

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS HENDERSON COUNTY
VOTERS GUIDE
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**US House of Representatives
District 11**

HEATH SCHULER –Democrat

Did Not Respond

JEFF MILLER-Republican

OFFICE SOUGHT: 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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AGE: 56

EDUCATION: Appalachian State Univ.

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner of Miller's Fine Dry Cleaning

Volunteer involvement in the community:

Founder of Honor Air

Past President, Henderson Co. YMCA

Past President, Henderson Co. Boys and Girls Club

Past President, Henderson Co. Heritage Museum

Former Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Margaret R. Pardee Hospital

Three pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

- 1.** In our current economic climate people are concerned with finding a job. Jobs will be my number one priority. Government should aid, rather than work against, job creators by making it easier for them to grow and invest here.
- 2.** I recognize the top two creators of jobs are business startups and business expansions. Therefore, I would focus government efforts and incentives for growing businesses here.
- 3.** Bottom line, businesses want certainty. Before they consider investing, job creators need to know they'll have an economic climate, which fosters success. I want small businesses to have a more predictable and stable tax environment.

NC State Senate District 48

CHRIS DIXON-Democrat

OFFICE SOUGHT: NC STATE SENATE DIST. 48

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AGE: 39

EDUCATION: Morningside College

OCCUPATION: Market Research

VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY: Most of my involvement relates to the occasional needs of my son's public elementary school.

THREE PRESSING ISSUES YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS IF ELECTED:

1. Working with local businesses, bi-partisan community leaders, and educational institutions to find new job-creating uses for vacant plant space across the district.
2. Providing more resources to parents of pre-K children to help them get prepared for school.
3. Working with local high schools and community colleges to prepare graduates for the workforce and create a drop-out "safety net" to help drop-outs get their diplomas as soon as they realize the value in it.

TOM APODACA-Republican

Website: www.senatorapodaca.com

Age: 52

Education: BS- WCU

Occupation: Consultant

Volunteer involvement in the community: Active in many civic activities over the last 30 years in the area. Not limited to, Boys & Girls Club, United Way, Junior Achievement, Lions Club, Little League Baseball, etc.

Three pressing issues you would like to address while in office.

1. Jobs-Creating competitive environment for jobs in WNC.
2. Education- Continue education improvement in Secondary, Community Colleges, and Universities.
3. Spending- Bring down state spending that has been unchecked for many years.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

NEDRA WHITLOCK MOLES-Republican

Website: n/a

Age: 56

Education: BS Degree in Sociology-Mars Hill College

Occupation: Register of Deeds HC

Volunteer involvement in the community:

Community Partnership for Pets, emphasizing importance of spay/neuter of pets.

The three pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

1. To continue working with land records and the IT Dept. of Henderson Co. to scan all plats (surveys) and condominium plans into the tax mapping site and make them available to public on the internet and to have a print site in the Register of Deeds office.
2. To continue locating Social Security numbers and Drivers License numbers on real estate documents so they can be removed before putting the images online on the Internet.
3. To begin scanning the real estate records prior to 2005 into the current indexing system.

REGISTER OF DEEDS (CONT.)

RODNEY ALLAN KING-Democrat

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. 1

JOHN MICHAEL EDNEY-Republican

Office Sought: County Commissioner

Website: www.edney2010.com info@edney2010.com

Education: BA-Political Science (UNC-Asheville)
Juris Doctor (Law Degree) (South Carolina)

Occupation: Attorney

Volunteer involvement in the community:

Numerous Boards and Committees over the past years, including 8 years on the Henderson Co. Board of Commissioners. Cub Scout leader, pro bono legal services.

The three pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

1. JOBS-Want to work to increase quality job opportunities for County residents.
2. CONTROLLED SPENDING-Want to provide high level of service to citizens at reasonable cost.
3. OPEN/RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT-Small town government atmosphere.

SCOTT DONALDSON-Independent

Office Sought: County Commissioner

Website:

Age:

Education

Occupation:

Volunteer Involvement in the Community:

SHERIFF OF HENDERSON COUNTY

RICHARD (Rick) DAVIS COUNTY

Office Sought: Sheriff Henderson Co.

Website: www.Re-ElectRickDavis.com

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Age: 45

Education: Assoc. in Applied Science-Criminal Justice Tech., Stanly Community College, Assoc. in Business Management/Air Transportation, Community College of the Air Force, Sheriff's Leadership Institute, NCSA/Duke University, F.B.I. National Academy Graduate, Certificate in Corrections, Advance Law Enforcement Certification, Community Policing Certification, Criminal Investigations Certification, School Resource Officer Certification

Occupation: Sheriff

Volunteer involvement in the community: Boy Scouts of America, Dist. Chairman for Henderson & Transylvania Counties, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5206, Life Member, N.C. State Grange, Edneyville, Kiwanis Club of Hendersonville, American Leion, Post #77, The Elks (BPOE) #1616, Knights of Columbus Council #7184, United Way of Henderson Co., former board of directors, Animal Services Advisory Comm., former board member, Dispute Settlement Center of Henderson Co, former board of directors.

The three pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

1. Internet Crimes Against Children Detective: Children are learning to use computers at increasingly younger ages, while savvy internet child predators continue evolving. Perpetrators are aware of stings while still preying on our children. Special investigators would eradicate these predators.
2. DNA Collection: DNA is proof to convict or to exonerate. Wide-spread DNA collection would provide an opportunity to get criminals off the streets before they escalate to larger crimes by tying them to DNA collected from property crimes, vandalism, misdemeanor assaults, etc.
3. 287g Detective: When conducting gang and/or drug investigations, we find suspects providing direct support (housing, transportation) for illegal activities. Having a 287(g) detective accompany narcotics or gang detectives would INSTANTLY dismantle such organizations.

