

# **GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!**

**JANUARY 16, 2018**

## **YOUTH FEATURE – DREW KROMER!**



### **ROGER COOPER ELECTED 13<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CHAIR - AT AGE 19!**

**13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Democrats met in Salisbury on January 6<sup>th</sup> to elect a new Chair and a new Secretary. 19 year old UNC-G student, Roger Cooper, was elected District Chair and Sheree Simon was elected Secretary.**

**The new lineup of District Officers in the picture above are: First Vice Chair Aron Johnson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair Billie Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Tricia Stevens, Treasurer Alice Mitchell, District Chair Roger Cooper and Secretary Sheree Simon.**

**In the 2016 election this Thirteenth Congressional District was the most closely contested Congressional District in the state! The Democratic candidate came within 6% of winning!**



**At the 13<sup>th</sup> District meeting in Salisbury: Iredell County Party Chair Carey Parker, Congressional Candidate Beniah McMiller, Congressional Candidate Adam Coker, Congressional Candidate Kathy Manning, Rowan County Party Chair Geoffrey Hoy, and Davie Chair Pamela Faircloth.**



### **LET'S LEARN ABOUT AMAZING ROGER COOPER!**

**Originally from Spring Lake, NC, Roger is a Senior at UNC-Greensboro where he studies Political Science. That's right: he is a Senior at age 19!**

**Roger got his first political party experience while in middle school, when he worked to organize precincts in Spring Lake and served as an Intern for the Mayor. Since then Roger has been an active Democrat who travels across the state trying to help elect Democrats everywhere possible.**

**His goal as District Chair is to help breathe fresh air into the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. He hopes to "increase the visibility of young Democrats who are eager to work and capable of becoming leaders."**

**Roger also serves as the very active President of the College Democrats at UNC-Greensboro where he has worked to activate and organize Democrats on his campus. In his tenure as President he has successfully re-branded the Chapter and driven up interest in the political process for students.**

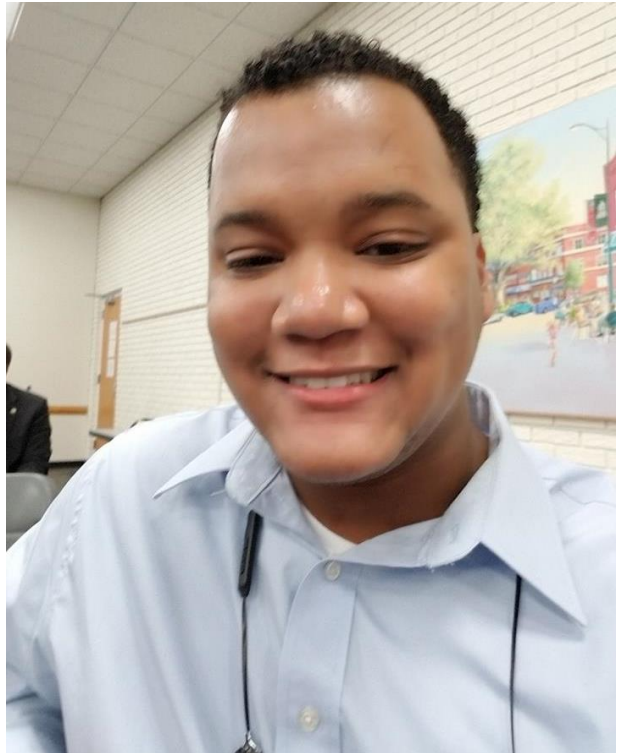
**Roger is a hardworking young man who shows that dedication and sacrifice can take a person far. Who knows how far this Democrat will go? We will be waiting to see & cheer!**



**ROGER WITH DEB, THE DEMOCRATIC DONKEY  
WHO IS THE MASCOT OF  
THE UNC-G COLLEGE DEMOCRATS!**

**Roger's email address is: [RTCoope2@uncg.edu](mailto:RTCoope2@uncg.edu)**





**Roger Cooper made his first speaking appearance as District Chair at the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Davie County Democratic Party in Mocksville.**

**After he spoke Roger said: "We went on to have great discussion about how and what we need to do to elect Democrats in Davie County and beyond. We were also able to discuss the potential of the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court's decision that day and potential ramifications.**

**Roger continued: "Democracy shall have the last say if I have anything to do with it. I know the Davie County Party will be here for the fight as well. I now have a new determination to fight for the representation of Democrats everywhere."**



**On January 10<sup>th</sup> Secretary Sheree Simon, Chair Roger Cooper, First Vice Chair Aron Johnson, and UNC-G Democrat Devon Moody traveled to the State Employees Credit Union in Rocky Mount to take care of the 13<sup>th</sup> District's financial business. Before redistricting Rocky Mount was in the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.**



### **JANE PEPPLER HOSTS A PARTY AT WHICH 10,000 DEMOCRATIC POSTCARDS WERE WRITTEN!**

Jane Peppler attracts talented Democrats who are ready to swing into action to organize and build the Party! Jane is on the left in the picture above.

