

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

APRIL 25, 2019



NCDP HOSTS LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION!

North Carolina's Democratic legislators were saluted at a fundraising reception at Little City Provisions Company in Raleigh on April 9th. State Chair Wayne Goodwin was Master of Ceremonies and Governor Roy Cooper was the featured speaker.

In the picture above Governor Cooper joined Franklin County Democrats Alitha Palich, NCDP First Vice Chair Bobbie Richardson, Jennie Edwards, and Franklin County Chair Lucy Allen.



Wake Democrats Kimberly Reynolds, County Chair Rebecca Llewellen, Rita Roberts Alston, and Christine Kushner. Christine has announced that she is running for the State Senate in 2020.



Dylan Rhoney happily greeted Senate Minority Leader Dan Blue and Governor Cooper.



State Chair Wayne Goodwin took this picture as Governor Cooper was speaking.



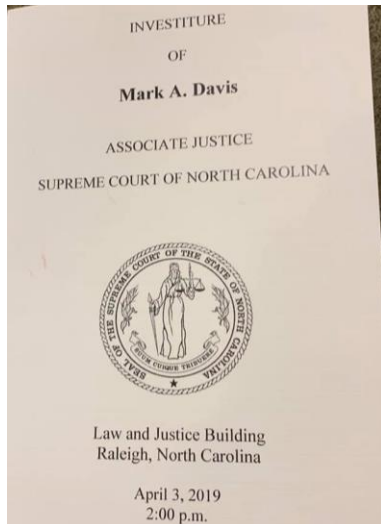


THE INVESTITURE OF JUSTICE MARK DAVIS!

After years of dedicated service on the NC Court of Appeals, Justice Mark Davis took his Oath of Office as the newest Justice of the Supreme Court on April 3rd. His family stood beside him as he received the Oath in the picture on the left. His sister-in-law, Beth Davis, joined him in the picture on the right.



The new Supreme Court: Six of the seven Justices are Democrats!



Investiture program



Trent Turk, Brenda Pollard, John Easterling, & Darren Janz.



LOUISE COGGINS NAMED 2019 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER!

From 70 prominent nominees, ardent Democrat Louise Coggins of New Hanover County will be presented the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award at the 34th Annual Women of Achievement Awards on May 7th at the Wilmington Convention Center.

She was “chosen for the Lifetime Achievement Award based on her years of service and dedication to eliminating racism and empowering women.”

Louise is a psychotherapist with Trinity Wellness. She has served as Chair of the UNCW's College of Health and Human Services Dean's Advancement Council, Chair of the Board at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work; Chair of the board of VISION which is a non-profit international multi-cultural anti-racism training organization; Chair of the Board of Directors of the Wright's Center which is an adult day health care center; Fundraising Chair of the GLOW Board of Directors; and Chair of the Board of Make Way Partners, an international organization combating human trafficking and sex slavery.

“I am so humbled and honored to receive this recognition from the YWCA, as their mission matches my own life goals,” Louise said. “I hope to be able to spend the rest of my life helping to empower women, eliminate racism, and promote social justice.”

Over many years Louise and her husband, Steve Coggins, have helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for Democratic candidates at fundraising events at their home on Figure 8 Island.

Louise is also one of our state's strongest supporters of GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS. From this publication's inception in 2011, she has written to express her enjoyment and appreciation for each and every edition that has been published. Every edition!

Only two other Democrats across the state have written about every edition. They are Michael Carmichael of Orange County and Gwen Wilkins of Nash County.



PIERCE DO CREATES WEBSITE FOR LATINAS PRENATAL CARE!

As his Honors Project for his BS in Nursing Degree at UNC-Chapel Hill, Pierce Do of Raleigh developed a new website to optimize prenatal care access for Latinas in Wake County.

The Address of this website is: www.cuidadoprenatal919.com

Pierce says: "It has been such a privilege to work with the Latino community of the Triangle in this endeavor. I continue to be in awe of the kindness, beauty, and generosity of the Latino people in North Carolina.

"My hope is that this website will help provide Latino mothers and children an equal opportunity to live a healthy and vibrant life.

During a time in our society where Latinos face so much animosity, it is our job to stand as advocates for the people who struggle to have their voices heard."

Pierce was born in Raleigh and has lived in Raleigh all his life. He is a remarkable young man!



GINGER GARNER IS MOVING TO GUILFORD COUNTY!

Ginger Garner is one of North Carolina's best and brightest Democrats! In 2018 she ran for State Senate in the heavily Republican District composed of Carteret, Craven, and Pamlico counties. Ginger is a brilliant, eloquent advocate of all progressive issues.

Guilford County is in for a treat: Ginger and her family are moving from Carteret County to Guilford County. The picture above shows Ginger as she gave her farewell remarks to the April 22nd meeting of the Craven County Democratic Party in New Bern.



These pictures were made on the last Sunday that Ginger and her three sons attended the Swansboro United Methodist Church. She delivered a beautiful and emotional vocal rendition in this church where she has sung many, many times.



NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS OF YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF NORTH CAROLINA!

Lots of energetic young people were in Greenville for the joint State Convention of the Young Democrats, College Democrats, and Teen Democrats. The Convention elected the outstanding group above to lead the Young Democrats during the coming year.

First row: Secretary Shannon Auer, President Anne Evangelista, Executive Vice President Grayson Barnette

Second row: Vice President of Membership Bailey Stinson & Vice President of Communications Quamekia Shavers

Third row: YDA National Committeeperson Anderson Clayton, YDA National Committeeperson Colby Moore, and Vice President of Development Lee Goldston



**CHAPTER OF THE YEAR:
YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF CABARRUS COUNTY!**

At the State YD Convention, the YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF CABARRUS COUNTY were honored as the Chapter of the Year!

The Cabarrus Chapters Officers for 2018-2019 were:

**President Taylor Beckett
(pictured on left above)**

**Secretary Madeline Seebold
Events Chair Dylan Thompson**

Vice President Chandler King

Media Chair Jessica Touart

Treasurer Will Bailey

Highlights of the Chapter's activities include:

- **More than 100 hours of community service clocking**
- **Expanded the Chapter's social media becoming the second largest Facebook following of YD chapters in the state and #1 in overperforming page**
- **Worked hard to turnout the youth vote**
- **Helped almost turn their red county blue**

To learn more about the Chapter's activities, click this link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AHP5rXssXZWqoXBbqqQ73EAbmj0zCHiZ-odiDB33Y04/edit?usp=drivesdk>



Cabarrus Young Democrats at the Women's March in Charlotte

When asked for a statement, Cabarrus YD President Taylor Beckett said:

"I congratulate every member of the Young Democrats of Cabarrus County for their excellent and dedicated work. You were an excellent chapter to work with. I also want to congratulate every supporter of ours who helped us along the way. It's because of you all that we achieved so much."



WHAT A DAY FOR MATT HUGHES!

Saturday, April 13th, was a big day for NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes. At the Young Democrats Convention in Greenville on that morning he received the award as

“NORTH CAROLINA’S MOST OUTSTANDING YOUNG DEMOCRAT!”

He also moderated a panel of young elected officials at the Convention that morning.



Matt then drove all the way from Greenville to West Jefferson to deliver the Keynote Speech at the 2019 FDR Dinner of the Ashe County Democratic Party!

The dignitaries who joined Matt in the picture above in West Jefferson are: State Rep. Ray Russell, Ashe Party Chair Ralph Sorrell, former Ashe Party Chair Melba Jones, 5th District Chair Charlie Wallin, and Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate Constance Lav Johnson. Then Matt drove all the way back to his home in Hillsborough!



CAL CUNNINGHAM ENJOYS CAMPAIGNING STATEWIDE!

Lt. Governor candidate Cal Cunningham has already spoken at 81 different events and traveled more than 9,000 miles as he carries his campaign statewide. He is shown addressing the Guilford County Democratic Convention in the picture above.



Cal at County Conventions in Pitt County and Orange County



Cal with Democrats at Durham County Convention & Duplin County Convention.

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YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF UNC-GREENSBORO ELECT NEW OFFICERS!

The Young Democrats of UNC-Greensboro recently elected new Officers to lead their chapter.

In the picture on the left above is new President Jordan Lopez.

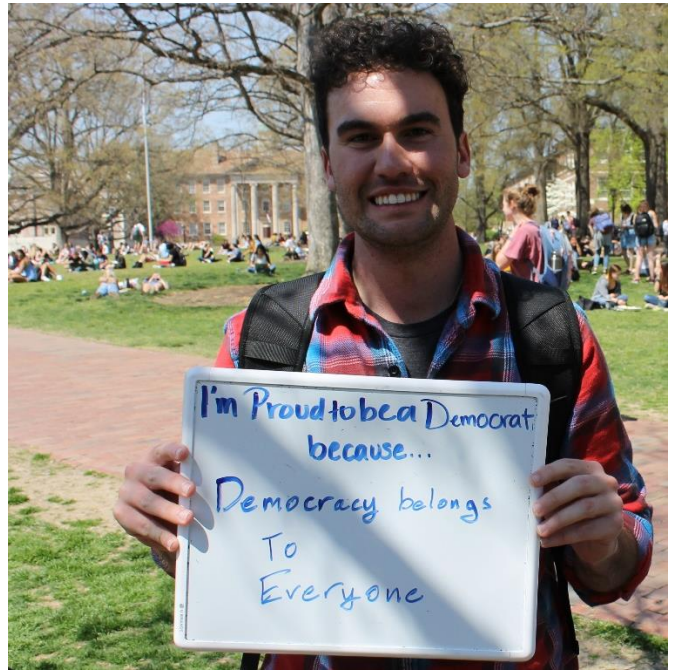
Vice President Steven Garfunkel is with Governor Cooper in the picture on the right above.



**Izabel McCaffrey is the chapter's new
Director of Finance**

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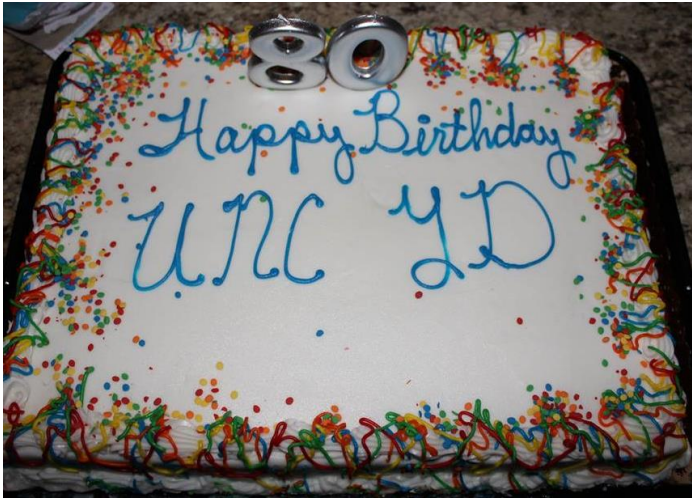


UNC-CHAPEL HILL YOUNG DEMOCRATS

STAGE A "WHY I'M PROUD TO BE A DEMOCRAT" CAMPAIGN!

The Young Democrats are making themselves a very visible part of their Chapel Hill campus. These pictures were made during their "Why I'm Proud To Be A Democrat" campaign.





The UNC-Chapel Hill Young Democrats recently held a Birthday Bash to celebrate the organization's 90th birthday. The UNC-CH chapter was the first Young Democrats organization in the nation!



Presidential politics came to the Chapel Hill campus as this large crowd gathered to hear Beto O'Rourke.



These UNC students were fortunate enough to get their picture made with Beto.



NC'S OLIVIA ELKINS IS WORKING FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE!

Olivia Elkins of Durham has been working in Congressman Eric Swalwell's Washington office for some time now. Her position in his office is listed as "Scheduler," but she helps him with all congressional and constituent matters.

In the picture above Olivia and her parents, Butch and Mary Elkins, joined Congressman Swalwell. Olivia is the granddaughter of that famous Democrat, Angie Elkins of Durham. Angie is the only North Carolinian ever elected President of the Democratic Women of America.



When asked why she admires the Congressman, Olivia replied: "Congressman Swalwell is committed to ending gun violence. He has a fantastic sense of the problems facing everyday Americans. He also understands the current threats to democracy – both domestic and abroad.

"He decided to run for President after six years in Congress working hard for the people of the 15th District of California."

Millions of Americans have frequently seen Congressman Swalwell on MSNBC, CNN, and many other TV networks.

Did you know this? "Congressman Eric Swalwell played soccer at Campbell University!"



KEVIN JONES LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR OF ROCKY MOUNT

That energetic Democrat, Kevin Jones, recently held a Kickoff Rally for his race to be the next Mayor of Rocky Mount. In the pictures above Kevin is joined by his nephew, Andre, and his wife, Tia.

Rocky Mount is a complex city which is divided between Nash County and Edgecombe County. Kevin and his supporters know that he is the man for this challenging position!

This link will take you to more about Kevin: <https://youtu.be/-ZDNt80t Xw>

Kevin's website is: <http://www.kevinjonesformayor.com/>

DOUG WILSON!

NCDP's amazing Deputy Executive Director Doug Wilson represented the Party on FLASHPOINT on WCNC television in Charlotte on April 18th. Doug is one of the most valuable leaders in our Party!





COLE PHELPS'S CLASS AT ECU!

This picture was made at Washington County Commissioner D. Cole Phelps's last ECU class of the semester. He has previously had about twenty students in his class. This semester he had sixty students!

During one of his six years at ECU, he was voted the "Most Outstanding Educator" in the entire university!

Cole said: "My sixth consecutive year of teaching at East Carolina University has truly been a rewarding and challenging experience. I often say that one person can make a difference in the lives of many. I hope I have had an impact on my students lives, as I know they have certainly had an impact on my life.

"I can't wait to see what their futures hold!"



COLE RECEIVES PRO BONO AWARD!

On April 23, 2019 D. Cole Phelps was named a member of the 2018 North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society.

The award states: "This achievement recognizes the substantial and valuable legal contribution you have made to the state of North Carolina by providing 50 or more hours of pro bono legal service in 2018.



SMALL BUSINESS CAUCUS ELECTS OFFICERS!

The NCDP Small Business Caucus held its Annual Convention at the State Headquarters on April 13th. They elected new Officers for the coming year.

From the left the new Officers are: Chair Kristi Talley, Chair-Elect Bridget Wall-Lennon, NCDP First Vice Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson who keynoted the event, Treasurer Marc Friedland, and Secretary Dr. Deborah E. Swain.



Jesse Goslen completed his term as Caucus Chair



Two outstanding Keynote Addresses were delivered by NCDP First Vice Chair Bobbie Richardson and Raleigh City Councilman Russ Stephenson.





NEW PENDER COUNTY OFFICERS!

Delegates to the Pender County Democratic Party Convention elected this talented group of people to lead them for the next two years:

Secretary Samantha Nelson

1st Vice Chair – Stephen Stmisha

County Chair – Carol Ann Johnson

Secretary – Ann Fondren

2nd Vice Chair – Tony Hooper

3rd Vice Chair – Debbi Fintak

Debbie Fintak was an excellent County Chair during the past two years. She gave a tremendous amount of time, talent, and love to the Party. Pender Democrats are glad she agreed to continue as a Party Officer!



This picture was made at the Easter event of the Pender County Democratic Party. Question: Wonder what the lady on the right with the outstretched arms was talking about?



Unity Gala
2019

Pender County Democrats

MAY 11, 2019



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: GRAIG MEYER
NC HOUSE DISTRICT 50

RECEPTION 6 PM | SILENT AUCTION | CASH BAR | 7 PM DINNER

\$40 EARLY BIRD TICKET

\$50 AFTER MAY 1ST

\$150 SPONSORSHIP WITH RECOGNITION

2 TICKETS INCLUDED

NINETEEN RESTAURANT
OLDE POINT GOLF CLUB
513 COUNTRY CLUB DR.
HAMPSTEAD, NC 28443

CHECKS PAYABLE TO
PENDER COUNTY DEMOCRATS
PO BOX 4073
SURF CITY, NC 28445

STRONGER TOGETHER



LENOIR COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION!

Five Third Congressional District candidates spoke at the 2019 Lenoir County Convention. All five of them drew excellent reviews from the crowd.

Left above: Ike Johnson – a retired Marine Major and Chair of the Onslow County Democratic Party

Center: Richard Bew – a retired Marine Major – he spent most of his 29 years in the Marines as a Marine pilot. He capped his career by serving as Legislative Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Right: Allen Thomas – Executive Director of the Global Transpark in Kinston and former Mayor of Greenville



Left above: New Bern Mayor Dana Outlaw whose career is a real estate appraiser.

Center: Gregory Humphrey – a former Army Medic, Fire Chief, and Vice Chair of the Onslow County Democratic Party.

Right: Lenoir County Chair Jimmy Cochran presided at the Convention. He was re-elected for two more years as County Chair. Jimmy has already served as County Chair for seven years and he is the Eastern Vice President of the NCDP County Chairs Association.



Part of the crowd at the Lenoir County Convention



Senator Don Davis



Lenoir 1st Vice Chair Tiffani Koonce-Crawford



County Commissioner Roland Best



**Chris Suggs, President of
Kinston Teens, Inc.**



YADKIN COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

“Yadkin County Democrats are growing every day!” reports County Chair Walter Smith. Since they started a Senior Democrats chapter in January of 2018, it has grown and grown until it has become one of the largest chapters of Senior Democrats in the entire state. They currently have **114 members!**

The 2019 Yadkin County Convention elected this stellar lineup of Officers for 2019-2021:

Second Vice Chair Margie Williams

First Vice Chair Debra Asante McLain

Secretary Andrew Mackie

Treasurer William Stinson

County Chair Walter Smith

Third Vice Chair Bailey Stinson



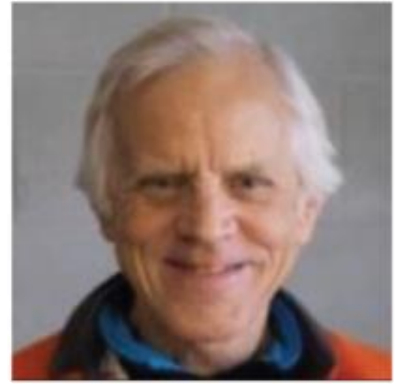
This picture features some of the folks at the 2019 Yadkin County Democratic Convention!



Kathleen Gould
Chair



Cindy Ellis
First Vice Chair



Randy Neall
Second Vice Chair



Peri David
Third Vice Chair



Joe Elliot
Secretary



Mindy Collins
Treasurer

MEET THE NEW HENDERSON COUNTY OFFICERS!
These Officers are ready to lead Henderson County Democrats
as they operate from their new County Headquarters
in Hendersonville.



APEX DEMOCRATS CLEAN HARRIS LAKE COUNTY PARK!

Want to see some Democrats in action? These Apex Democrats spent Sunday afternoon, April 7th, cleaning up Harris Lake County Park in Wake County. The report on this hard work project was received from Jackie Jones, Co-District Coordinator of the Apex Democrats, Chair of Precinct 20-06A, Secretary of the Southern Wake Democrats, and SEC Member.

From the left these outstanding Democrats are: Brett Gantt, Lisa Huff, Jason Coposky, Jackie Jones, Finn Coposky, Terry Mahaffey, Laura Holley, Jen Lackmann, Kieran Coposky, Arno Zagerman, Evan Zegerman, and Carla Zegermann.



Nineteen Democrats turned out for this cleanup project including (L to R) Laura Holley, Peggy Thomas, Jen Lackmann, and Lisa Huff.



