

**Chatham County Democratic Party Weekly News Digest  
November 6, 2023**

**Election Day!**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 is ELECTION DAY for the Towns of Goldston, Pittsboro, Siler City, and Goldston Gulf Sanitary. Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**For a list of municipal elections and candidates, visit:**

<https://www.ccdpnc.org/2023-municipal-elections-and-candidates>

**To find your polling place, visit:**

<https://vt.ncsbe.gov/PPLkup/>

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**Message from CCDP Chair Sue Blalock**

As many of you know, the Chatham County Board of Elections was considering not including any Sundays during the early voting schedule for the March 2024 primary. However, they offered an opportunity for public comments and Chatham Dems made their voices heard. Last Tuesday, they voted 3-2 in favor of including one day of Sunday voting (February 25th) in the schedule for early voting during the March primary. The vote was split along party lines, with the Democrats on the Board supporting including one day of Sunday voting and the Republicans on the Board not supporting it. Because the decision was not unanimous, the decision will pass to the State Board of Elections. That Board will convene sometime in December to review all the non-unanimous county Board votes across the state (time and date to be announced). In the past, Chatham Democrats have sent in a lot of letters to the State Board in favor of Sunday voting. When I learn the date of the State Board meeting, I will forward information on where to direct letters.

As a bit of background, during the primary in 2022, only a few more than 300 people voted on the two Sundays included in the early voting schedule (one of those Sundays was Mother's Day). That is the argument for not including a Sunday in the early voting schedule for the 2024 primary. So, assuming that we are successful in keeping Sunday voting in the early voting schedule for the March 2024 primary, the burden will be on us to ensure that it is used.

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**Upcoming CCDP-Sponsored Events**

**November 7, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Training - Join Our Office Crew, CCDP Community Engagement Center, 628 East Street, Pittsboro**

Volunteer at CCDP's Community Engagement Center!

This training is held every Tuesday from 1:30 - 3:30 pm and covers everything you need to know to feel comfortable and competent staffing the office along with an experienced volunteer.

After this one-time training session, you will be a CEC Associate Office Staff Member and you will be paired with a Senior Office Staff Member. We will work with your availability and preferences and get you on the Staffing Calendar.

Sign up at: [Training - Join Our Office Crew](#)

**November 9, 10 a.m. – Training – Staffing Tent Events, CCDP Community Engagement Center, 628 East Street, Pittsboro**

Volunteer to Help Staff at a CCDP Tent at one of the many community events we participate in during the year.

This training is held as needed on Thursday mornings starting at 10 a.m. We cover everything you need to know to feel comfortable and competent staffing a CCDP Tent at one of the many fun community events we participate in each year. Even if you've staffed in the past come and get updated and see what's new!

Sign up [here](#).

**November 11, 1 - 2 p.m. – Training – Introduction to Voter Registration & Voter Education, CCDP Community Engagement Center, 628 East Street, Pittsboro**

Get ready to register people to vote! This one-hour training will cover how to help people fill out a voter registration form and give you answers to questions newly registered voters are likely to ask.

This is a great way to prepare for working in the CCDP Community Engagement Center, greeting people at CCDP events, canvassing, and a variety of other volunteer activities.

Sign up [here](#).

**November 13, 2023, 6:30 - 8 p.m. – Discussion of “Saving Us – A Climate Scientist’s Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World,” CCDP Community Engagement Center, 628-A East Street, Pittsboro**

Are you worried about the climate crisis? Want to know how you can help? You are invited to a discussion of an important book: "Saving Us - A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World" by Katharine Hayhoe. The discussion will be facilitated by Keith Johnson and Vickie Atkinson.

Called “one of the nation’s most effective communicators on climate change” by The New York Times, Katharine Hayhoe knows how to navigate all sides of the conversation on our changing planet. A Canadian climate scientist living in Texas, she negotiates distrust of data, indifference to imminent threats, and resistance to proposed solutions with ease. Over the past fifteen years Hayhoe has found that the most important thing we can do to address climate change is talk about it—and she wants to teach you how.

For more information, contact Vickie Atkinson at [vickie.l.atkinson@gmail.com](mailto:vickie.l.atkinson@gmail.com) or text 919-824-0974, or Keith Johnson at [kmjohnso15@hotmail.com](mailto:kmjohnso15@hotmail.com). It is not necessary to read the book to attend the discussion, though we hope you will.