Like many people, Jane was motivated by the results of the 2016 election to do everything she can to defeat the racist hate-filled right wing extremists. She heard about an organization named SwingLeft.org which was recommended by Hillary Clinton. SwingLeft targets congressional districts which need to be turned from red to blue.

The swing district nearest to Jane was the Second Congressional District. (She lives in Chapel Hill in the 4<sup>th</sup> District which is gerrymandered very blue.)

She decided to start canvassing. Her first canvasses were in Holly Springs, where Larry Boone and Susan Barnard were very helpful. Jane, Larry, & Susan found 30 volunteers in Wake Precinct 06-08 and got that precinct organized!



Jane has recently been working in the Zebulon area with Katie Kondylas. They did some canvassing but because many of the voters were in rural areas along narrow roads with no parking on the shoulders, they decided to use a different – and highly successful – tactic.

Jane and Katie remembered how much fun it was to write postcards for Doug Jones' campaign in Alabama and they decided to try the same thing in three precincts in the Zebulon area.





**Roger Lynn Spears designed the postcard and Jane ordered 3,000 of them. She learned how to use Microsoft Access, downloaded the Board of Elections data for those three Wake precincts, and made mailing labels for Democratic households who voted in 2016. The cards are inviting people to a February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting about precincts and why and how to get involved.**

**Jane thought about how hard Elizabeth Crudup of the Progressive Democratic Caucus is working in Harnett County and she decided to order 7,000 cards for all of Harnett County, targeted at underserved minority Democratic-voting household. The Harnett cards invited them to a meeting about precincts and how to get them organized.**







**Amazing!** During the snow-filled first weekend of January, Jane had a two-day Postcard Open House at her home to finish labeling, stamping, and writing personal notes on these 10,000 postcards. 40 adults and 7 kids/teenagers showed up for shifts!

They wrote a personal note on each and every card. During those two days, they did all 10,000 cards!



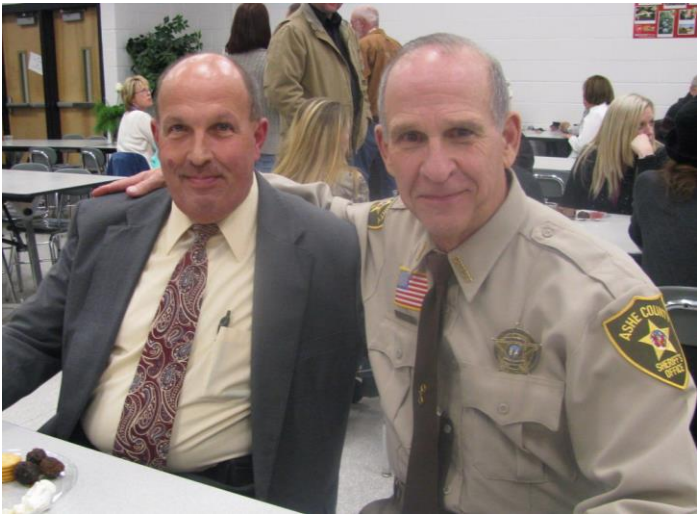
People have asked who financed all these cards and the postage for them. It was expensive - they are top quality postcards and they spent 34 cents per card on postage to give the cards a personal touch. Jane paid for everything herself and then set up a GoFundMe campaign to get donations to cover these expenses.

**72 people donated \$3,429 in 17 days!** That came within \$400 of Jane's goal.

Now Jane has heard from Democrats in other areas including Chatham, Cabarrus, Brunswick, Franklin, and Nash counties asking if they could do this too and if they could use the graphics Jane's group used.

Jane replied: "Of course! I am happy to help ANYBODY set up a postcard campaign. I will even make the mailing label files for you!"

Democrats can contact Jane at [Jane.Peppler@gmail.com](mailto:Jane.Peppler@gmail.com).



