GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

March 6, 2018

YOUTH FEATURE - LORENZO PEDRO - BURKE COUNTY!



WAYNE GOODWIN TOURS RURAL EASTERN COUNTIES!

NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin and Third Congressional District Chair Chris Hardee toured Beaufort and Chowan counties on February 21st. They wanted voters to know that rural counties have a very important role in the 2018 election.

This picture shows part of the crowd that greeted Wayne and Chris in the historic Chowan County Courthouse in Edenton.

The Chowan Herald made this video of the meeting:

https://www.facebook.com/thechowanherald/videos/427605850993778/?t=107



Chowan County Democratic Party
Chair Colleen Nichols welcomed
Wayne to Edenton.



Bertie County Commissioner Ron Wesson spoke about his exciting campaign for State Representative in House District One.



IN BEAUFORT COUNTY!

On their February 21st tour State Party Chair Wayne Hardee and Chris Hardee met with a full house of Beaufort Democrats at Mirabella Pizza and Grill in Washington.



State Democratic Women President Joyce
Mitchell came over from Pitt County
for the meeting.



Wayne talked with Beaufort County
Commissioner Jerry Langley who is
running for State Representative in District 79.



Beaufort County Party Chair Elaine Woodswith Third District Chair Chris Hardee



Elaine Woods and Beaufort DW President
Mary Ellen Tyrell with Wayne



A MASSIVE PRECINCT RALLY IN DAVIDSON!

Drew Kromer and the Democrats of Precinct 206 in Mecklenburg County attracted about 400 Democrats to their February 19th rally! They also attracted an outstanding lineup of speakers.



Attorney General Josh Stein congratulated all the Democrats for turning out and he motivated the crowd to achieve great results in the 2018 elections.

State Representative Chaz
Beasley and State Party
Chair Wayne Goodwin
gave outstanding
speeches!





THE ORGANIZER!

Democrats in Precinct 206 will happily tell you that this big precinct rally was conceived and organized by Precinct Chair Drew Kromer.

Many people pitched in to help!

DREW'S BIRTHDAY IS THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH.

LET'S SEND AN EMAIL TO HIM AT:

Drew@AKromer.com



The introducers: Some of the rally's speakers were introduced by (from left)
Bridget Lavender, Wilson Pava, Daniel Thomas, Lilly Nichols, Caroline Roddy, and Olivia Daniels.





Cutler Renard introduced Congresswoman Alma Adams.

The Congresswoman is already asking when Precinct 206 will have another rally!



State Representative John Autry gave a rousing speech. He also provided many of the pictures in this article.



Senator Jeff Jackson delivered an exciting address.



Three Democratic leaders at the Precinct 206 rally:
State Chair Wayne Goodwin,
Senator Jeff Jackson,
and Mecklenburg County
Commissioner
Pat Cotham.





ROBERT F. JOYCE HONORED BY FORSYTH DEMOCRATIC MEN!

Forsyth County Democratic Men's Club President, Judge William Freeman presented the club's Lifetime Achievement Award to Robert F. Joyce, one of the Club's co-founders and stalwart supporters. Robert has previously served as Chair of the Forsyth County Democratic Party.

As the text of the award indicates, Robert's service to the Democratic Party stands as an emblem of faithful commitment to all North Carolina Democrats. Robert is now experiencing health challenges and the Club was happy to honor him.

The Resolution approving the text of the Award was passed unanimously by the Men's Club members at their quarterly Breakfast on February 2nd at the Party HQ in Winston-Salem. The capacity crowd cheered and applauded for one of our state's best speakers, Professor Gene Nichol.



A NEW DEMOCRAT!

10th Congressional
District Chair Betsy
Wells has a new
Democratic
granddaughter, Waverly
Harper Wells. She was
born to Hart and Kelly
Wells in Leesburg, Va.
She joins big sister
Kennedy, age 7.





NORLAN GRAVES ANNOUNCES HIS CAMPAIGN FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY!

Assistant District Attorney Norlan Graves has announced his candidacy for District Attorney in North Carolina's new 7th Prosecutorial District which covers Halifax, Northampton, Hertford, and Bertie counties.

As District Attorney, Graves said he will work "to build a safer community." He emphasized that prosecuting violent crimes and combating the opioid crisis will be his top priorities.

Norlan has named former District Attorney Bob Caudle as an advisor to his campaign.

"I have prosecuted crimes ranging from murder to drug trafficking and I have the vision and leadership experience it takes to move our community forward" said Graves.

Norlan Graves resides in Roanoke Rapids. He currently is a Superior Court prosecutor in the 7th Prosecutorial District and has taken a leave of absence to devote time to the campaign.