**November 14, 3 – 5 p.m., CORA’s Turkey Tuesday Food Bank Collection Day, Food Lion, 70 Ballentrae Ct., Pittsboro**

Help CORA, our local food bank, this holiday season! Volunteers will offer shoppers a CORA Holiday Wish List as they enter Food Lion. Shoppers may choose to purchase items from the list and donate them for the food bank upon leaving the store.

Please wear your CCDP tee shirt, hat, and/or volunteer name badge.

People of all ages are encouraged to participate in this event!

Sign up [here](#).

**December 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Training – Introduction to Voter Registration & Voter Education, CCDP Community Engagement Center, 628 East Street, Pittsboro**

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This is a great way to prepare for working in the CCDP Community Engagement Center, greeting people at CCDP events, canvassing, and a variety of other volunteer activities.

Sign up at: [Training - Introduction to Voter Registration & Voter Education](#)

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**Other Upcoming Events**

**November 6, 5 - 7 p.m. –Board of Elections Business/Absentee Meeting, Board of Elections Office, 984 Thompson St, Suite D, Pittsboro**

The Board of Elections is meeting each Tuesday, beginning October 10th, prior to the Election on November 7th, to review all absentee ballots that were submitted to the Board of Elections since the previous meeting. During the Absentee Meeting the board will review the ballots and approve for final submission. The board meeting will be open to the public at the Board of Elections office; 984 Thompson Street, Suite D, Pittsboro, NC 27312 and online via GoToMeeting.

Meeting access information will be available to citizens prior to each meeting and available at the meeting.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/568077293>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Access Code: 568-077-293

United States: +1 (872) 240-3212

Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://meet.goto.com/install>

**November 9, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Community Conversation: What’s in Your Water? (Sponsored by CORE), Chatham Community Library, 197 NC-87, Pittsboro (Virtual option also available with registration)**

Come out and learn about how Chatham County PFAS water contamination affects Chatham's communities.

Featuring:

Katie Bryant, Microbiologist, Co-Founder of Clean Haw River

Dr. Jessica Merricks, Assistant Professor of Biology, Co-Founder of Clean Haw River

Aniya Scott, Elon Honors Fellow, Lumen Scholar

To register, go to: [CORE presents a Community Conversation with Clean Haw River: What's in Your Water?](#)

**November 9, 2023 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. – Troublemaker Training: Book Ban Edition, Sponsored by Red Wine & Blue (Virtual Event)**

Ready to stand up to right-extremists causing chaos at school board meetings? Want to defeat calls for book bans in your schools? Learn how to effectively get people to join

together and the tactics needed to impact issues in your community. Join us to discuss -- and make your voices heard in your community!

Sign up at: [Troublemaker Training: Book Ban Edition](#)

**November 14, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. – New Maps and the Path Forward, sponsored by Neighbors on Call (Virtual Event)**  
**Join at 7 p.m. for optional social time**

Featuring:

NC Senator Sydney Batch  
NC House Rep Ashton Clemmons  
Dr. Kimberley Hardy, NCDP 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

Republican legislators enacted our new 2024 districts last week.

Can Dems break the supermajority in 2024 (yes!), and what can we realistically hope to achieve beyond that? Which legislative districts will be competitive next year? Could lawsuits impact the outcome? We'll ask the experts. Then we'll roll up our sleeves and get to work.

Interactive maps on the Dave's Redistricting App:

- [NC House map \(2024 enacted\)](#)
- [NC Senate map \(2024 enacted\)](#)

Suggested reading:

- [“Power at Any Price: North Carolina’s latest gerrymander” from Carolina Forward](#)
- [“Newly Proposed NC Maps are more gerrymandered and less responsive than maps struck down in 2021”](#)

Sign up at: [Upcoming Events](#)

**November 15, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. – Banned Book Club November- Maus, Sponsored by Red Wine & Blue (Virtual Event)**

Join us as we read Maus by Art Spiegelman. Maus is a moving work of art often cited as the greatest graphic novel ever written. Art not only recounts the chilling experiences of his father during the Holocaust, he tells the story within the story about his tortured relationship with his aging father. This is an unforgettable story of survival and a disarming look at the legacy of trauma. You won't want to miss this.