**Bucky Absher with former Sheriff  
James Williams**



**Look at the people standing at the back  
who came to support Bucky.**

## **DEMOCRAT KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN TO UNSEAT CONTROVERSIAL SHERIFF IN ASHE COUNTY!**

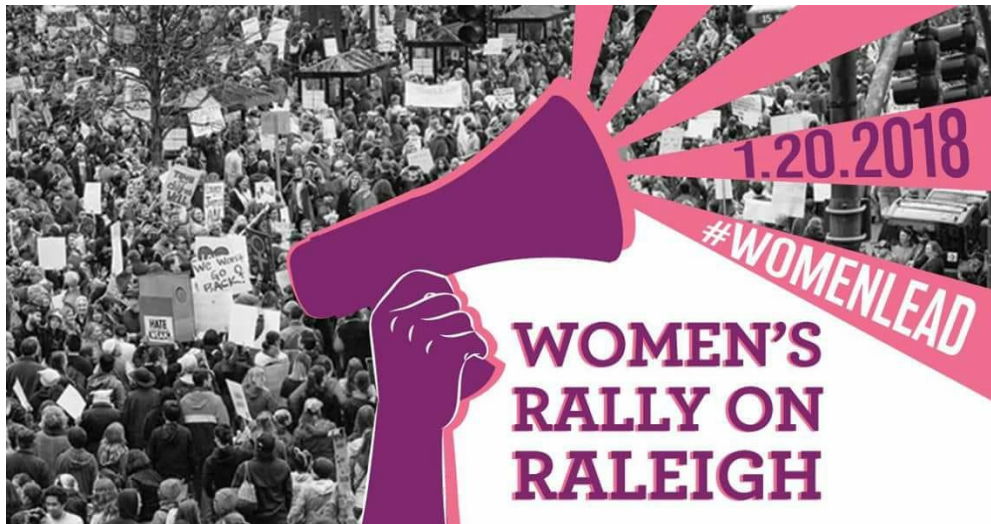
A standing room only crowd packed into Smoky Mountain BBQ restaurant in West Jefferson on January 10<sup>th</sup> to support Democrat Bucky Absher as he began his campaign to unseat GOP Sheriff Terry Buchanan. **Buchanan is currently suspended from office and under indictment for felony obstruction of justice!**

Bucky Absher was a Chief Deputy in the Sheriff's Department for 35 years under long-serving Sheriff James Williams.

When Williams retired a year ago, Absher was a leading contender to replace him by appointment of the Ashe County Commissioners. However, by a 3-2 vote, the Commissioners chose Republican Terry Buchanan instead.

Events following a public records request from WBTV in Charlotte for the cell phone records of Buchanan and the County Commissioners who voted for him were detailed in a petition for removal produced by District Attorney Tom Horner. One of the Commissioners who voted for Buchanan, Gary Roark, resigned his office last November.

Most of the information in this article came from Jerry Wayne Williamson's "WATAUGA WATCH" publication. Jerry writes: "With Absher in the race, Ashe County Democrats are poised to make a strong showing up and down the ballot in November!"



**WOMEN'S RALLY  
ON RALEIGH!  
9:00AM, January 20<sup>th</sup>  
Halifax Mall  
16 West Jones Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
NCDP VICE CHAIR  
NIDA ALLAM  
WILL SPEAK AT THIS  
RALLY!**





## **YOUTH FEATURE:**

## **DREW KROMER!**

## **MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

**Drew Kromer is a 20 year old rising Senior at Davidson College who currently holds five positions in the Democratic Party:**

- **Chair of Precinct 206 Democratic Party in Davidson (Second Term)**
- **Vice President of the College Democrats of North Carolina**
- **Regional Director of the Southeast Region of the US for the College Democrats of America (His territory includes AL, FL, Ga, MS, NC, PR, SC, & TN)**
- **Second Vice Chair of the Mecklenburg County Young Democrats**
- **Member of the State Executive Committee of the NC Democratic Party (Second Term)**
- **He has previously served as 3rd Vice Chair of the 12 Congressional District Democrats**

**Drew is taking off from college this Spring Semester to be a Campaign Manager for a State Representative race in Mecklenburg County. He will return to Davidson in the Fall as a Senior. He was a semester ahead in school and, therefore, very fortunate to be able to take this campaign opportunity while still being able to graduate on time with the rest of his class.**

**At Davidson, he is a Political Science and Social Entrepreneurship double major. After completing most of the Political Science requirements in his first two years at Davidson, he created his Social Entrepreneurship major with a few faculty members. He is the first student at Davidson to take this major. Drew says: “ I enjoy paving new paths!”**