He previously served as a criminal Justice instructor at Halifax Community College. He earned his Bachelor's degree from UNC-Pembroke and his law degree from North Carolina Central University. He represents Halifax County on the Board of Governors of the Upper Coastal Plains Council of Governments.

Norlan has attended many SEC meetings and other State Democratic Party events.

He is a member of First Baptist church of Weldon, Vice President-elect of the Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club and has served as President of the Halifax County Bar Association.

He is a graduate of the North
Carolina Institute of Political Leadership
Fellows Program.

Democrats can read more at: https://www.facebook.com/norlangraves

His email address is:

NorlanGraves@gmail.com





YOUTH FEATURE: LORENZO PEDRO – BURKE COUNTY!

Want to meet a multi-tasking Democrat? Lorenzo Pedro of Morganton currently serves the Party in all these roles:

- Third Vice Chair, 11th District Democratic Party
- Western Region Vice President of the Young Democrats of North Carolina
- President of the Burke County Young Democrats
- Political Director of the Burke County

 Democratic Party
- Consistently gives hours to every Democratic activity he hears about – and does it with joy!

Lorenzo is 23 years old and he graduated from UNC-Greensboro in the Class of 2016. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. He minored in Spanish Studies and Photography/Fine Arts.

Lorenzo is a lifestyle/fine arts photographer. He has photographed dozens of weddings, events, and photo studies across the state and he heavily focuses on portraiture. He is a freelance photojournalist for the Catholic News Herald and has been published by various publications. He is also a street style fashion photographer who has worked with brands, models, and fashion influencers in New York City during Fashion Week for social media campaigns.

He has collaborated with Teni Panosian,
Amiee Song, Camila Coelho and Teyana Taylor.
His fondest memory was meeting world-renowned
fashion photographer Bill Cunningham in New York
at a 2016 runway show a few months before
Cunningham died.



Change of plans: Lorenzo had planned to graduate from college and move to either Los Angeles or New York and heavily pursue his photography/fine arts work. Then he realized how crucial it was to be involved in the 2016 election!

During the 2016 campaign Lorenzo was the Hispanic Outreach for a House race in Burke County where he led the 24% increase of Hispanic/Latino voter turnout by attending church forums, registering new voters, organizing cookouts and knocking on many doors that had previously been neglected because of the language barrier.





After the upsetting results of the 2016 election, Lorenzo has decided that NC politics and working with the Democratic Party are his passion!



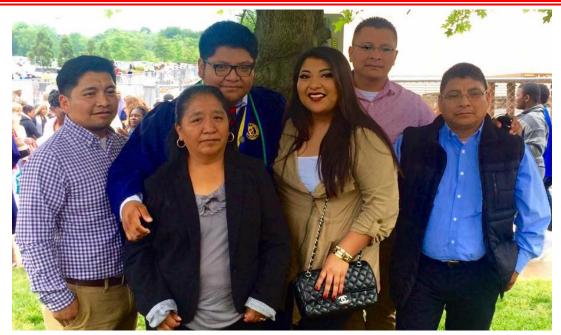
In the Fall of 2017 Lorenzo was appointed by Governor Cooper to serve as an Member of the Governor's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Council. It is easy to spot several other distinguished Democrats in the picture above.

News Bulletin: Lorenzo Pedro was named one of the "54 TOP YOUNG POLITICIAL STARS IN NORTH CAROLINA" by Longleaf Politics.

His best characteristic: His excellent voice and enthusiastic speaking style!



In this 2017 picture
Lorenzo is introducing
State Senator Jeff
Jackson at a DACA
Rally in
Morganton.



Lorenzo loves his family! This picture was made at Lorenzo's graduation from UNC-G. From the left are: his brother Ted, his mother Ana, his sister Diana, his brother Juan and his father Lorenzo. The family's country of origin is Guatemala.

Lorenzo writes: "North Carolina gave me a chance when I was a kid. Great teachers, class sizes were ideal, resources were top notch, scholarships helped pay for college and education was top priority. The previous GOP administration and the GOP General Assembly has now failed current teachers and students.

"I'm proud of the work Governor Cooper, NCAE Educators, and Democratic leaders in the General Assembly are doing with our current education system. In order for things to get better, we have to unseat the GOP majority this November. We're almost there."



Lorenzo is with some of his Burke County Democratic friends in this picture.

From the left they are: Burke Party Secretary Amanda Garrison, Jarrett Patrick, former Burke County Chair Mark Vitrone, and Community Organizer Jimmy Farr.

LORENZO'S BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH!