Sign up at: [Banned Book Club November- Maus](#)

**November 18, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., ¡Despierta Carolina! Youth Leadership Summit, RECITY, 12 Broadway St, Suite B, Durham**

Join us for the ¡Despierta Carolina! Youth Leadership Summit. We are creating a space for NC youth to learn, connect, and feel empowered to take action in the 2024 election. This event is hosted in partnership with Poder NC Action, Siembra NC, Advance Carolina, Mi Familia Vota, and NextGen America. This all-day event will be hosted in Durham and will feature speakers and workshops that guide us to dream about what a future NC can look like for nuestra gente and what role all of us play in making that dream a reality.

Sign up at: [Despierta Carolina Youth Summit](#)

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**News from the North Carolina Democratic Party**

**North Carolina Republicans Pass Their Partisan Drawn Congressional and Legislative Maps**

North Carolina Republicans, with the state supreme court in their favor, unveiled and passed new legislative and congressional maps.

The congressional map would drastically change the congressional delegation from its current 7 Dems- 7 Republicans to a potential 11 Republicans- 3 Democrats scenario. **This is one of the most aggressively gerrymandered congressional maps in the country.**

**Statement from Governor Cooper:**

"Enabled by the State Supreme Court's partisan reversal of constitutional law, Republican legislators have rolled out their latest illegal maps that show gerrymandering on steroids. Drawn in the back room and armed with their new law that keeps their plotting secret, they have used race and political party to create districts that are historically discriminatory and unfair."

**NCDP Hires Kian Sadjadi as Executive Director**

After a nationwide, nearly year-long search for a new Executive Director, the North Carolina Democratic Party is excited to announce Kian Sadjadi as the new Executive Director.

Kian is a Nevada native and got his start in the political world as a volunteer in college. After spending a number of years as a web developer, Kian was inspired to move into politics in a professional capacity. He worked for the Nevada Democratic Party in 2018 and 2020, before moving to the DCCC in 2022. Between cycles, Kian worked on local and municipal races in Las Vegas and New York City, with his most recent role being as

the state program director for the AFL-CIO, where he focused on voter research and lobbying for positive legislation in a number of states.

**Statement from Chair Clayton:**

“I’m thrilled to welcome Kian to Goodwin House. The stakes couldn’t be higher in this next election and I know Kian’s experience as an organizer and his track record of winning competitive districts is exactly what North Carolina needs. We have a lot of work to do and I’m excited to partner with him in this fight.”

**Statement from NCDP Executive Director Kian Sadjadi:**

“I’m honored and excited to be NCDP’s new Executive Director. All eyes are on North Carolina this cycle and I know this team has what it takes to show the country that we can and will win. I believe in Chair Clayton’s vision and I’m ready to hit the ground running to give our voters a message to vote for and deliver these crucial wins.”

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**News from NC House Democratic Leader Robert Reives**

November 1, 2023

Hello,

With redistricting wrapped up, the 2023 Long Session has finally come to a close. While there will continue to be some Oversight hearings, the work of this year's General Assembly is largely done.

Redistricting, as we expected, resulted in new maps for the State House, State Senate and Congress that largely cement the power of the majority party. You can read a full statement after the passage of the maps that was released below.

I continue to believe that North Carolina would be best served by an independent body empowered to draw legislative and congressional maps. The ultimate power to elect representation in government should lie with the voters themselves.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Reives II

Watch Rep. Reives’ [Floor Speech](#) on Redistricting

Below is an op-ed written by Rep. Reives that was printed in the Raleigh News & Observer prior to the redistricting process this year.

### **Rep. Reives, House Democrats highlight bad policies from 2023 Long Session**

Rep. Reives and House Democrats held a press conference Tuesday to highlight the bad policies enacted over the previous year. Rep. Reives spoke about power grabs, Rep. von Haefen spoke about attacks on bodily autonomy, Rep. Gill spoke about efforts to dismantle public education, Rep. Buansi spoke about bad changes to elections laws, Rep. Morey spoke about attacks on the independent judiciary, and Rep. Harris spoke about policies in the State Budget.

"For five years Governor Cooper was able to keep in check the excesses of one-party rule, but that ended this year," **Leader Robert Reives said.** "Most recently, the General Assembly drew up legislative and congressional maps in secret, cementing their power through gerrymandered maps and preventing North Carolinians from holding them accountable at the ballot box."

**You can read the full press release and quotes from all of the speakers here.**

### **Toyota announces more jobs for Randolph County**

On the heels of Governor Cooper's trip to Tokyo last month to meet with Japanese business executives, Toyota announced they would be increasing the size of their investment at the Randolph County EV battery plant.

