

# GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

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## YOUTH FEATURE – DEVONTE WILSON!



**HENDERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS  
SHINE IN HOLIDAY PARADE!**



**Thanks to Isabel Cutler for these pictures.**





**MORE THAN 300 DEMOCRATS ATTEND  
SCOTLAND COUNTY BANQUET!**

**Congratulations to County Chair Dr. Walter Jackson and the Democrats of Scotland County for having more than 300 people at their Purcell-Yongue Recognition Banquet at the Baptist Assembly Building in Laurinburg.**



**Attorney General Josh Stein was the Keynote Speaker. Josh draws crowds wherever he goes! He always delivers an enthusiastic informative speech.**



**Attorney J. Robert Gordon was honored by the Scotland Democrats for his many years of service to the Democratic Party. Former Laurinburg Police Chief Robert Malloy presented this award.**



**State Representative Garland Pierce was awarded a plaque for his longtime work in the legislature by County Party Chair Dr. Walter Jackson.**



**Hoke County Sheriff Herbert Peterkin and Richmond County Sheriff James Clemmons congratulated Rep. Pierce on his award.**



**Attorney General Josh Stein, former Senator Bill Purcell, former Representative Bill Yongue with County Chair Dr. Walter Jackson.**



**Patrolman Martin, former State Senator Gene McLaurin, and 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Candidate Dan McCready**



**Hoke County Party Chair Jim Davis, NC College Democrats President John Easterling, and John Moore who is President of the College Democrats at UNC-Greensboro**





**WANT TO SEE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL?**

**Look at all these Scotland County Democrats at their Purcell-Yongue Banquet!**



**This is the largest Democratic turnout  
in Scotland County in many years!**







**MECKLENBURG DEMOCRATIC WOMEN HAVE BIG CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

**The strong Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County held a happy Holiday Party at the Charlotte law office of Tin, Fulton, Walker & Owen. Democratic Supreme Court Candidate Anita Earls is in the center of the festive picture above.**



**Belle Leonard, Mary Milan & Elaine Bermudez had fun. County Party Chair Jane Whitley**



**Eric Trosch, Leigh Altman & Ann Wood Marilou Mabe & Hospitality Chair Lisa Connors**





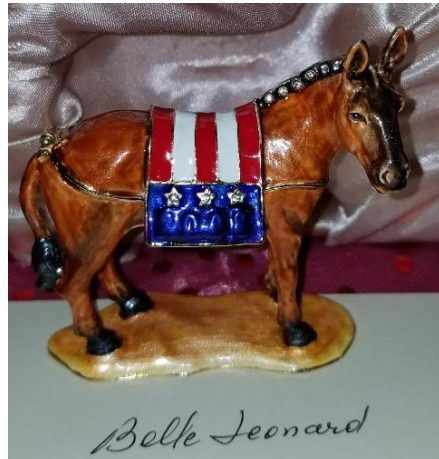
**Attorney Noell Tin was happy to host the DW Party at his office. He proudly hosts several major Democratic events at his office every year.**



**Lisa Ellsworth, Belle Leonard, Susan Zach, Rep. Mary Belk, & Elizabeth Goodman**



**New Charlotte City Councilmen Larken Egleston, Braxton Winston, & Tariq Bokhari**



**This wooden donkey was presented to DW Historian Belle Leonard.**



**MAJOR ENDORSEMENTS FOR ANITA EARLS  
FOR SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA!**



**Governor Jim Hunt: “Anita’s service to North Carolina is undeniable. She has been at the forefront of the fight for fair maps and voting rights in our state, and she has dedicated her life to achieving fairness, equality, and justice. I look forward to supporting Anita as she seeks to represent all North Carolinians from the bench of North Carolina’s Supreme Court.”**

**Linda Wilkins-Daniels, President of the African American Caucus of the North Carolina Democratic Party:**

**“Anita has spent her life fighting for the rights of African-Americans across North Carolina, beating back racial gerrymanders and racist voter ID laws to ensure that every North Carolinian – regardless of color or background – has equal rights and opportunity. I am proud to support her candidacy for the North Carolina Supreme Court and look forward to her continuing to fight for equality and justice across our state.”**







