

Campbell County Democratic Party

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Newsletter

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Ex-officio Members: Laurie Dowell and Greg Meyers.

Hello Campbell County Democrats.

The Democratic Party of Campbell County will begin publishing a monthly newsletter to keep Democrats informed of what is happening politically in Campbell County. To share news, fundraiser information and other matters of interest with fellow Democrats please forward to dianadarnell@zoomtown.com by the 25th of the month.

[A Letter from Our Chairperson, Sue Orth](#)

A Shame

Sometimes you can't hear what someone is saying because their actions are speaking so loudly. Such is the case with Senator Katie Stine over the last few days in the legislature. A bill that would require additional protections from drunk drivers met with opposition from Senator Stine in spite of support from law enforcement, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, and many other groups and individuals including former State Representative Jim Callahan's daughter, herself a victim of a drunk driver who very nearly died.

Senator Stine followed up that effort to enhance public safety and the well-being of Kentucky citizens with opposition to Senate Bill 4 which would facilitate organ donations to save lives. This was even after the bill was altered to accommodate concerns of the Catholic Church. But it was still not good enough for Senator Stine.

To cap the week's activity, as someone who clearly uses her position, not for the good of the people of Kentucky but for political advantage and to grind personal axes, Senator Stine opposed Senate Bill 23, which addresses a ban on texting while driving. She used a procedural maneuver to block a vote of the Judicial Committee that would surely have moved this legislation to the floor for a full Senate vote. The senator did this in spite of testimony in support of the bill by a commander of the State Police, other police organizations, the Transportation Department representative, and the support of an official and advocate for trauma care, which would receive funds from fines for breaking this prospective law in order to enhance life saving efforts in Kentucky. My goodness, even Oprah Winfrey has a crusade to save lives and property that are needlessly lost because of distracted driving through cell phone use with an emphasis on texting. It is well known that the most vulnerable drivers and the ones that are most likely to text while driving are our children.

While Senator Stine pays lip service to things like "right to life," her actions are screaming "I don't care for people as much as I do politics." My friends, family, and fellow Kentuckians need someone who will do the right thing for US not just a re-election campaign. My children and grandchildren are still precious to me after they are born.

News

Obama Cuts Taxes for 99% of Working Kentuckians

Recent polling shows that most people believe President Obama has either left taxes the same for this past year or actually raised them. The truth could not be more different.

Today the Citizens for Tax Justice issued a report on President Obama's tax cuts. Here are the key points:

- **99 percent of working families and individuals in Kentucky benefited from at least one of the tax cuts signed into law by President Obama.**
- **Working people in Kentucky received \$1,037, on average, from these breaks.**
- **These tax breaks benefitted working people at all income levels. [Click here](http://www.ctj.org/obamastaxcuts/ky.pdf) to read the full report.** <http://www.ctj.org/obamastaxcuts/ky.pdf>

THE NEW HEALTH CARE REFORM FACTS:

1. There will be **NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHILDREN WITH PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS.** The law prohibits health plans from

denying coverage to children with pre-existing conditions. This will go into effect in six months, September 2010. Beginning in 2014, this prohibition will apply to adults as well.

2. **YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO 26 CAN REMAIN ON THEIR PARENTS' INSURANCE.** The law requires health plans to allow young people up to their 26th birthday to remain on their parents' insurance policy, at the parents' choice. This will go into effect in six months, September 2010.
3. **INSURANCE COMPANIES CANNOT DROP PEOPLE FROM COVERAGE WHEN THEY GET SICK.** This will go into effect in six months, September 2010.

Want To Vote in the Upcoming Election? Here is Information You May Need.

Kentuckians who wish to vote in the upcoming May 18, 2010 primary election have until Monday to register to vote. The deadline to register for the upcoming May primary is Monday, April 19, 2010. County Clerks' offices throughout Kentucky will accept voter registration cards until the close of business that day.

A postmark of April 19th is also required for all mail-in voter registration applications. Registration cards can be obtained at www.vote.ky.gov/register or go to your nearest County Clerk Office.

Campaign Updates and Fundraisers

Julie Smith-Morrow Campaign

The Julie Smith-Morrow campaign for Kentucky Senate is underway and gearing up. A fundraiser is scheduled for May 7th and volunteers are needed to serve on several campaign committees. Visit www.Electjulie.com to sign up to volunteer. **Bumper stickers are in!** To request your bumper sticker, e-mail campaign@electjulie.com.

As we come to the end of the legislative session, it is apparent more than ever why we need a new Senator in the 24th District. Katie Stine has blocked and said no to job creation measures, funding for our schools and public protection. Join the Julie campaign today! www.ElectJulie.com

Julie Smith-Morrow for State Senate will have a fundraiser May 7th at Al and Kathy Pinelo's Wilder home located at 5 Major Court stating at 5:30.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Adam Acree being elected the new president of the NKU College Democrats. Welcome aboard Adam!

Events

Campbell County Democratic Woman's Club Jefferson Day Dinner will be Wednesday, April 21st, at the Syndicate starting at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$40.00 per person. Speaker is Kentucky State Auditor Crit Luallen and Colman Elridge, Vice President of Young Democrats of America and Executive Assistant to Governor Steve Beshear. For reservations or information call 859-322-1333 or email dianadarnell@zoomtown.com

Meetings

Campbell County Democratic Executive Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Southgate Community Building at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and encouraged to ask questions. For information call 859-781-3771 or email orth@insightbb.com

Campbell County Democratic Woman's Club meets the first Thursday of the month at different locations in the county. Location for Thursday, May 6th will be Donatos Pizza on 6th Street, Newport at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Campbell County Jailer Greg Buckler. For information call 859-322-1333 or email dianadarnell@zoomtown.com.

Campbell County Men's Club meets the 3rd Monday of the month at different locations in the county. Their April 19th meeting will be at Billie's Skyline starting at 7:30 p.m. For information email gchinn2@yahoo.com

Change for Campbell County meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at Perkins, Highland Heights at 7:00 p.m. For information call 859-750-4439 or email lnesbitt@insightbb.com.

Women's Network of Northern Kentucky meets the second Saturday of the month, alternating between the Syndicate in Newport and Chez Nora in Covington, at 11:30 a.m. Next meeting is May 8th Chez Nora. For information call 859-441-0825 or email lklembara@fuse.net

State Democratic Woman's Club will hold their spring board meeting in the 4th District this year. The meeting is April 30th at Bluelicks Battlefield State Park Resort, west of Maysville. Friday's board meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend.