Boone County Chair Resigns

On July 26, Boone County Democratic Chairperson, Angie Wood, informed members of the Democratic Central Committee of her resignation as chairperson and 5th Ward Central Committeeewoman, for health reasons.

Wood was elected chairperson at the reorganization meeting of the Central Committee after the primary election in August 2016. She is married to Homer Page, former Central Committee chair.

In an email sent to the members of the Central Committee, she said, “Thank you for giving me the honor and support which has made my service to you one of the highlights of my life. I am proud of the things we have accomplished during the last year. We have grown the Central Committee, expanded our communications with the Democratic base in Boone County, waged an aggressive campaign in 2016, moved to a larger headquarters, provided more support to our candidates, and set a plan in action which promises to continue our progress.”

Pursuant to the Boone County Democratic Central Committee Bylaws*, Darren Hellwege, Central Committee vice chair will succeed the office and a new vice chair will be elected. The next Central Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, August 10 (7:00 pm) at the Roger Wilson Boone County Government Center on Walnut St in downtown Columbia.

*Section 4.b., in the event of a vacancy in the office of the chair, the vice chair shall automatically succeed to that office and a new vice chair elected.

If you require a printed newsletter, please call 573-875-1245. To be sure your email is up to date, email scottcrystal@boonecountydems.net.

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HELP GET OUT THE VOTE AUGUST 8

The special election for the 50th Missouri House District is just days away. It’s time to get every vote we can for Democratic candidate Michela Skelton. Here’s how to help:

Be a Voter Buddy!
Voter buddies will be responsible for ensuring a group of voters has everything they need for a smooth Election Day.
Send an email to the campaign at info@michelaskelton.com to sign up!

Voter Canvassing
We canvass in groups, and no previous experience is required. Sign up for one (or more) shifts:
Saturday, August 5
Sunday, August 6

Fun Events
August 5 at 5:00 pm
Moniteau County Fair Parade
610 E South St., California, MO
We’re hoping to have a big group of supporters join us for the parade, part of the nation’s oldest continuous fair west of the Mississippi!
We’ll have campaign gear and candy to toss out to kids along the parade route. Please wear your campaign T-shirt!

Phone Banking
Make voter calls with us from Boone County Democratic Party Headquarters or call from home. We’ll provide training and scripts:
Thursday, August 3
Sunday, August 6

Donate
Make a contribution at www.michelaskelton.com
or mail a check to: Friends of Michela Skelton
c/o Dawn Sapp, Treasurer
P.O. Box 441
Ashland, MO, 65010
August Speakers Schedule

Muleskinners meet every Friday - Noon at the Columbia Country Club

Aug 4 – Ibtisam Barakat will discuss what it was like growing up Palestinian in Israel

Aug 11 – Larry Brown, One of America’s Best Storytellers, will pass along a few political stories

Aug 18 – David Webber will introduce his second play, Practicing Democracy

Aug 25 – Sheriff Dwayne Carey will present an update on his office with looks at the past and future

Sept 1 – Labor Day Holiday – No meeting

Frequently Asked Questions about Muleskinners

When do Muleskinners meet?
Muleskinners meet Fridays at noon at the Columbia Country Club off Old Rt. 63 North at 2210 North Country Club Drive.

Are there food and drinks?
An optional lunch buffet is available for purchase starting at 11:30 am. A coffee and tea option is also available to purchase.

If I’m not a Muleskinner, can I still come?
YES! The program is free and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend!
You may be aware that on June 1st, a new photo identification law went into effect that changed the type of ID that you can show at the polls on Election Day in order to vote. Remember – this law does not apply at all to absentee voting. The law has received a lot of attention and even spurred some litigation, but the important thing for voters in Boone County to know is that you’ll see very few changes at your polling place.

If you plan to vote on Election Day, there are now three identification options available:

**Option One – Photo Identification**

[Images of various IDs: Missouri Driver License, Missouri Non-Driver License, Passport, Military ID]

If you have a non-expired Missouri driver’s or non-driver’s license, a passport or a military ID, you will receive a regular ballot just as you always have.