Toyota announced an additional \$8 billion of investment, an increase that will yield 3,000 new jobs to the existing 2,000. All told, Toyota will invest \$13.9 billion and create 5,000 jobs for the area.

The Greensboro-Randolph mega-site is located by Liberty. The size of the facility will be 7 million square feet, according to the Triangle Business Journal, which equates to 120 football fields.

**TBJ: Toyota swells size of NC battery plant with additional 3,000 jobs**

**Business NC: Toyota adds \$8 billion and 3,000 jobs to battery plant in Randolph County**

**WRAL Techwire: Toyota brings 3,000 more jobs to NC electric battery plant, now a \$13.9 billion investment**

**Rep. Reives' House District remained the same after redistricting. The district includes all of Chatham County and the towns of Liberty and Staley in Randolph County.**

**Robert's Rules on WCHL**



Rep. Reives appears regularly on 97.9 The Hill to provide updates on the General Assembly.

You can listen to his October appearance below.

**October 11th:** North Carolina District 54 Representative and House Minority Leader Robert Reives spoke with 97.9 The Hill's Andrew Stuckey on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. He discussed the latest from the General Assembly in Raleigh, including the latest round of veto-overrides. He also talked about strategies for engaging the electorate, and the latest round of redistricting from Republican lawmakers.



**Listen to their conversation here.**

## **Other News**

**WRAL: Latest fight over NC political power heads to court**

**Chapelboro: Chatham County Opens New Emergency Operations Center in Pittsboro**

**WRAL Techwire: NC emerging as a clean energy hub: Governor's take on TVs, Toyota, VinFast, lithium mining**

**TBJ: Wolfspeed begins hiring for 1800-job semiconductor factory in North Carolina**

**WRAL: Appointments, redistricting and judiciary moves are culmination of NC Republicans' march to power**

**EdNC: Governor announces funding to expand breakfast programs in NC public schools**

**Axios Raleigh: The battle over NC's new political maps will center on race**

**WFDD: State officials say exodus of elections officials is cause for concern**

**N&O: North Carolina joins lawsuit against Instagram, Meta over effects on kids**

**CBC Editorial: The people grant power to legislators, but is it ending in NC?**

**NC Newline: Many women can't access miscarriage drug because it's also used for abortions**

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## News from Neighbors on Call

### NC Policy Update for 10-30-23

#### Governance

- [On Tuesday Republican lawmakers filed an appointments bill replacing most of the Board of Transportation and appointing seven new superior court judges](#). SB 761 capitalizes on new appointment powers the NCGA took away from the governor and allocated to themselves. Governor Cooper criticized the appointments on Tuesday.

#### Fair Representation

- [On Wednesday the NCGA approved new maps for congressional, state House, and state Senate districts](#). The new congressional map creates 10 solid Republican districts, 3 solid Democratic districts, and 1 district that leans Republican. Four current Democratic U.S. House representatives are now in Republican or Republican-leaning districts. State House and Senate maps also solidify Republican majorities in the NCGA, even in elections in which Democrats win the majority of votes statewide.

#### Further resources:

- ["Power at Any Price: North Carolina's latest gerrymander"](#) from Carolina Forward
- ["Understanding North Carolina's state legislature"](#) from Carolina Forward
- ["Newly Proposed NC Maps are more gerrymandered and less responsive than maps struck down in 2021"](#) from Quantifying Gerrymandering at Duke
- [NC House map \(2024 enacted\)](#)
- [NC Senate map \(2024 enacted\)](#)

#### Education Policy

- [The NC Supreme Court has granted a discretionary review of the Leandro school funding case at the request of Republican legislative leaders](#). The Leandro decision, which found that North Carolina must adequately fund education across the state, is nearly 30 years old, but it has continued to appear in courts as it is determined what specific funding is required from the state. This represents another issue on which the current NC Supreme Court is willing to reconsider decisions made less than a year ago by the previous NC Supreme Court.
- [On Tuesday Governor Cooper announced a plan to allocate \\$1.4 million in federal funding for school breakfasts](#). The funding will be administered through a grant program that school districts and charter schools can apply for, with awards of up to \$50,000 for new or expanded innovative breakfast programs.

#### Environmental Policy

- [On Tuesday Governor Cooper issued an executive order mandating a study of environmental impacts and pollution in poorer areas of North Carolina.](#)  
The order also calls for the creation of an online environmental justice hub that includes maps showing various environmental justice metrics across the state, creates an environmental justice council that reports to the governor, and requires each state cabinet agency to develop at least three environmental justice goals and measurable outcomes.