### **WILMA LANEY MAKES HISTORY!**

**Wilma Laney was elected to the Aberdeen Town Council in November. She is the first African-American elected to the Aberdeen Town Council since 1893.**

**She is the first African American woman ever elected to that body. She ran on a campaign platform that promised “an ear to listen and a voice to speak.”**

**Wilma is former Chair of the Moore County Democratic Party and former President of the Democratic Women of Moore County.**

**Current Moore County Democratic Party Chair Paul Dunham said of Wilma’s election: “These are significant historic achievements and we should celebrate them with her. We want to be sure we celebrate all of our elected Democrats, but the significance of Wilma Laney’s election and the fact that she has been such an active participant for the Party calls for special recognition! Democrats can write to Wilma at: [WLaney3@nc.rr.com](mailto:WLaney3@nc.rr.com)**

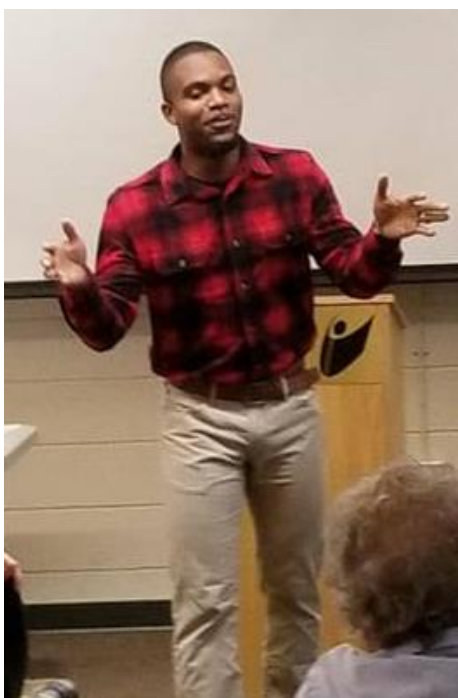
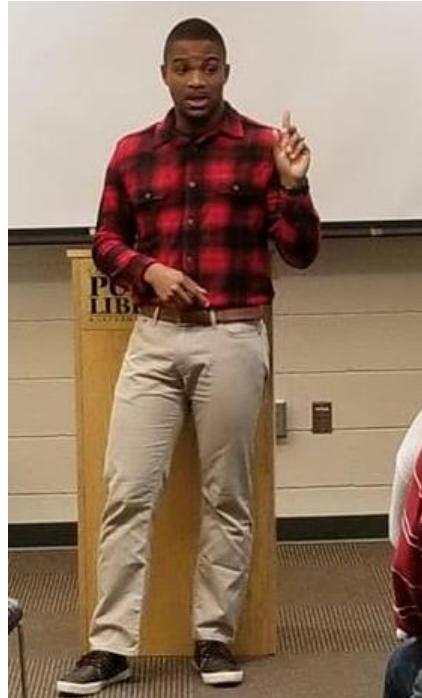


### **JESSICA HOLMES ELECTED CHAIR OF WAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS!**

**Attorney Jessica Holmes was elected Chair of the Wake County Board of Commissioners last week. What makes this picture beautiful? All seven Commissioners are Democrats!**

**Picture by Edward Jones**





## **YOUTH FEATURE – DEVONTE WILSON!**

**When Devonte Wilson recently spoke about precinct organizing to the Senior Democrats of Cumberland County, everyone agreed that he gave one of the best presentations they had ever heard – on any subject! Devonte puts his whole heart into everything he does in the Democratic Party! Want to be inspired? Look at this video which shows part of his talk:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/ryan.staggers/videos/10208071746871582/>**

**Originally from Moore County, Devonte recently graduated from UNC-Greensboro with a BA degree in Political Science specializing in Pre-Law Concentration. He also earned a minor in History specializing in Communications and International Leadership.**



**Devonte is Minority Affairs Director of the Young Democrats of North Carolina. In this position he has initiated an “Each One Teach One” program which is designed to bring Young Dems together for training which they can take back to their home counties. His first meeting in Greensboro drew Young Democrats from Forsyth, Guilford, and Rockingham counties. At this well-attended meeting Devonte and other speakers gave Young Democrats training on skills and tactics which they can implement in their home counties.**

