

## Mayor's campaign; CCDP needs your help!

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*Sherene Williams, candidate for Lawton's Mayor, ran a good race on June 9, 2015! She polled 2,027 votes to Fitch's 2,639, a mere 612 vote difference! To put it another way, if 307 votes had shifted from Fitch to Williams she would be our Mayor in Lawton. By the way, there were only 122 absentee ballots cast, and only 477 people took the opportunity to early vote on Thursday and Friday before the Tuesday election. We must do better than this!*

Still, **congratulations are in order for Sherene Williams** for demonstrating how to campaign and being an excellent candidate. She showed she was not afraid to walk door-to-door talking to voters face-to-face. :

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Two cancellations of upcoming events:

**Democrats Care Forum**, which is usually held on the 4th Monday of each month (June 22, 20a5) is **cancelled**. The Dems Care Forum Chair is out of town on that date.

**Cornbread & Beans lunch**, ordinarily conducted on the first Friday of each month, is **cancelled** because that Friday lands on July 3, the day before the holiday.

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Mark on your calendar: **Monday, July 20, 2015, at 6:00 pm.** This is our monthly meeting at the Great Plains Technology Center, 4500 SW Lee Blvd., Lawton, Building 100, Room 118 (the Auditorium.) Cookies, other snacks and bottled water would be gratefully accepted

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**Seniors Alert!** The Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments is holding its first **Senior Expo from 8 am to 4 pm, June 26, 2015**, at the Great Plains Tech Center, 4500 SW Lee, Lawton, in Building 100, Room 118 (the auditorium). This ought to be easy to find, as this is the same place where we have our monthly meetings.

The expo is free to seniors. Breakfast and lunch are included. Services available to seniors will be explained. There'll even be activities, speakers and presentations if you're so inclined. Wear your Democratic lapel pins, put Dem stickers on your bumpers so that the attendees know who you are.

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Needs at the Comanche Co. Democratic Party office:

- 1) the office is in severe need of **sweeping and mopping**;
- 2) the Chair needs a **volunteer who will serve one day each week** from 11 am to 3 pm (any day Monday through Thursday), to assist him in doing project follow-up, filing the mess on his desk, and a multitude of other things. It would be good to get a new volunteer who is not already volunteering at the office;
- 3) we need a **10-ream case of 8 1/2 x 11 copy paper**. I believe there's a sale (today only--Thursday, June 18) at Office Depot of such paper for \$26.99 per case. That was sent on-line, so I'm not sure if it's available in-store for that price. Please call to ask.

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Thanks to **Donna Bebo** for conducting the precinct leaders' training at the Lawton Library on June 13. Thanks also to **Glenda Stewart** who conducted a previous precinct leaders' training at our office. Both training sessions received rave reviews. Thanks Donna and Glenda for a job very well done! For those of you who attended these sessions, please convey your thanks to Donna and Glenda!

There will be a future precinct leaders' training session on the VAN/votebuilder --- probably in the fall. Date and place not yet determined. In the meantime, if you are a precinct chair and you don't yet have an account for access to your precinct voter information on the VAN, contact Charles Kolker at (580) 351-7265 for an appointment to get that set up.

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Thanks also for all the **hard work of the volunteers who did a fabulous job in putting on the spring picnic at the West Pavilion!** Special thanks to **Pam Smith**, Food and Welcoming Committee Chair and **Barbara Harrison**, who collected and tabulated tickets.

There were many, many generous donors, Among some of the most generous: **Bar S**, which donated a case of wieners; **Jeff Bolds**, who donated \$100 to pay for the hamburger patties and his wife, **Angela**, who donated 150 hot dog buns; **Bill Pitts** also donated 100 hamburger buns. **Johnnie Collier** donated a case of water & 330 plastic cups. **Steven Howard** brought in a huge box of paper plates, plastic ware, cups and various other picnic needs. **James Goodwin** was his usual generous self (he contributes cookies, soda and then a check at every monthly meeting). Many helped at the picnic itself, and there were a long list of food donors of every imaginable kind of food. Thanks to all of you! (And forgive me for not naming each and every wonderful one of you who helped.)

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The party needs the assistance of Native Americans who are Democrats to act as ambassadors to the various tribes and nations. We Democrats have supported Native Americans for office, including Gary Yackeyonny for Assessor in Comanche County. We need to do more of that, and support Native American needs. Please help us do that.

Call Charles Kolker at (580) 351-7265, or better yet (so I'll remember it) email me your contact info and what you're willing to do, at [ckolker@aol.com](mailto:ckolker@aol.com).

**WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP! PLEASE CALL, OR E-MAIL: Charles Kolker, Chair, Comanche Co. Democratic Party, (580) 351-7265; [ckolker@aol.com](mailto:ckolker@aol.com).**