LET'S SEND GREETINGS TO HIM AT:

LorenzoPedroPhoto@gmail.com





SHERIFF CALVIN WOODARD LAUNCHES RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN!

Wilson County's Democratic Sheriff Calvin Woodard kicked off his 2018 re-election at a happy event on February 17th.

Sheriff Woodard was first elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. Before being elected Sheriff, he had served three years in the SBI and 15 years in the Wilson County Sheriff's office.

He treasures his wife, Timberly Cherie, his children Jasmine(26) and Calvin Xavier(18), and his grandson Joshua (1.)





Sheriff Woodard provided plenty of good food for his guests.
Wilson County citizens appreciate the Sheriff's work.



ELOQUENT CEREMONY INSTALLS BRENDA POLLARD!

In a February 22nd ceremony in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol Building, Democratic star Brenda Pollard was sworn in as a Member of the NC Museum of Natural Science Advisory Commission. In this picture she is being congratulated by her husband, attorney Larry Pollard, and her friend Ron Sanyal.



State Senator Mike Woodard administered the Oath of Office as Larry held the Bible. Brenda and Larry live in Senator Woodard's district in Durham.



Ken Eudy paid tribute to Brenda as a representative of Governor Governor Roy Cooper.



Master photographer Edward Jones, Rev. Sarah Woodard, and Senator Mike Woodard happily celebrated Brenda's appointment.



Brenda's lifelong friend, Rufus Edmisten, gave a heartfelt tribute to Brenda.



DEMOCRATS FILL "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH" RALLY!

More than 300 people filled Pullen Baptist Church on February 22nd for a Indivisible Triangle Daily Call To Action Town Hall demanding changes in gun laws.

Congressman David Price attended, spoke, and answered questions.
Cardboard pictures behind him show the leaders who refused to attend or send a representative:
Richard Burr, George Holding, & Thom Tillis.





State Representative Cynthia Ball gave a dramatic presentation about the need to pass safer gun laws.

How do we know that the people who attended this rally were Democrats? You don't see any Republicans in the crowd, do you?

The leading organizers of this rally were Chuck Tryon, Andrea Biondi, Faisal Khan, and Kaki McKinney.



These students want safer gun laws. The words on the boy's white tee shirts say: "More Hugs, Less Guns."





These students spoke passionately for the need for changes in gun laws.



Second Congressional District candidate Linda Coleman is on the left as she supported the students who want safer schools.



ANSON COUNTY PARTY CHAIR VANCINE STURDIVANT HONORED!

Read this exciting information about one of North Carolina's most beloved Democrats!

https://richmondobserver.com/national-news/item/1268-local-

humanitarian-vancine-sturdivant-recognized-with-order-of-the-long-

leaf-pine-award.html

LUIS TOLEDO

DEMOCRAT for NC SENATE

-District 16-

Join us to meet Luis Toledo!

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 ~ 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Hosted by Amy Schafer



A Vision for the Future, Putting People First! LuisToledoforNC.com

Husband · Father of Three · Son of an Immigrant · Public School Volunteer · Veteran

NC Justice Center · U.S. State Department · NC State Auditor's Office

Bachelor of Business Administration—Cybersecurity, International Management · Master of Public Administration



BRENDA STEPHENS IS RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION TO ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD!

Brenda Stephens is a lifelong resident of Orange County. She has worked as a Library Director, substitute teacher, and school volunteer.

Brenda is an incumbent and she is enjoying campaigning for one of four seats on the Orange County Board of Education.

Readers are invited to learn more about this Orange County Democrat at:

www.stephens4students.com
Email: 4students@gmail.com
Twitter: @brenpinkangreen

Brenda's dedication to improving Orange County Schools

is reflected in her campaign slogan:

"WE MUST FOCUS ON OUR CHILDREN – THEY CAN NO LONGER AFFORD OUR EXCUSES!"

MIKE O'HAGERTY IS CAMPAIGNING FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD!

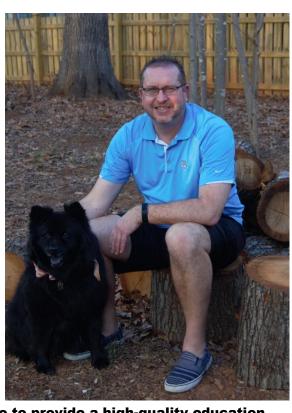
When he filed Mike O'Hagerty said: "Those who know me understand how passionate I am about public education. I've spent a majority of the past 7 years volunteering at Cameron Park Elementary and CW Stanford Middle School and hope to bring the same passion I see every day in the classroom to our school board.