**He is currently organizing a meeting for Young Dems in Orange, Durham, and Wake counties. Then he will have meetings in Charlotte and Wilmington. He is planning to continue holding these meetings until the week before the State YD Convention in March.**





**At age 23, Devonte is a busy young man! He is Third Vice Chair of the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Party. In this position he is focusing on organizing precincts across the district.**

**He is Chair of his home precinct, Eastwood Precinct, at West End in Moore County.**

**Devonte is also a Goodwin Fellow in the State Democratic Party working under Deputy Executive Director Doug Wilson. In this role Devonte is setting up meetings with faith-based leaders in the eastern part of the state. He is also developing meetings with NAACP leaders and LGBT groups.**

#### **DART IT OUT!**

**Devonte has authored a book which will be coming out in early 2018. It is entitled "Dart It Out!" About this work he has penned, Devonte says "With patience, precision, and position (the 3 Ps) you will hit the bullseye every time!"**

**It is a life motivational book, encouraging people to look like where they want to go, instead of where they have been.**



**This young man is the Millennial Pastor of his church. On December 3rd Devonte substituted for his pastor by leading the entire Church Service at St. Peter The Rock Church in West End.**

**Yes, he preached the sermon also.**

**Democrats are invited to write to Devonte at: [dswmay20@gmail.com](mailto:dswmay20@gmail.com)**





**During his years at UNC-Greensboro, Devonte became a Big Brother with the Greensboro Big Brother, Big Sister program.**

**In these pictures he is with his Little Brother, Zique Teague.**

**Devonte met Zique over a year ago. He says” I love him dearly!”**

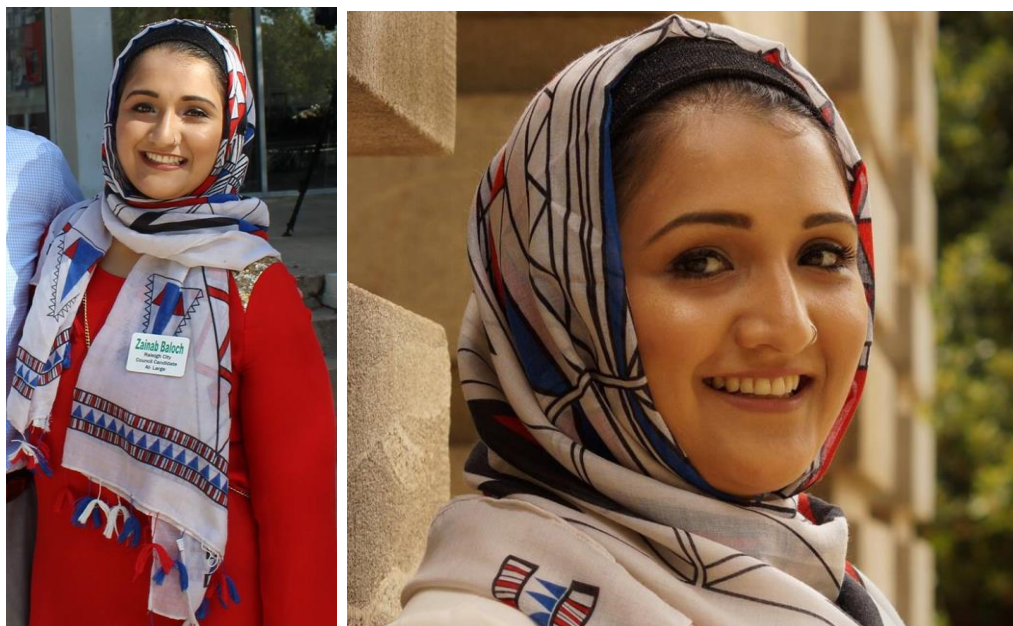
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**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS PORTRAIT!**

**Governor Cooper and  
NCDP Finance Director  
Meredith Cuomo  
are radiant in this picture  
in front of a Christmas tree  
in the Executive Mansion.**