**Drew designed this billboard “to mess with Senator Tillis and his staff when they refused to hold a Town Hall Meeting.”**

**This billboard was paid for by Scott Huffman and his Indivisible group.**

**It was on display on Interstate 77 for a month.**





**Drew Drew and some of his Davidson peers posed for this picture with their poster before going to a Trump rally in Fayetteville to protest. They made the news the next day for creating such a” fantastic ruckus!”**

**Of all his positions in the Party, his favorite role is Precinct Chair. He says: “I really enjoy what we are accomplishing in our Davidson precinct. Here are some of the highlights he and his fellow precinct Democrats have done:**

- 150 active Democrats**
- Designed, produced, & created forum announcements and a voter guide for the 2017 Davidson town Municipal Election**
- Organized and hosted two candidate forums with all the mayoral and town board candidates of Davidson, drawing over 450 people with an additional 700-plus persons viewing from the precinct’s web page streaming (Precinct206dems.org.)**
- Raised nearly \$3,000 to support these activities**
- Voter turnout in the municipal election increased from 10% in 2015 to 39.5% in 2017.**
- Flipped the town government from only two Democrats (out of six) to four Democrats!**
- Achieved diversity among our active precinct members with a good mix of students and faculty from Davidson College as well as those from the community. The level of cooperation between the College and the community is new and exciting!**

**NCDP First Vice Chair Aisha Dew  
and  
NC College Democrats President  
John Easterling  
with Drew at the  
2017 State Democratic Women Convention  
in Winston-Salem**





## **DREW WITH GOVERNOR ROY COOPER AT A SEC MEETING**

**Drew's Precinct 206 is heading an effort to have a massive Volunteer Pep Rally at Davidson on February 19<sup>th</sup>. They are looking forward to drawing several top Democrats and elected officials from around the state. Their goal is to have about 700 people attend this happy event!**

**Along with his love for political activities, Alex also loves business! He has been an entrepreneur since he started a videography company in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**When he arrived at Davidson, he and a few friends opened up a marketing consulting firm. This business primarily did videography and websites. Two summers ago he and his partners opened an office and hired several employees to help grow the business .**

**Drew has worked with a few campaigns and several medium-sized businesses. He spent a year helping to open a 20,000 sq. foot indoor high ropes course in Charlotte. He is no longer involved with that company.**

**Recently Drew began a new adventure which is a product development company. His goal is to build a new camera accessory for the cinema camera industry. Why? His marketing firm owns a few cinema cameras for making movie-quality commercials. Yet these cameras have an extremely expensive memory storage problem. He and an electrical engineer friend have set out to build an accessory for the cinema camera industry that would dramatically lower the cost of filming. They currently have electrical designs, a few prototypes, and several investors.**

**They are hoping to finish the prototyping phase in the next two months and go into full-scale production. Their goal is to have their new product on the shelves and in the equipment bags of filmmakers within the next nine months!**



**In the picture above Drew is kneeling beside NC College Dems President John Easterling, State Representative Duane Hall, and NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes.**





**STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHAZ BEASLEY WITH DREW**

**Drew says: “I know it is cliché, but since I was seven years old, I have always dreamed of being a US Senator from North Carolina. That dream remains true to this day.**

**“Every day I am trying to make the world a better place, whether that is through my businesses, political work, or volunteering. The idea of running for office is merely an extension of that mentality. I believe we all have an opportunity to make a difference and our society needs us more now than ever.”**

**Drew plans to run for local office, either Mecklenburg County School Board or NC State Representative, in a couple of years.**

**He says: “In the meantime I am going to continue helping other young people run and get elected to office because I believe our voice is currently being under-represented.”**





### **TOM SIMMONS ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE!**

**One of North Carolina's most dedicated Democrats, Tom Simmons of Brunswick County, has announced his campaign to unseat a GOP incumbent in House District 17.**

**Tom is currently serving as Second Vice Chair of the Seventh Congressional District Democratic after serving 10 years as the 7<sup>th</sup> District Treasurer.**

**For more than 30 years Tom was a Principal and Assistant Principal at public schools in Bladen, Hyde, and Brunswick counties.**

**He is a graduate of East Carolina University's Education Doctorate Program.**

**He has also held the position of Vice President of the National Principals Caucus.**

**Tom's wife, Janis Simmons, is the remarkably outstanding Chair of the Brunswick County Party.**



**Governor Jim Hunt recently talked with Tom about his campaign for the legislature.**



# A Fresh Face for the Fifth



**Jenny Marshall** is a life-long progressive who has worked on dozens of political campaigns over the years. Jenny taught 8th and 9th grade social studies at John F. Kennedy High School, a Title I Priority school in Winston-Salem, before resigning in July to run for Congress. She is running to bring power back to working families in North Carolina. Her grassroots campaign has gained national attention.

