

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

August 9, 2018

YOUTH FEATURE – DALTON GEORGE – WATAUGA COUNTY!



ROBESON DW POOL PARTY!

Democratic candidates had fun campaigning at the Pool Party of the Robeson County Democratic Women in Lumberton. This outstanding lineup of candidates from left: Judge Brooke Clark (unopposed), Matt Scott for District Attorney, Vanessa Burton for District Court Judge, Rev. John Campbell for State Senator, Dan McCready for Congress, Charles Graham for State Representative, and Robeson County Democratic Party Chair Edward Henderson.



Enjoying the pool!



DW 1st Vice Chair Karen Nance



Happy Democratic Women of Robeson County.



Saiid Powers, Congressional candidate Dan McCreedy Kim Powers, & DA candidate Matt Scott.

Saiid is the son and Kim is the husband of attorney Tiffany Powers who is a member of the Robeson Board of Elections. Saiid is a student at East Carolina.



Jessica Scott was excited about receiving cotton candy!

Jessica is enthusiastic about helping her husband, Matt, become the first Native American DA in NC.

VANESSA BURTON IS CAMPAIGNING FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE!



Vanessa Burton is running for District County Judge after 30 years as an Assistant District Attorney in Robeson County.

She is with Miss Indian North Carolina, Raven Stanley, in the cheerful picture on the left.

More information about Vanessa Burton can be learned on her Facebook page: VANESSA BURTON FOR JUDGE Her campaign email is: BurtonForJudge11618@gmail.com Her Twitter is: @VanessaBurtonForJudge Her website is: <https://Burton4Judge.org/contribute>





BUNCOMBE DEMS UNITE TO SUPPORT QUENTIN MILLER FOR SHERRIF!

After an intense Democratic Primary, Quentin Miller's primary opponents came to a July 21st cookout to show their support for him in the General Election! These Buncombe Democrats are showing tremendous good sportsmanship and true dedication to the cause of good government.

From the left they are Chris Winslow, Rondell Lance, Quentin Miller, and Darrell Fisher.



Supporting Quentin: 10th Congressional District Candidate David Wilson Brown, County Commissioner candidate Donna Ensley, State Representative John Ager, and former State Democratic Party Chair Patsy Kever.

Buncombe voters enjoyed the cookout and donated \$3100.00. Many new people signed up to phone bank and canvass.

Everyone is invited to go to Quentin's website: <https://www.QuentinForBuncombe.com/>

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The banner features a photograph of Ray Russell on the left. To the right is a cartoon illustration of a man's face with a wide smile, positioned above the 'Ray's Weather Center' logo. The background is a light blue gradient with a sun and clouds icon above the weather center logo.

**A STAR RUNS FOR THE LEGISLATURE:
RAY RUSSELL FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE!**

Many candidates have to spend their entire campaign making their name known to people in their district. Ray Russell of Boone is an exception: He is already a star!

Since 2000 he has been the trusted friend and daily weather advisor to tens of thousands of people in western North Carolina through his famous "RAY'S WEATHER CENTER."

He began his weather web site as a hobby, but it quickly became a thriving small business which provides custom weather services for people in 14 western NC counties and in other states in the southern Appalachian Mountains!

In 2016 "RAY'S WEATHER CENTER" was named the "Business of the Year" by the Boone Chamber of Commerce. Most importantly, it is a modern-day "General Store Stove" where mountain folks gather each day for a common experience of humor, wit, photos, and accurate weather formation.

Ray is drawing a tremendous amount of support from his weather followers as he campaigns for State Representative in Watauga and Ashe counties. People love Ray!

He has been a Computer Science Professor at Appalachian State University since 1991. He has also pastored churches in Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia and North Carolina.

Ray is a winner!
To donate to his campaign, go to:
<https://RayForNC.com>

**SEE MORE ABOUT THIS RENAISSANCE MAN
ON THE NEXT PAGE!**



An avid student of exercise science and running, Ray puts his grit and determination into action when he runs marathons.

Amazing! In 2016 Ray decided to raise funds for the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation by running the entire length of the Blue Ridge Parkway – 469 MILES IN 24 DAYS!

That made him only the second person to run the entire Parkway in consecutive days. (Remember he was running up and down mountains, folks – not flat land!)