"I am running for the school board to support ALL students and staff in the District. I moved to Hillsborough in 2009 and have watched first hand as many of our school have started to show their age. We need to work together - as a community, as school boards, as commissioners, and as town council members – to figure out what we're going to do about it.

"There are 13 schools in OCS...7,500 students---550

teachers---120 TAs---and 90 support staff. We should be able to provide a high-quality education experience for every single one of them.

"Reach out to me anywhere you can find me. My wife and kids will tell you that I LOVE to talk. Connect with me on Twitter @ohag4ocs, via email at ohag4ocs@gmail.com, or on Facebook. My campaign website should be up and running soon."





A STRONG STATE REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE IN NEW HANOVER: MARCIA MORGAN!

Top Democratic legislative leaders went to Wilmington on February 22nd for the Official Campaign Kickoff of House District 19 candidate, Marcia Morgan (center.) After completing a successful military career as a Colonel in the US Army, Marcia is picking up lot of support for her drive to unseat a GOP incumbent.

House Democratic Leader Darren Jackson, House Retention Leader Representative Chaz Beasley, State Representative Deb Butler, and House Recruitment Leader Graig Meyer happily gave their support to Marcia.

Everyone is invited to learn about this exciting candidate at: wwwElectMarciaMorgan.com

ANITA EARLS HONORED!

On February 28th the State Summit meeting of AMERICA VOTES presented the prestigious
Cecile Richards Progressive
Leader Award to
Anita Earls.
Governor Terry McAuliffe of
Virginia was the other recipient of this award.
Find out more about Anita's
Campaign for the
NC Supreme Court at www.Earls4Justice.com.





RYAN WATTS ATTENDS LOTS OF PRECINCT MEETINGS!

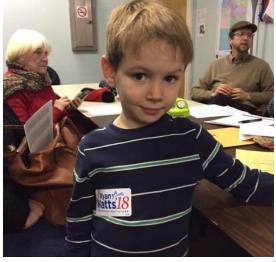
Sixth Congressional District Candidate Ryan Watts is on the move! He and his campaign staff, his surrogates, and his campaign interns from Elon and Guilford College attended more than 120 Precinct Meetings in the district in two weeks! www.WattsForCongress.com.



In Hillsborough Ryan and District 63 State House candidate Erica McAdoo high fived each other.



In Guilford Ryan joined District 59 State Representative candidate Steve Buccini.



A young Ryan Watts supporter!



Ryan at a Chatham Democratic candidate forum



LAWRENCE FENNELL, DEMOCRAT FOR PENDER COUNTY SHERIFF!

Lawrence Fennell lives in Pender County and is currently a Corporal in the Sampson County Sheriff's Department. He is running for Pender County Sheriff.

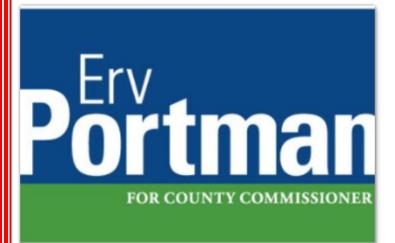
He is deeply concerned about the drug epidemic which he sees sweeping Pender County. He pledges to get training for Pender deputies to better equip them to do their jobs and still be alive to go home to their own families.

Fennell says "Trust and respect must be reestablished between our children, citizens, and law enforcement officers. Our children should feel they can talk to our deputies and not fear them.

He continues: "From overworked officers to high response times due to the lack of officers in our county, we must improve our Sheriff's Department!"

His slogan is:

"PENDER COUNTY, HELP IS ON THE WAY!"



You are invited to a

Campaign Kickoff Event

Wednesday, March 21 5:30-7:00pm

Pam and Al Swantrom 207 Lochview Drive Cary, NC TO
WAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
ERV PORTMAN'S
CAMPAIGN KICKOFF
EVENT!



ADAM COKER, DEMOCRAT FOR CONGRESS, 13TH DISTRICT!

Adam Coker of Greensboro formally started his campaign for Congress on February 23rd. His campaign is strongly supported by his wife, Amanda, and his son, Elliott. Adam's unique life experiences give him an insight into the challenges that many of the district's citizens are facing.

"As the parent of a child who required heart surgery to save his life as a newborn and now lives with a pre-existing condition, it is imperative we not allow the future of our healthcare to be decided at the mercy of Big Pharma, the Insurance Lobby, nor entrust such a vote in the hands of a Representative hoping to squirm his way up a party line while forgetting the people."

"As the husband of a wife who has worked tirelessly in the Piedmont to get housing for our veterans, we must take care of our veterans and not allow any to roam the streets cold or hungry.

"As the son of a murder victim, I know firsthand that we must advocate for sensible gun legislation and work to make our streets, our places of worship, and our schools safer.