**Option Two – Traditional Identification**

[Images of various IDs: Voter Registration Card, ID from a Missouri University, College, Vocational or Technical School, Utility Bill, Bank Statement]

If you don’t possess one of these IDs or you’ve lost, misplaced, or simply left it at home on Election Day, you can still show the same identification that was allowed under the old law. Voter registration cards from the clerk’s office, out-of-state driver’s licenses, Missouri university IDs, utility bills, bank statements, paychecks or government checks with your name and address are all still valid forms of identification at the polls, with one caveat. When you go to your polling place, you’ll also have to sign a statement under perjury that says that you don’t have a photo ID. In Boone County, that statement has been integrated into the iPad check-in that the voter uses at their polling place so the process is as close to seamless as possible. Under this option, you’ll receive a regular ballot and be able vote.
Option Three – No Identification

Finally, if you don’t have any ID at all or you don’t want to sign the statement that you don’t have an ID, you can go to your polling place and receive a provisional ballot. This is a different type of provisional ballot than the one that a voter would receive if he was potentially not registered to vote. A provisional ballot cast under the new law will be counted as long as 1) the voter is registered to vote; and, 2) the voter’s signature on the provisional ballot envelope matches the voter’s signature on their voter registration with the county clerk’s office; or, 3) the voter returns to the polling place with their valid identification.

The second component of this new law pertains to assisting voters that lack photo identification. Voters that want to obtain a photo ID can visit the local license bureaus to receive a nondriver license for free, provided they have their required documents – a birth certificate with name change documents, if necessary, and proof of your residential address. Voters that still need free copies of those documents can contact the Department of Health and Senior Services’ Vital Records Bureau at (573) 751-6387 or VitalRecordsInfo@health.mo.gov if they need Missouri records. For out-of-state records, contact the Secretary of State’s Office directly and they will help facilitate for free.

The most important thing, as always, is to make sure you’re registered to vote. In Boone County, you can register or update your registration online at https://www.showmeboone.com/CLERK/. The deadline to register has passed to be eligible to vote on August 8th, but you can still make updates, like changing your address after a recent move, at any time.

Any questions? Contact the Boone County Clerk at (573) 886-4375 or the Missouri Secretary of State’s Office at (866) 868-3245 or ShowIt2Vote@sos.mo.gov.

Special thanks to Brianna Lennon for providing this overview. Brianna was unanimous chosen by the Boone County Democratic Central Committee as their recommendation to Governor Greitens for the position of Boone County Clerk, after long time Boone County Clerk Wendy Noren resigned in June.

Lennon was selected as the first coordinator of the Missouri Secretary of State’s Elections Integrity Unit under then Secretary of State, Jason Kander. She worked closely with county governments to ensure that everyone eligible to vote could and that all elections were run openly and transparently.

Pictured left to right, 4th Ward Committeewoman Julia Bonham Hardy, Brianna Lennon and husband Scott. Photo from Boone County Democrats Archive, Facebook.
August Happenings
Connect at www.boonecountydems.org.

Our Revolution Monthly Meeting
Wed, August 2 | 6:30 – 8 PM
Carpenters Local Union 1925 Hall
404 Tiger Ln, Columbia, MO 65203

Central Committee Meeting
Thu, August 10 | 7 – 9 PM
Roger Wilson Boone Co. Gov Center
801 E Walnut St, Columbia, MO 65201

Volunteers are needed for Boone County Democrats booth at PrideFest Aug 26.
Sign up on the BCDP Facebook page: www.facebook.com/boonedems/

Special thanks to Volunteers who helped staff the HOT booth at the Boone County Fair!

Tom Pauley, MacKenzie Everett-Kennedy, Lyra Noce, Margaret Booker, John Klocke, Karen Farnam, Delaney Catlettstout, Nate Irvin, Laura Mikytytuck, Victor McFarland and Emily Gustafson

Special shout-out to Tom, MacKenzie, and John for working multiple days!
Join the Central Committee!