## Jenny is Fighting For

- **Jobs that pay:** Jenny will push to raise the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour and raise wages for workers that rely on tips.
- **Social Security, Medicare, and Healthcare:** Jenny is committed to fighting the privatization of Medicare and cutting of Social Security. She supports Bernie Sanders's Medicare for All legislation that would provide quality healthcare to all.
- **Strong public schools:** Jenny is a fierce advocate for public education, including fixing inadequate funding structures. She will fight for fully-funded public education from early childhood through college.
- **Environmental protections:** Jenny believes in investing in clean, renewable energy sources; increasing sustainable building; and clean air, soil, and water protections.



Jenny with supporters at the Dixie Classic Fair



marshallforhouse



@marshall4house



@marshallforhouse

# ENDORSEMENTS



The Progressive Ballot



## Why Jenny Will Win

- Jenny is a seasoned grassroots organizer who knows what it takes to reach voters in our district.
- Citizens are tired of the status quo GOP leadership both at home and in Washington, D.C. They are looking for new, progressive ideas which is what our platform provides.
- Jenny grew up in a small town before moving to Winston-Salem and relates to people of all walks of life. She sees herself in the people who live here, making her an ideal leader for the fifth.

## Our Accomplishments

- 2,400 individual donations
- \$37.00 average donation
- 5 national endorsements.
- 3 local endorsements
- 6 nationally broadcast interviews
- 200+ events attended
- 10,000+ palm cards handed out
- 256 Volunteers
- 3,100+ Facebook likes
- 6,300+ Twitter followers
- 400 Instagram followers

**"No other campaign has gained this much national recognition in a race against Virginia Foxx. Now is our chance to bring power back to people in our district." -Jenny Marshall**





Ignite the Change North Carolina fundraiser with special guest Marianne Williamson



Jenny protesting health care cuts at Senator Burr's Office



Team Marshall visited the Ashe County Democrats for their Fundraiser Picnic

## FOR ALL OF US



Speaking at the Community Mosque of WS

"Jenny is running the kind of campaign that really connects her with the people in our district. We are excited to have a candidate here who gets out in the community like she does!"

Sunny Calhoun,  
Volunteer



Talking to voters about what matters to them at the Kernersville Folly.



Jenny celebrated the LGBTQ+ community at Winston-Salem Pride





### **CABARRUS COUNTY DEMOCRATS!**

**Even though it was 12 degrees outside, Cabarrus County Democrats filled their County Headquarters in Concord for their Blue Plate Breakfast on January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes can be seen in the center of the picture above.**

**Eighth District candidates for Congress Scott Huffman and Frank McNeill addressed the crowd.**



**County Chair Dawn Larma is at the podium in the picture above. She and the Cabarrus Dems have detailed plans to organize their precincts and get more and more people involved this year.**





**After the breakfast congressional candidate Scott Huffman happily discussed issues with Cabarrus Democrats. Scott is a very active leader of Indivisible.**



**Former Aberdeen Mayor Frank McNeill (left) enjoyed talking with Cabarrus Democrats. Frank is a candidate for Congress.**



### **MEG HOKE NAMED CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR NORM BOSSERT CAMPAIGN!**

**Talented Meg Hoke has been named Campaign Manager for Norm Bossert's strong campaign for State Senate. His Senate District includes Transylvania, Henderson, and southern Buncombe counties.**

**Meg has become known in progressive circles for organizing and hosting weekly postcard parties resulting in over 12,000 postcards being written in the last year by volunteers regarding Federal, State, and Local issues.**

**Meg states: "Norm is a dependable, steady presence who always takes time to really talk with people and learn what matters to them. As a retired principal who dedicated his career to education, he has strong opinions about public schooling. He is also a champion for healthcare, housing, and environmental issues. I am a social worker, so it's important to me that a candidate have compassion for those who are vulnerable and struggling. Norm is that kind of man.**

**Ms. Hoke moved to this district in 2005, having fallen in love with the mountains as a child visiting her grandparents there. She attended Wake Forest University and has a Masters in Social Work from the University of Texas in Austin.**