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## News from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson

November 3, 2023

### Kicking Santos Out of Congress

Now that we've got a Speaker, we're taking votes again. This week, some of our votes were substantive and some were symbolic. Examples of symbolic votes included:

- Reducing the salary of the Director of Bureau of Land Management to \$1
- Reducing the salary of the EPA Administrator to \$1
- Reducing the salary of the Secretary of the Interior to \$1

None of those votes passed.

We also had a vote that combined substantive and symbolic: the expulsion of Rep. George Santos.

There is, of course, strong agreement among just about everyone that he fabricated huge portions of his life story. He is also charged with multiple felonies related to the alleged misuse of campaign money.

I've called on him to resign and I still think he should.

But here's the issue with expelling him this week: The House is doing an ethics investigation into him right now. They've interviewed about 40 witnesses, reviewed over 100k documents, and we are getting a report in about two weeks.

In the history of our country, we have only kicked out five members of Congress. The precedent has been they get some kind of due process before that happens. Getting convicted of a crime involves due process, as does a formal ethics report. But since we don't have either of those things yet, what this vote would have done is change the precedent going forward. The new precedent would be that members of Congress could be expelled before receiving any kind of due process, either internally (ethics investigation) or externally (judicial system).

That would be bad. In my view, it is far better to allow for a process in which the accused has the opportunity to be heard and has some rights.

Skipping due process might feel ok with someone like Santos because he's a bit of an obvious case, but the question posed by the expulsion vote wasn't really about him. To me, it was about whether we wanted to change the threshold for how members can be expelled going forward, and that struck me as a mistake.

It's also completely unnecessary because we can just wait two weeks and do this properly. The ethics committee is preparing their report and having that will allow us to know that we've given him due process, it will leave the existing precedent intact, and I think it will probably end up making the case against him much stronger because of all the evidence they've reviewed.

Which raises the question: Why was this expulsion vote brought now instead of in two weeks, when we'll have the ethics report?

Because there's a group of congressmen in the majority party from New York who are worried about T.V. ads that are going to run in the next election that tie them to Santos. So, as a pre-emptive defense, they are being as aggressive as possible in attacking Santos as often as they can.

Which is fine, I get it, but this week their tactic was to try and skip over due process and expel him before the ethics report comes back, and they did that to make it look like they're really beating him up.

So, the vote failed. He was not expelled - not yet.

I wound up voting against most of my party on this, but I thought it was the right thing to do.

To be clear, I am fine with kicking him out and will vote to do so, but there's no reason to do that before the ethics report comes back.

By the way, for everyone who saw the headlines about people voting not to expel Santos and thought, "What in the world? Why would anyone do that?", I hear you. If all I had seen were the headlines, I would have thought the same thing. It just so happens there was more to the story.

Best,

Jeff

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## News from U.S. Senator Thom Tillis

November 1, 2023

Friends,

There is so much partisanship and division in our politics that it often seems like a miracle when elected officials can set aside party labels for the greater good. As your U.S. Senator, I've worked to find common ground to produce results – even when it isn't always popular with my own party.

One of the results I'm proudest of is helping negotiate, write, and pass the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA), landmark legislation that President Biden signed into law last year. BSCA is the largest investment in community-based mental health and substance use care in American history.

The unprecedented investment of more than \$13 billion in mental health, school safety, and crisis intervention programs is already producing results across North Carolina. I've been focused on working directly with state and local leaders to make sure North Carolina becomes a role model for successfully implementing the evidence-based mental and behavioral health programs and support services included in BSCA.

Continuing this momentum, I was proud to be the lead Republican in launching the [Bipartisan Senate Mental Health Caucus](#) this month. This bipartisan caucus will provide a platform for senators to work collaboratively to reduce the stigma around mental health, raise awareness about the new funding and resources provided by BSCA, and encourage our elected officials to continue working together to make additional improvements to our mental health care system.

[I spoke at the press conference announcing this new bipartisan initiative and why the issue of mental health is so personal to me. I hope you'll take a moment to watch.](#)

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, please know that help is available. Call or text 988, which provides 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress regardless of where you live.

Mental health is truly one of the biggest challenges facing our nation. It impacts every North Carolinian directly or indirectly. I'll keep working across the aisle to break the stigma and provide the necessary funding and support to ensure all Americans have access to the care they need and deserve.