The Boone County Democratic Central Committee represents the Missouri Democratic Party in Boone County and performs functions required by the laws of the State of Missouri, the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Missouri Democratic Party.

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Expanding Grassroots Style

Be a part of this grassroots effort to make a difference in Boone County, Missouri and in our country! Together we can make changes for the better!

In June, the Central Committee expanded so that more people can have a direct say in the future of Boone County politics. In the past, each ward and township in the county got to send two people - one man and one woman - to the Central Committee.

Now each precinct in the county has the same capacity for representation!

And we want your involvement! Here’s what to do:

1. Go to the Boone County Clerk’s voting records page: [www.showmeboone.com/clerk](http://www.showmeboone.com/clerk) and type in your name to find out which precinct you’re in.
2. Email us at BooneCountyDemocrats@gmail.com and indicate your interest and your precinct!

It’s as simple as that! From there we’ll follow up with you on the details.

Propositions on the August Ballot

Boone County Democrats know to call their friends in the 50th Missouri House District and remind them to get out and vote for Michela Skelton on August 8th. But registered voters in Boone County have a few other issues to vote for too. Below are the propositions posted on the Boone County Clerk’s website for the election on August 8th.

**The Boone County Democrats do not endorse non-partisan issues, but always encourage voting.**

**BOONE COUNTY - PROPOSITION #1**
Shall the County of Boone continue to impose a county-wide sales tax of 1/2 (one-half) of one percent for the sole purpose of improving and maintaining roads, bridges and right-of-ways; reducing county property taxes levied for road purposes; and distributing revenues from the county road and bridge fund to cities and to the special road district above the amount required by law? The authorization for this sales tax shall expire September 30, 2028. Vote Yes or No

**CENTRALIA R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION 1**
Shall the Board of Education of the Centralia R-VI School District be authorized to increase the operating tax levy ceiling of the District by $0.60 per $100 of assessed valuation for the purpose of paying operating costs of the District? If this proposition is approved, the operating levy of the District is estimated to be $4.0482 per $100 of assessed valuation. Vote Yes or No

**NORTH CALLAWAY COUNTY R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION 1**
Shall the Board of Education of the North Callaway County R-I School District, Missouri, be authorized to increase the operating tax levy ceiling to $3.8809 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation in order to provide additional funds to better maintain its facilities, to hire and retain qualified staff, and to meet other operating needs of the District? (If this proposition is approved, the adjusted operating levy of the School District is estimated to increase from $3.1309, currently, to $3.8809 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the 2017 Tax Year and will be applied to the assessed valuation for each year thereafter.) Vote Yes or No

A favorable vote by a majority of the electors voting on the increase in the operating levy ceiling is required for approval.

See this notice for the special election and check your polling place at the Boone County Clerk’s website, [www.showmeboone.com/clerk](http://www.showmeboone.com/clerk) or call 573-886-4295
The Boone County Democratic Party is a full-time, year-in, year-out, year-round organization—that means we need your continued involvement. Please renew your membership for 2017! Your annual membership helps to provide the resources necessary. NOW with a joint option to pay both the Party and Muleskinners dues with one check.

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You may use ActBlue for one-time or ongoing monthly contributions online. Go to: www.boonecountydems.org, Then click on “Contribute” & select the Membership Fund. And, send us this completed form so we know how to direct your donation.

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www.boonecountydems.org/membership!

If you have questions about your membership card, contact Jade Govero, jadegovero@gmail.com.

Prefer the old-fashioned way? We’ll still accept cash or check and your paper membership form through mail or drop off at the Boone County Democratic Headquarters at 409 Vandiver, Building 5, Suite 104 in Columbia. If you have questions, please call headquarters at 573-875-1245 or email BooneCountyDemocrats@gmail.com.