SCHOOL BOARD

MICHAEL ABSHER

Office Sought: Henderson Co. School Board

Website: www.abshersherschoolboard.com

Age: 21

Education: High School Grad/ Attending College

Occupation: Student

Volunteer involvement in the community: I attend and a member of First Baptist Church of Hendersonville, and Relate Church of Asheville. At First Baptist Church, I sing in the choir and teach 3 year old Sunday School. At relate church, I run anything involving technology. I also volunteer at the Blue Ridge Community College Library. In the past I have helped our multiple other organizations like My Place, and Open Arms. I am currently helping an organization that promotes volunteers for Non-Profits.

Three pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

1. I want to fight for a ZERO tolerance stand on bullying. The number one I see in schools is the way bullying is endorsed. The administration is doing the best job they can, but we need to make sure teachers are helping to.
2. I want to fight for better conditions for Teachers and Students, by supporting all the building up grades that need to happen to keep our teachers and students healthy and safe.
3. I want to represent the student, teacher, parents and the community, by fighting for better education standards, and to encourage the county to give towards education.

JOSLYN BLEICK-

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LISA EDWARDS

Office Sought: Henderson Co. School Board

Website: mcmurphy1964@yahoo.com

Age: 46

Education: 1982 Graduate Asheville High School, currently enrolled at Blue Ridge Community College in Associate of Arts Program.

Occupation: Paralegal

Volunteer involvement in the community:

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts involvement for many years.

Vision Henderson County

Involved in Henderson Co. Schools for many years.

Three pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

1. High School Dropout Rate: Although Henderson Co. has seen a decline it is my goal to get parents more invested and involved in their child's education.

2. Providing Henderson Co. children with a quality education through tough economic times.
3. Anti-Bullying education: I would like to see our focus shift from automatically punishing both parties in an altercation to addressing the root problem.

AMY LYNN HOLT

Office Sought: Henderson County School Board

Website: www.holtforschoolboard.com

Age: 37

Education: South Dade High School
Miami Dade Community College

Occupation: Champion Service Experts, Business Owner

Volunteer Activity: A volunteer in Henderson Co. Public Schools for 11 years. I have served on the Clear Creek Elem. PTO for 9 years, serving 5 years as President.

I serve on Hendersonville Middle School's Advisory Board.

I serve on Hendersonville High's Band Executive Board Committee.

I also serve on Hendersonville High's PTO.

I am a representative of the Superintendent Parent Advisory Council, representing Clear Creek Elementary.

Three Pressing Issues you would like to address while in office:

1. I am running for Henderson County School Board because I think I bring a necessary perspective as a business owner, especially when it comes to finding the maximum value for each penny spent. I want to see our tax dollars spent effectively and efficiently, we are experiencing budget cutbacks at almost every level of government. We have to prioritize given the new circumstances.
2. I want teachers supported in the classroom; sufficient resources for teaching. Ensure that they have support from the system when they have discipline issues. Sufficient access to courses in professional development, support them so that they can do what they are meant to do, teach our children adequately in the classroom.
3. The bottom line is that I want to make sure that our children are ready for the 21st century, whether they are leaving our doors and choosing a career or choosing to further their education by going on to college. We have to integrate technology into the classroom. Some of our schools are more technologically advanced than others. They all need to be on even playing fields, and we need to be on a more even playing field globally. The global economy is not going to sit and wait for us to catch up to them.

MELISSA MAURER

Office Sought- Henderson County Board of Education

Website: melmaurer@windspring.com

Age: 49

Education: Attended Hendersonville High School and Appalachian State.

Occupation: Self-employed custom picture framer

Volunteer involvement in the community:

Over the years I have served on a number of boards of business organizations as well as non-profits: Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Hendersonville, Inc. Smart Start, Boys and Girls Club, Apple Festival, etc. Also served as asst. Girl Scout leader from Brownie to Gold Award.

The three pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

1. Budget issues-important to find ways to maintain a quality education for all our students, while finding many ways to cut back without hurting the classroom.
2. Continuous Improvement-while we look good with our good SAT scores, good graduation rates, a terrific variety of programs, etc., we must always strive to do better in all arenas of education.
3. Maintenance of facilities-we have done a great job of getting caught up, but we are never done. With funding from commissioners we need to continue to keep facilities in as good shape as possible.

JANE ORWOLL

Office Sought: Henderson Co. Board of Public Education

Email: jorwoll@hotmail.com

Age: 63

Education: Bachelor of Arts degree in French & English from San Diego State University and a fifty year added a California Secondary Teaching Credential, attended Cornell College, Mt Vernon, Iowa, and high school diploma from the Edina Public Schools, Edina, Minnesota.

Occupation: Homemaker

Volunteer involvement in the community:

A former board member and former chair of The Healing Place, Henderson County's sexual assault and child advocacy center; Participant in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Western North Carolina "Mentors and Matches" school program for several years at Bruce Drysdale; Involved in programs and leadership at my church, First United Methodist Church, Hendersonville.

The three pressing issues you would like to address while in office:

1. Good relationship and funding by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners in order to maintain our schools and provide excellent services to all of our students.
2. Continue to work on class size reduction and keep schools small.
3. Be sure that ALL students are challenged to be academically successful through high quality instruction.