"As an adventurer and conservationist, I have traveled this planet sailing tens of thousands of miles in lakes, oceans, bays, and ports. I have hiked hundreds of peaks photographing more National Parks, sunsets, and sunrises than I can count. All these experiences led me to be interested in clean and renewable energy. We as a nation must do the right thing as stewards of God's creation and continue that noble cause. We must pass legislation to protect our forests, our fields, and our streams.

"We need a Representative who is committed to bridging the rural and urban divide by taking steps to advocate tirelessly for our farmers, who are killing themselves at 5 times the rate as any other trade and twice that of our veterans.

"There is a wave of change coming for the people of Guilford, Davidson, Iredell, Rowan, and Davie counties and a call to action to send our current gun store-owning, fear-stoking insider back to his gun shop. If Ted Budd wants to sell his soul, let him do it in Davie County, not in Washington while voting to strip away everything our parents and grandparents worked for!"

Democrats can contact Adam Coker at Campaign@AdamFromNC.com.

His website is: www.CokerForHouse.com.



WENDY MAY KICKOFFS SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CAMPAIGN!

The Indy Week newspaper featured Second Congressional District Democratic candidate Wendy May in this fascinating article:

https://www.indyweek.com/news/archives/2018/03/01/north-carolina-transgender-congressional-candidate-wendy-may-officially-files-for-federal-office



This picture shows Wendy and some of her supporters who joined her at the State Board of Elections on her filing day.





Everyone is invited to go to: www.WendyMayForCongress.COM



LINDA COLEMAN IS GOING ALL OVER THE 2ND DISTRICT!

Linda Coleman is giving 100% effort to her campaign in the Second Congressional District. In the picture above she is with parishioners at Walnut Grove Baptist Church in Louisburg.



Linda strongly supports MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA.





Left: Linda discussed ways to end gun violence with Amber Mitchell of Leesville Road High School and Lauren Smith of Holly Springs High School. Right: Linda with State Representative Shelly Willingham at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Rocky Mount.



DEMOCRATS IN WASHINGTON!

First Lady Kristin Cooper, NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin, and Caroline Sullivan of Raleigh posed for this picture at the Democratic Governors Association Winter Meeting in Washington last week. Caroline is a former Wake County Commissioner and is currently with the NC Business Committee for Education.





Governor Roy Cooper and Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rossello with Wayne





Wayne with DNC Chair Tom Perez and Governor Terry McAuliffe OF Virginia.





MIKE MCINTYRE SPENDS AN EVENING WITH TWO FAMOUS AUTHORS!

On February 23rd longtime Congressman Mike McIntyre attended an event at MeyMandi Concert in Raleigh with authors John Grisham and John Hart. John Grisham was a supporter of Congressman while he was in Congress.

The event celebrated John Hart's new book "The Hush" It is set in North Carolina. It uses the same characters who were in Hart's "The Last Child" but in this novel the characters are ten years older. John Grisham now has a home in Chapel Hill. John Hart lives and writes in Charlottesville, Virginia.





SAM EDNEY FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE!

These pictures were made as Sam Edney filed for State Representative in District 113 which covers Henderson, Transylvania, and Polk counties. Sam has previously been elected to the Henderson County Board of Education. His website is: www.ElectSamEdney.com.

Democratic Leader Isabel Cutler recommends this video to all voters: FIX IT!

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VOTER OUTREACH SESSION IN JOHNSONVILLE!

On February 18th a voter outreach information session was held in Johnsonville precinct in Harnett County. It had been promoted by postcards sent out by Jane Peppler and her group. Topics covered at the meeting were: What is a precinct? Why is it important to organize a precinct? Why is it important to stay active in your precinct beyond organizing? Do you know who your local elected leaders are? What is a progressive Democrat?

Democrats liked the signs which said "Seeing Red? Vote Blue!" and "Justice, Equality, Fairness." They took home large numbers of the signs to be posted around the area.



The events organizers were: Jane Peppler of Orange County, Elizabeth Crudup of Harnett County, Alan Longman of Harnett County, Leah Long Ketring of Orange County, Barbara Wetmore of Wake County, and Nadja Butler of Harnett County.

These organizers answered many questions from voters including: How can they meet more judicial candidates? How can they get active within the Democratic Party?

An amazing result of the meeting: Millenial candidate Kiara Johnson was motivated to run for NC Senate in District 12! She has been a Democrat all her life but the Board of Elections mistakenly has her classified as "Unafiliated."

Therefore, Kiara Johnson is busy trying to get enough signatures on a petition to get her name on the ballot.

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Melvin Williams, State Secretary
North Carolina Democratic Party

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