**Norm Bossert says: "Meg's training in communication and coordination are absolutely vital in her position as Campaign Manager. Plus, she has such a heart for it. Meg is the perfect person for this role!"**

**Meg says: "2018 is going to be a great year!"**

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**CONGRESSWOMAN ALMA S. ADAMS, PH.D.**

REPRESENTING NORTH CAROLINA'S 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

# THE STATE OF THE DISTRICT

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018**

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

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320 EAST NINTH STREET | CHARLOTTE, NC 28202**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO CONGRESSWOMAN ALMA ADAMS' BIG EVENT!**

**2018  
CONVENTION**

**YDNC**

**CDNC**

**NCATE**

**WHEN: APRIL 6 - APRIL 8  
WHERE: CHARLOTTE, NC**

**YDNC 90TH ANNIVERSARY  
#90YEARSYOUNG**



**YOUNG DEMOCRATS, COLLEGE DEMOCRATS & TEEN DEMOCRATS  
ANNOUNCE THEIR 2018 STATE CONVENTION!**



### **DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF LEE COUNTY!**

**A strong lineup of Officers was installed at the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Lee County Democratic Women at Elizabeth's Pizza in Sanford.**

**From the left in the picture above are Secretary Brenda Spence, President Tamara Brogan, Third Vice President Hon. Susie K. Thomas, and First Vice president Robin Saenz.**

**Second Vice President Carol McCullough and Treasurer Hon. Pamela Britt completed the slate which was elected unanimously.**

**President Tamara Brogan said: "2018 is the year of the woman and I look forward to our being part of a successful year for the Democratic Party."**



### **MICHELLE BARSON ELECTED FIRST DEMOCRAT SINCE 2007!**

**Michelle Barson has been installed as a Member of the Village Council in Clemons, NC. She is the first Democrat elected to the Village Council in 10 years – since 2007! Congratulations, Michelle!**

**Thanks to Kevin Farmer  
for sharing this article  
with us.**

**This Facebook article tells more:**

**[https://www.facebook.com/ClemmonsDemocrats/posts/2040912689476642?hc\\_location=ufi](https://www.facebook.com/ClemmonsDemocrats/posts/2040912689476642?hc_location=ufi)**





**AUSTEN HIGH  
MOVES TO NEW POSITION!**

After almost four years of leadership as Wake County Democratic Party Executive Director, Austen High has accepted the position of Development Director with NC Child. These past four years have been years of success for Wake Democrats. When Austen became ED 121 of the county's 200 precincts were organized. Now 196 of 204 precincts are organized. Wake's talented County Chair Rebecca Lewellen is with Austen in this picture.

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**CLARENCE BIRKHEAD ANNOUNCES HIS CAMPAIGN  
FOR SHERIFF OF DURHAM COUNTY!**



## **FOURTH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS!**

**District Chair Wes Tripp and the leaders of the Fourth Congressional District met at the Orange County Headquarters in Carrboro on January 13<sup>th</sup>. They discussed preparations for their District Convention in May and for an upcoming fundraiser in early April.**

**Wes made the picture above which shows (from the Left) District Secretary Kreth Johnson, Orange County Chair Jim Bartow, Durham County Designee Rae Dawson, District Treasurer Dennis Swartzlander, Congressman David Price, NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes, Orange County First Vice Chair Victoria Freeman, Wake County Chair Rebecca Llewellyn, District Vice Chair Schnika Pender and District Minority Affairs Chair Rita Alston.**



**Congressman Price provided a wide-ranging update on what's going on in D. C. that included the gerrymandering case, the upcoming funding vote to keep the government from shutting down, DACA, and fully funding CHIP.**

**Everyone is invited and encouraged to donate to the Fourth District Party to help provide for expenses for the Fourth District Convention at:**

**<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/nc4dems?refcode=goodnews>**

**The Fourth District's web site is: <http://www.nc4dems.com/>**

**View the District's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/NC04Dems/>**

**You can enjoy the District's Twitter account at: <https://twitter.com/NC04Dems>**





### **STATE REPRESENTATIVE BOBBIE RICHARDSON'S NIECE SHINES IN OLYMPIC TRIALS!**

**Mariah Richardson, the 26 year-old niece of State Representative Bobbie Richardson of Franklin County, was a strong competitor in speed skating at the US Olympic Trials in Milwaukee.**

**Mariah is the daughter of Marvin and Sandi Richardson of Greensboro. Her brothers are Marvin II and Philip. She graduated from Western Guilford High School.**

