/22. The Mary Trump Show, 5/4/22. 5-4, 5/4/22. Sisters In Law, 5/7/22. Legal AF, 5/8/22. Commentators discuss, "Do Supreme Court nominees lie at hearings," on FOX's Media Buzz, 5/8/22.

From SCDP's Trav Robertson:

"Once the Supreme Court overturns Roe, the fate of the abortion access will depend on the states. It is up to us to do everything we can to elect pro-choice officials in South Carolina who will defend abortion access.... We have from now until November to do everything we can to safeguard abortion access in South Carolina."

A thought "How about we treat every young man who wants to buy a gun like every woman who wants to get an abortion?..." See this <u>Tweet</u>.

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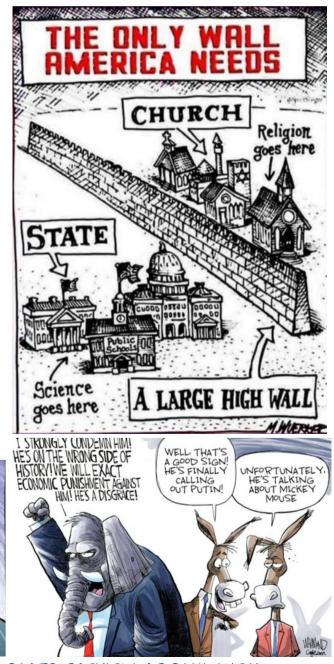
WAR ABROAD AND AT HOME





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Banned in Russia: A still shot from the animated series *Masyanya*, which addressed Russia's unprovoked full-scale attack against Ukraine in a recent episode.



RUSSIA IS RUNNING OUT OF SPARE PARTS: PREVIEW OF PAIN AHEAD

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Dr. Fauci warns of a possible summer uptick in Omicran-BA.2 cases in the Southern states, while Northern states will probably have a surge in the winter. Immunity to Covid wanes over time. Make sure that you're vaxxed and boosted, and continue to take precautions with group gatherings and while out in public.

Subscribe to CDC Updates delivered to your inbox <u>here</u>.

Free Testing Kits are still available <u>here</u> for 2 sets of 4 tests, per household.

CDC's video tells us when to get a self-test <u>here</u>.

The Biden Administration wants to make anti-viral drugs like Pfizer's Paxlovid more widely available by doubling the number of clinics and pharmacies that provide it. See this article from <u>The Washington Post</u>.

"No matter what happens on the journey, keep going." ——Harriet Tubman

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