**Click here to see videos about this long distance run
and about Ray's strong campaign:**

<https://www.facebook.com/RayRussellforNC/videos/1714628145314438/>



**State Representative Deb Butler of New Hanover County
and Graig Meyer of Orange County attended an event in Blowing Rock to bolster Ray's campaign.**



YOUTH FEATURE: DALTON GEORGE WATAUGA COUNTY!

Watauga County Democratic leader Pam Williamson wrote this article about a remarkable young man, Dalton George.

“When Dalton George showed up on our Party’s doorstep last year, we were blown away. An ASU freshman from a little rural town who brought with him extraordinary smarts, impressive political instincts, a remarkable sense of humor, a copy of *Profiles in Courage*, and great hair.

We hired him on the spot as Deputy Canvassing Director for last year’s Party-building and were not surprised to find he exceeded expectations.

“It was a no-brainer to promote him to Director of Canvassing for this year’s very important election cycle. Since then he has plugged away at recruiting and training teams of canvassers to survey voters and potential voters out in the rural areas of our county: Beaver Dam, Foscoe, Bamboo, and other precincts. This is not comfortable ground for Democrats, but Dalton returns to us with important information about key issues and what motivates and persuades voters out that way. Dalton is convinced that one-on-one-voter contact is what it takes to build parties and win elections. And he is right.

Dalton has planned a big kickoff canvass for Saturday, August 25th. I am joining in to support Dalton’s hard efforts, and I am sure you will too. Because we all know that a “Blue Wave” doesn’t come easy in Watauga County and that it takes all of us to do our part to make it happen.

Here’s Dalton in his own words. I’m sure you’ll find him as engaging as we do:

‘Hello! I’m from a small North Carolina town called Midway, but I tell people I’m from Winston because no one has heard of Midway. I grew up with just my Dad and, being in a single parent family, I’ve grown up seeing a lot of problems with parts of rural America that I would like to work to rectify. I love reading books, mainly political ones, my favorite being *The Education of a Public Man* by Hubert Humphrey. Humphrey is also my all-time hero and the one figure who inspired me to become involved in politics.

‘I’m very excited about organizing with the local Party, and I’d love for you to come canvass with me. Canvassing is the best way to show we are the party of common people like me and to build relationships with them. Canvassing is also wonderful because of all the dogs you get to see and pet! I hope to see you at our big canvass come August 25th.

‘To join in on the Blue Wave canvass with us, just give me a holler at 336-582-1983 or email me at jondaltongeorge05@gmail.com. I can’t wait to meet you!’



WAYNE GOODWIN'S RURAL LISTENING TOUR DRAWS CHEERFUL DEMOCRATS IN BURKE COUNTY!

More than 50 Democrats turned out for breakfast with State Democratic Party Chair Wayne Goodwin at the Burke County Party Headquarters in Morganton. Burke County Democrats were already excited about this year's campaign. Wayne electrified them! From the left, the people standing in this picture are: Leila Barazandeh, Shannon Auer, Mrs. Howard Larsen, Phillip Price for Congress, Art Sherwood for NC Senate, Kathy Sinclair, County Commissioner candidate Herb McDowell, and longtime Burke County Chair Marcus Key.



Strong 11th Congressional District Candidate Phillip Price spoke to the crowd. NCDP Deputy Executive Director Doug Wilson is on the right in this picture. He has been with Wayne on every stop of the statewide Rural Listening Tour.

**Please remember:
Send your GOOD NEWS to
melvin535@gmail.com
This is my only email address now.**



WAYNE'S TOUR REACHES FAR WESTERN COUNTIES!

On July 26th our State Chair took his Rural Listening Tour to the Jackson County Headquarters in Sylva. Democrats from Jackson, Swain, Macon, Clay, Graham, and Cherokee were invited. The sign says: "Remember in November." What a great slogan!



Democratic leaders in the cheering crowd included State House candidate Joe Sam Queen, 11th District Party Chair Kathy Sinclair, 11th District Chair Emeritus Luke Hyde, Jackson County Party Chair Frank Burrell, and Jackson County First Vice Chair Lorna Barnett.



CALAHAN RILEY GIVES VOTEBUILDER INFO TO RUTHERFORD DEMOCRATS!

Rutherford County Democrats are excited about the 2018 election! They soaked up a lot of valuable Votebuilder information from NCDP Digital expert Calahan Riley at their County Headquarters in Forest City on July 23rd.