**She started with inline skating and 13 months ago she moved to speed skating. She trained in Utah.**

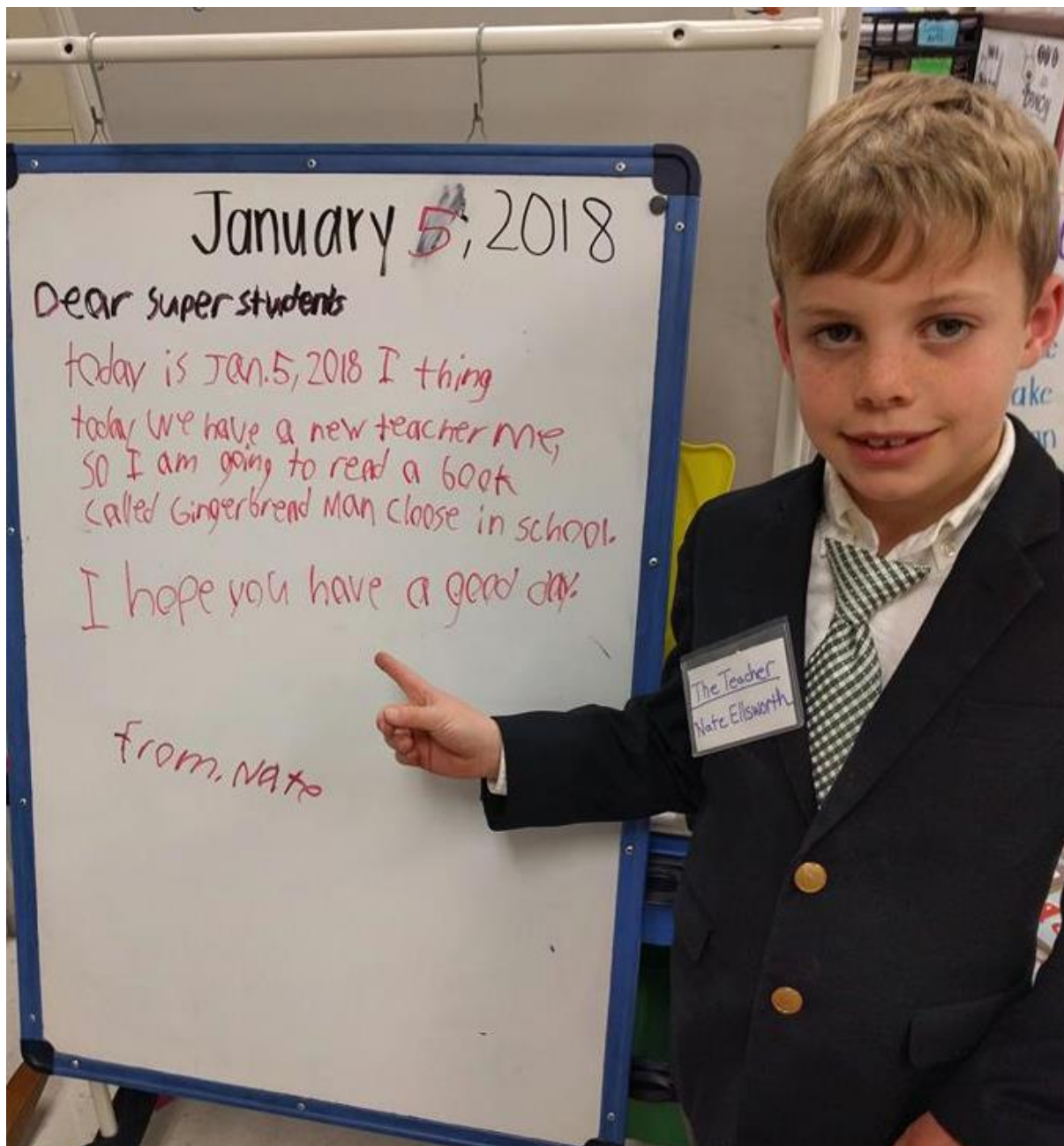
**Mariah finished eighth in the 1500 meter competition this year. She has set her goal to do even better in the future. What an amazing performer!**



### **EVELYN DOVE-COLEMAN OF LENOIR COUNTY!**

**Evelyn Dove-Coleman celebrated the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her Path Choice Ministry on January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**On January 4<sup>th</sup> Evelyn celebrated her Birthday with her sons, Jay and Lee, both of whom are strong Democrats.**



### **TEACHER OF THE DAY: NATE ELLSWORTH – MECKLENBURG COUNTY!**

Nate Ellsworth is a son of Lisa Ellsworth, First Vice President of the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County. He recently was “Teacher of the Day” in his class.