**ZAINOB BALOCH ELECTED WAKE PARTY VICE CHAIR!**

**Zainob Baloch of Raleigh was elected to the position of Third Vice Chair of the Wake County Democratic Party at the December 5<sup>th</sup> County Executive Committee meeting. Zainob became well known when she received more than 10,000 votes in the recent Raleigh City Council election.**



**MICHAEL WILSON & SCHNIKA PENDER ELECTED!**

**Two bright Democratic stars were elected to the NCDP State Executive Committee at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Wake County Democratic Executive Committee. Michael Wilson is shown with Senator Jeff Jackson in the picture on the left above.**

**Schnika Pender is in the picture on the right above. This picture by Ed Jones.**

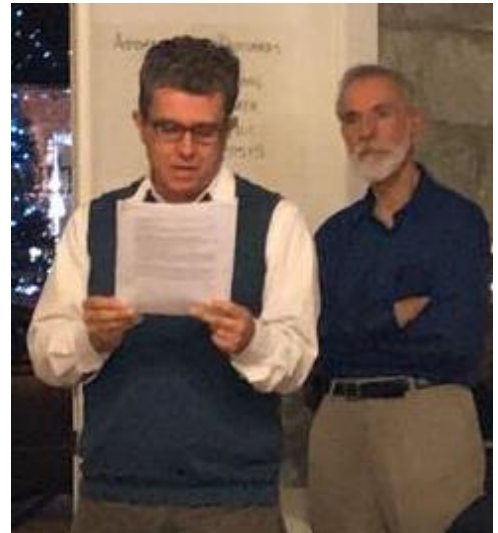
**Both of these outstanding Democrats will be welcomed at the January 27<sup>th</sup> SEC meeting!**





**GOP CANDIDATE DIDN'T SHOW UP – EMPTY CHAIR TOWN HALL!**

**More than 100 citizens turned out for a Town Hall meeting with GOP Congressman George Holding in Youngsville. The Congressman didn't show up. Citizens spoke from the microphone about issues that concern them. They also wrote many post cards about those issues. All those cards were mailed to Holding.**



**This was all the citizens saw of their Congressman. Chuck Tryon was one of the speakers.**



**Congratulations to Chuck Tryon, Andrea Biondi, and these other leaders who are determined to get a new Congressman for the Second Congressional District!**





**TOM, JILL, & KATIE HENDRICKSON HOST DEMOCRATS!**

The Hendricksons know how to celebrate the Christmas Season. They invited lots of Democrats to a festive event at their Bennett Bunn Plantation near Zebulon on December 9<sup>th</sup>.



**Britt and Ann Cobb with Elaine Marshall and Tommy Bunn**



**Cal & Elizabeth Cunningham with Santa Claus**



**Jill Hendrickson with Paxton Howard and Dale**



**Senator Floyd McKissick, Brenda & Larry Pollard**





**Many children enjoyed face painting!**



**Judge Brian Collins with daughter Maegan who loved the face painting**



**State Democratic Party Vice Chair Matt Hughes with popular Court of Appeals Candidate Allegra Collins**



**Jill and Tom Hendrickson with Susie Privette**



**The Johnny Folsom 4 Band entertained.**



**The Hendrickson's tree reached to the ceiling.**





### **CABARRUS COUNTY DEMOCRATS!**

**Cabarrus County Democrats are enjoying their new permanent County Party Headquarters in Concord. The picture above was made when Secretary of State Elaine Marshall came to their Headquarters. Ingrid Nurse (left) and County Chair Dawn Larma (right) happily welcomed Elaine.**



**This cheerful picture was made when Justice Mike Morgan of the Supreme Court of North Carolina spoke at the Cabarrus Party's Blue Plate Special Breakfast. Ingrid and Dawn are on the right side of this picture. Two more good Democrats are on the left.**





**JEFF & OWEN JACKSON TOP OFF THE TREE!**

**What a happy father-son picture! State Senator Jeff Jackson of Charlotte lofted his son, Owen, onto his shoulders to finish decorating their tree.**

**The Jackson family sends Happy Holiday greetings to Democrats all across North Carolina!**

**Your Democratic Friend,  
Melvin Williams, Secretary  
North Carolina Democratic Party**