Callahan has been traveling to many counties to help Democrats understand the full potential of VoteBuilder. Calahan also has a reputation for being very helpful to Democrats who contact the NCDP Headquarters in Raleigh.





RUTH MERKLE RETIRES FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY!

Last week Ruth Merkle of Cary retired from the NC General Assembly after 13 years of dedicated service. A group of her family and friends gathered to honor her in the picture above.

From 2005 to 2018 Ruth was a Legislative Assistant for four State Representatives:

Jean Farmer-Butterfield, Chris Heagarty, Susi Hamilton, and Deb Butler.

Ruth is an outstanding Democrat. She has been Vice Chair of the Wake County Democratic Party.

Do you remember this? A few years ago, Ruth became the FIRST WOMAN ever elected President of the Democratic Men of Wake County!



JACK, ETHAN, & MATTY – HAPPY CAMPAIGNERS!

Jack Swanson(left,) Ethan Brandt(middle,) and Matty Alexander spent Saturday, August 4th on the phone building up support for Dr. Rick Foulke's race for State Representative in Union County. These three star Democrats will soon be heading off to college. Jack will be going to Harvard, Ethan is going to Emerson College, and Matty will enter his second year at Chapel Hill.



LEE COUNTY DEMOCRATS ARE PROUD OF THEIR CANDIDATES!

The Lee County Democratic Party held a “Meet The Candidates Picnic” at Horton Park in Sanford to showcase their outstanding lineup of candidates for the November General Election!

The picture above features Lisa Mathis who is running a dynamic campaign for State Representative in District 51.



Left: Mark Akinosho is running for re-election to the Lee County Board of Education.

Right: Pat McCracken is making a strong run for the Lee County Board of Education.

Lee County Democratic Party Chair John Kirkman is visible behind Pat.

Thanks to Mark Coggins for sending these pictures.

A Good old-fashioned Stump ★
BLU EXTRAVAGANZA
Saturday, August 11, 2018 4pm-8pm

Special Guest
NC Senator and
Democratic Whip,
Terry Van Duyn

Deb Butler, NC House, District
18, Incumbent

David Sink, Jr., candidate for NC
Senate



Tom Simmons, candidate for NC
House, District 17

Marilyn Priddy, candidate for
County Commissioner

Bill Flythe, candidate for Board
of Education

Joanne Levitan, candidate for
Board of Education

ENTRANCE

Tickets are available in advance or at the
door on the day of the event.

\$10 per person ★
Includes meal, dessert, and one
non-alcoholic beverage

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Contact Kristen Collieran (kritter225@icloud.com) or Janis Simmons (janissimmons2015@gmail.com)

Blue Wave on the River
Sunday August 12, 2018, 6:00 pm



*Please join Senator Terry Van Duyn, Minority Whip
aboard the Battleship North Carolina
in support of NC State Senate Candidate David Sink and
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*Tickets can be purchased online at:
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*For additional information or inquiries,
please email SinkSimmonsBattleshipAug12@gmail.com*



ICE CREAM SUNDAY – CATAWBA DEMOCRATIC WOMEN!

Happy candidates struck a zany pose at the July 22nd “ICE CREAM SUNDAY” hosted by the Democratic Women of Catawba County at the Democratic Headquarters in Hickory. It is good to see our candidates relax and have some fun.

From the left on the front row are: County Commissioner candidate Geniey Yang, Congressional candidate David Wilson Brown, County Commissioner candidate Michelle Morgan, State Rep candidate Dianne Little, and Congressional candidate DD Adams.

On the second row are: State Rep candidate Kim Bost, District Court Judge candidate Scott Cranford, State Rep candidate Greg Cranford, County Commissioner candidate Laci LeBlanc and State Senate candidate Ric Vandett.



Face painting and ice cream dipping

Tommie Abernathy is President of the Catawba DW. Tara Zeller sent these pictures.



State Representative candidate Diane Little was surrounded by many of her supporters.



DD Adams for Congress in 5th District



The Cranfords: Scott for Judge, Greg for State Rep



County Commissioner candidates Michelle Morgan and Geniey Yang with her daughter



County Commissioner candidates Michelle Morgan and Geniey Yang with her daughter



**BIG EVENT SUPPORTS
SAM EDNEY
FOR STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 113!**

Linda and Jack Grup of the Highland Lake Inn and Resort hosted a happy fundraising event for Sam Edney's legislative campaign. Sam is welcoming former State Democratic Party Chair Patsy Keever to the big event in the picture on the left.

Sam's website is:

<https://www.ElectSamEdney.com>

The district is located in Henderson and Transylvania counties.



State Rep Susan Fisher & her husband, John, happily joined in supporting Sam.



Sam is right on the issues that North Carolinians face.



Entertainment was provided by the Steep Canyon Rangers. They are Mike Guggina, Mike Ashworth, and Woody Platt. Their performance was so entertaining that State Rep John Alger and his friends couldn't stay in their seats! Thanks to Isabel Cutler for these pictures.

August 9, 2018



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EVERYONE INVITED: SOUTH BUNCOMBE DEMS PICNIC SUNDAY!

3:00PM – 7:00PM, Sunday, August 12, 2018

Lake Julian Park, Shelter # 6

They will have hot dogs, all the trimmings, and cold drinks. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

Music by Aaron LaFalce. Donations to cover costs will be appreciated.



PERSON DEMOCRATS CAMPAIGNING FOR DARRYL!

These Person County Democrats are proudly campaigning in Roxboro for Darryl Moss for District Two State Representative.

Darryl is on the far left side of the picture and Person County Democratic Chair Charles Harvey is on the far right side of the picture.

After serving as Mayor of Creedmoor for many years, Person Democrats are ready for Darryl to put his talents to work for them in Raleigh!



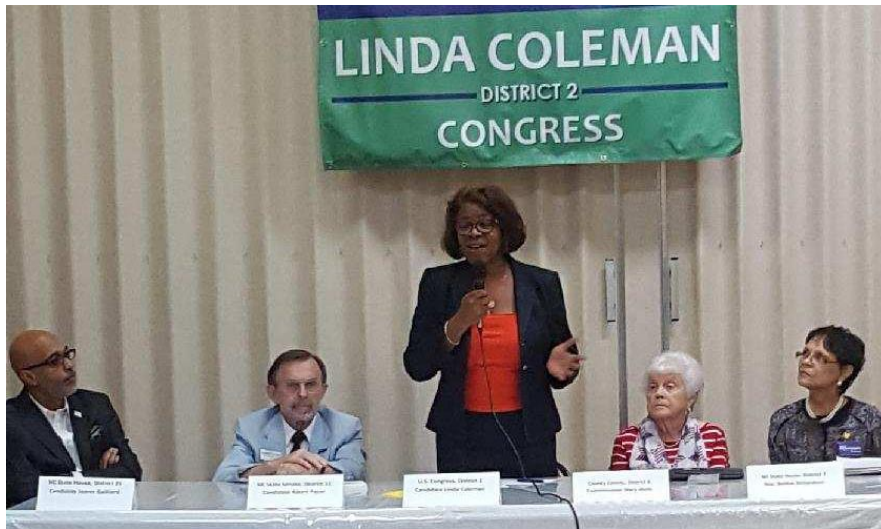
These Person Democrats don't mind the heat. They are enjoying campaigning for Darryl! District Two includes Granville and Person counties.

His website is: MossForNC.com.



LINDA COLEMAN HEADS ROCKY MOUNT TOWN HALL EVENT!

Our strong Second Congressional candidate Linda Coleman hosted a Town Hall meeting at Mount Zion Church in Rocky Mount on August 2nd. Linda invited the area's other Democratic candidates to join her. State Senate candidate Albert Pacer (in center in blue suit) is speaking in the picture above.



Linda is winning more and more votes everywhere she goes!



Popular County Commissioner Mary Wells addresses the crowd and happily answered questions.



James Gaillard made a dynamic speech.



RYAN WATTS – BUILDING SUPPORT EVERY DAY!

**More and more people in the Sixth Congress are deciding to vote for Ryan Watts!
Want to see something that makes you proud to be a Democrat? Listen to what Ryan Watts says
in this short video of a talk he made in Greensboro on August 4th:**

<https://www.facebook.com/mydeetales08/videos/10211805992459421/?t=100>



DUPLIN DEMOCRATS ELECTED TO ROTARY CLUB LEADERSHIP!