Sincerely,  
Thom Tillis

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## Selected News and Opinion Stories of Note

AP News: [North Carolina State Auditor Beth Wood says she won't seek reelection in 2024, in a reversal](#)

Axios Raleigh: [Embattled NC House Speaker Tim Moore to run for Congress](#)

Axios Raleigh: [The battle over NC's new political maps will center on race](#)

Cardinal and Pine: [Every North Carolina House Republican voted for an anti-abortion extremist for Speaker](#)

Cardinal and Pine: [What a governor Mark Robinson would mean for rural education in North Carolina](#)

Carolina Forward: [A Brewing Constitutional Crisis](#)

Carolina Public Press: [NC Increasingly Funds Crisis Pregnancy Centers, While Advocates Point to Lack of Accountability](#)

Chapelboro: [Early Voting is Ending for 2023 Local Elections: Here's Where to Go in Orange, Chatham and Durham Counties](#)

Chapelboro: [NC House Minority Leader Shares Thoughts on Latest Round of Redistricting and Maps](#)

Chapelboro: [Chatham County Opens New Emergency Operations Center in Pittsboro](#)

County-to-County: [What Can Be Done About the Lack of Affordable Housing?](#)

County-to-County: [Republicans Allow Housing Discrimination](#)

EdNC: [Funding to expand N.C. school breakfast programs](#)

FWIW: [Under the radar pro-Trump Facebook network grows](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [There Are Elections on Tuesday, and We Have a Lot of Work to Do](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [6 Days To Go - Keep Working It Everyone!](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [5 Days To Go - Keep Working It Everyone!](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [A Week From Election Day, The Speaker Stumbles Bigly Out Of The Box, Hamas' 2m Human Shields](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Let's Make This A Big Weekend, People!](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Early Votes Picking Up in Virginia, We Are Closing Strong](#)

Medium: [North Carolina House Democrats Highlight Bad Policies from 2023 Session](#)

NC Health News: [Transgender youth in NC face medical “whiplash” from gender-affirming care ban](#)

NC Health News: [Nurses head to campaign school to run for office](#)

NC Health News: [State looks to close digital divide for farmworkers](#)

NC Health News: [Mental healthcare limited for foster children](#)

NC Health News: [Cursed At. Shoved. Punched. Bitten. Violence Against Doctors and Nurses is Rising. A New N.C. Law Aims to Help Protect Them.](#)

News & Observer: [North Carolina joins multi-state lawsuit against Meta, Insta](#)

News & Observer: [Clayton Somers tapped as special Superior Court judge](#)

News & Observer: [NC insurance commissioner makes moves critics call political](#)

News & Observer: [Mike Causey fires leaders in NC State Fire Management office](#)

News & Observer: [NC Democrats slam Bishop for post about Jackson and TikTok](#)

NY Times (May require subscription): [Two Judges, Two Approaches](#)

NY Times (May require subscription): [Opinion | The Fed Could Inadvertently Get Trump Re-Elected. Should It Care?](#)

NY Times (May require subscription): [Opinion | Mike Pence's Hell Is Ours Too](#)

NY Times (May require subscription): [Trump Leads in 5 Critical States as Voters Blast Biden, Times/Siena Poll Finds](#)

The Assembly: [How Tim Moore Put a Sanctioned Lawyer on Panel That Sanctions Lawyers](#)

The Hill: [Mark Meadows Sued By Book Publisher Over False Election Claims](#)

Triangle Business Journal: [Wolfspeed now hiring for 1,800-job semiconductor factory in North Carolina](#)

Washington Post (May require subscription): [N.C. Gov. Cooper: Republicans' new map 'will be challenged'](#)

Washington Post (May require subscription): [Opinion | The Black prosecutors taking on Trump know what they're facing](#)

WFDD: [State officials say exodus of elections officials is cause for concern](#)

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WRAL: [NC judges give Cooper partial victory over legislative Republicans in separation of powers court case](#)

WRAL: [NC Democrats hire Sadjadi as new executive director](#)

WRAL TechWire: [NC emerging as a clean energy hub: Governor's take on EVs, Toyota, VinFast, lithium mining](#)

WUNC: [North Carolina House Speaker Tim Moore plans to run for Congress, his political adviser says](#)

WUNC: [State Board of Education approves procedures for 'Parents' Bill of Rights' appeals](#)

WUNC: [Trump candidacy challenge has echoes of case against former NC Rep. Cawthorn](#)