Lisa wrote on Facebook: “He laid out a suit and wanted me to make a nametag that said ‘The Boss, Nate Ellsworth.’ I managed to get him to edit that to ‘The Teacher, Nate Ellsworth.’”

Nate printed the poster above and presented it to his class. His poster says:

**Dear Super Students,**

**Today is Jan. 5, 2018. I think today we have a new teacher – me. So I am going to read a book called Gingerbread Man Loose In School.**

**I hope you have a good day.**

**From Nate**

When his teacher handed him a certificate at the end of the day, he said “Guess these are my retirement papers.”

**Editor’s comment: Nate, we are proud that you are a Democrat!**





### **LEE DEMOCRATS HONOR DR. KING!**

**Margaret Murchison was Chair of the January 14<sup>th</sup> program honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at MLK Park in Sanford. Mrs. Murchison is a Vice Chair of the Lee County Democratic Party.**

**State Representative Robert Reives II introduced the event's Keynote Speaker, former State Representative Leslie Cox.**



**Leslie Cox gave an impassioned address. He called on everyone to work to preserve the things for which Dr. King gave his life including voting rights, civil right, fair wages, and world peace.**

**SEC MEMBERS FROM ALL 100 COUNTIES WILL BE GOING TO LEE COUNTY FOR THEIR MEETING AT THE DENNIS WICKER CENTER IN SANFORD ON JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>.**



### **JOHNSTON DEMOCRATS JOIN IN SALUTE TO DR. KING!**

**Justice Mike Morgan of the Supreme Court of North Carolina was the featured speaker at the January 14<sup>th</sup> Prayer Breakfast saluting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Paul A. Johnson Auditorium on the campus of Johnston County Community College in Smithfield.**

**The program was led by strong Democrat Doris Wallace who is pictured above with Justice Morgan and another great Johnston Democrat, Dr. Gettys Cohen.**



**These two young ladies were on the program at the Prayer Breakfast.**





### **DREW CHRISTY SPEAKS TO HENDERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS!**

**Drew Christy, the Governor's representative at the Western Governor's office and residence in Asheville, spoke to the monthly Democratic Discussion Group at Mike's On Main in Hendersonville. He emphasized the importance for everyone to sign up for the NC Real ID.**

**The Henderson Democrats asked a wide range of questions and appreciated Drew's answers. The follow pictures show some of the Democrats who were at the meeting.**





### **JORDAN MORRIS MAKES COVER OF YES! WEEKLY**

Jordan Morris – aka JoMo - is a 30 year-old Guilford County native Democrat whose quirky, satirical and often edgy art has gained an international following. It is this week's cover story in YES! Weekly.

His art, though not directed at politics specifically, has spilled over into that scene on more than one occasion. His "Trump" stickers are among his best sellers.

JoMo's work is adult humor at its best as seen through the eyes of a younger generation concerned about the way we treat our planet, our humans, and our animals!

His proud Mom, Kathryn Golden Morris, is also a Guilford Democrat and a SEC Member.

Here is a link to this edition of YES! Weekly:

[https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fyesweekly.com%2F&h=ATP7VXlyD7IyiE6-0x5IWmm2zfJxj8h8TYoGWsOlynfRb5fiFWWhv8ax\\_nrviDo\\_fDnTWxaFtwVoDy85Y2sqS7xC1YPi2jdKNMVT08WV-9eHEeIQWS-E252OKhP7AFVVRcrSALATeCA](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fyesweekly.com%2F&h=ATP7VXlyD7IyiE6-0x5IWmm2zfJxj8h8TYoGWsOlynfRb5fiFWWhv8ax_nrviDo_fDnTWxaFtwVoDy85Y2sqS7xC1YPi2jdKNMVT08WV-9eHEeIQWS-E252OKhP7AFVVRcrSALATeCA)





### **ORANGE COUNTY DEMOCRATS!**

**Orange County Democrats filled up their Headquarters in Carrboro last weekend to make plans for 2018 voter registration and turnout. Thanks to Dick Chady for this picture.**

**Announcing: An Orange County youngster will star in the YOUTH FEATURE of next week's "GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!"**





**THE BRANCHES SALUTE DR. KING!**

**Chanda and Corey Branch joined in a Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Raleigh. Chanda is Mrs. Black North Carolina and Corey is a Member of the Raleigh City Council.**

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