During the August meeting of the Duplin County Rotary Club, County Commissioner Jesse Dowe (left) was elected President and Seventh Congressional District Chair Francisco Rivas-Diaz (next to Mr. Dowe) was elected President-Elect.

Johnson Sheffield and Lynn Hardy were also elected as Officers.

The gentleman on the right is former Duplin County Sheriff Glenn Jernigan.

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AISHA DEW TALKS ABOUT ISSUES

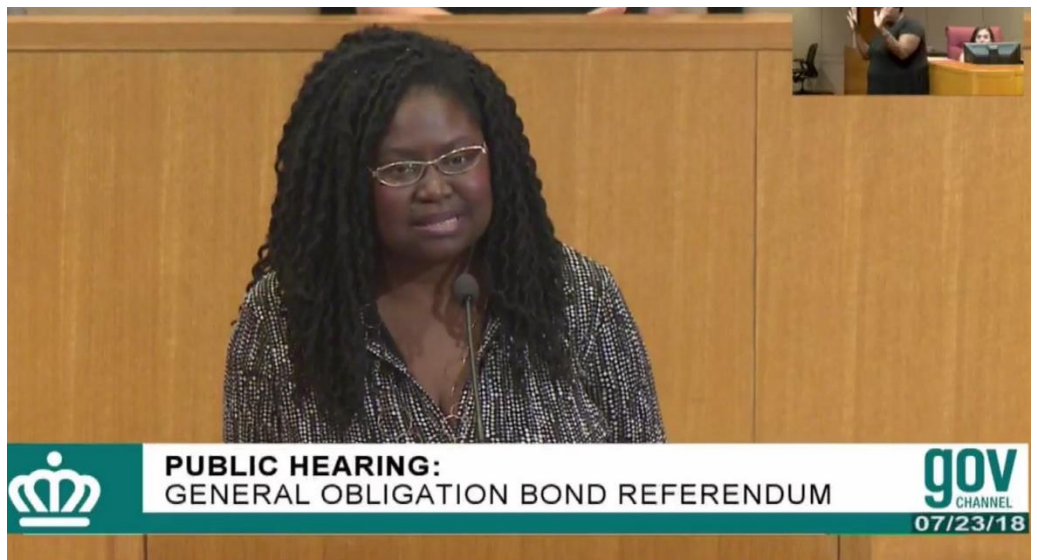
Aisha Dew was recently on the “Capital Tonight” television program with host Tim Boyum. She talked about the Republican National Convention coming to Charlotte, Donald Trumps’ interaction with Vladimir Putin, and the election prospects for Kathy Manning & Dan McCready.



On “NC Spin with Tom Campbell” Aisha joined other guests in talking about Medicaid expansion, cuts to the state education budget, and the six Constitutional amendments.

At a recent meeting of the Charlotte City Council Aisha spoke in favor of a \$50 million bond for affordable housing.

The City Council voted to approve the bond.



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Tuesday, August 21st, 2018
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Light refreshment and music by John Halls

The Connor House, 268 Robinson Road, Mooresville

All are welcome! Please feel free to forward this invitation to your friends.
*** Space is limited. You must RSVP to attend.**

For further information and to RSVP,
Call or email Michael McShane
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336-525-1702

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New Hanover County Democratic Party

2018 Unity Banquet: Turning The Tide

Saturday, September 22, 2017

Wilmington Convention Center (the big one)
515 Nutt Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Keynote Speaker: Anita Earls
Civil Rights Champion and NC Supreme Court Candidate

Checkin and Silent Auction – 5:45 pm

Reception - 6:00 pm

Dinner - 7:00 pm

Music by Doug Irving Trio

\$75 Early Blue Bird Tickets

for the 2018 Unity Banquet are on sale now.



Early Bird tickets will be available till August 31, when when the price goes up to \$85.

Our keynote speaker this year is Anita Earls, founder of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice. Anita's organization led the successful legal challenge to the Voter ID Monster Law. But for Anita, we would already have been living with Voter ID for the last several elections. Anita grew up as part of a biracial family at a time when her parents' marriage would have been illegal in many states. Now Anita is the Democratic Party's candidate for the NC Supreme Court. She has a passion for justice, and believes strongly that courts should decide cases based on the facts and the law.

[Click the bluebird to buy your tickets now!](#)

Richard Poole, Chair

If you have any announcements, comments, questions or concerns for us in the future, please email us at:
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