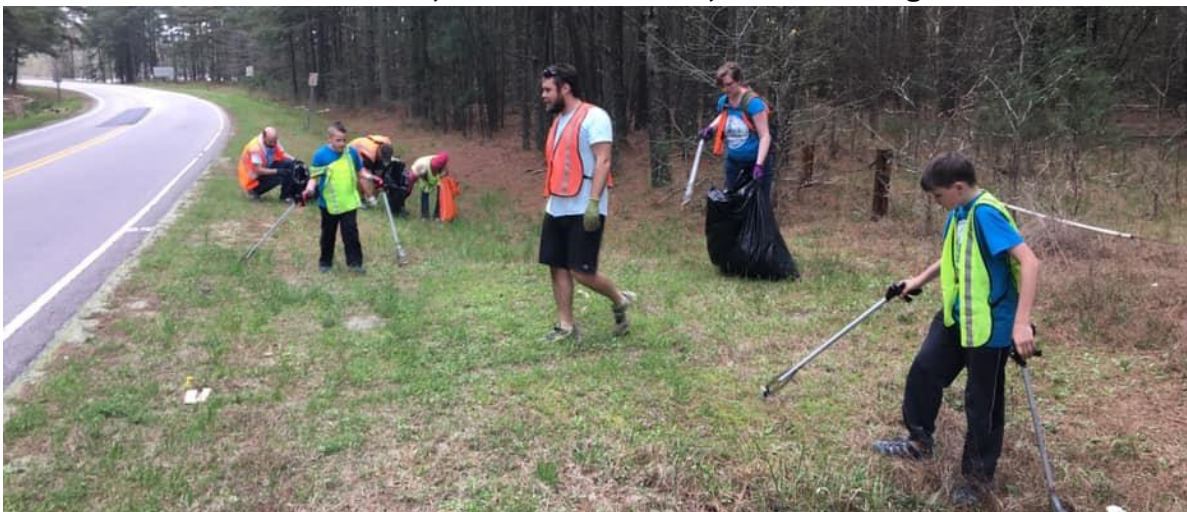
Far left: Cheryl Stallings and Terry Mahaffey



Near Left: Apex Town Council Members Audra Killingsworth and Brett Gantt



Audra Killingsworth, Cheryl Stallings, Jen Lackmann, Lisa Huff, Jackie Jones, Peggy Thomas, Laura Holley, Jason Coposky, Brett Gantt, Arno Zegerman, Terry Mahaffey, Jessie Alexander, Rachel Alexander, and Evan Zegerman



Terry Mahaffey, Finn Coposky, Jason Coposky, Cheryl Stallings, Brett Gantt, Audra Killingsworth, and Kieran Coposky



AFRICAN AMERICAN CAUCUS OF JOHNSTON COUNTY!

Judge Addie Raul, Juvenile Court Official Marsha Woodall, and Attorney Lama Sinn were the Guest Speakers at the April meeting of the African American Caucus of Johnston County.

The organization's dynamic President, Doris Wallace, is standing third from the left.

NCDP AAC President Linda Wilkins-Daniels is standing third from the right next to Dr. Gettys Cohen and former Lt. Governor candidate Ronald Newton of Durham.



NEW BEAUFORT COUNTY PARTY OFFICERS!

At their 2019 County Convention in Washington, Beaufort County Democrats elected the Officers shown above.

County Chair Elaine Wood is third from the left and Keith Boyd Mason in on the far right. If the names of the other Officers are made available, this publication will happily share them with you.



BURKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC BLUE GALA!

Senator Jeff Jackson of Mecklenburg County was the Keynote Speaker at the highly successful BLUE GALA of the Burke County Democratic Party in Morganton. County Party Chair Pam Genant is on the left and NC Court of Appeals Judge Toby Hampson is on the right in the happy picture above.

WANT TO HEAR A FUN AND FACTUAL TALK?

Click This Link & Hear Jeff Jackson's Message:

https://youtu.be/DruSRfUsQqk?fbclid=IwAR1IVoSNRTaiJ-QkkeK5UopB_rDYUJRNeQEmFpb7nnaHoe_aw7ixLdUPdZQ



Burke County Chair Pam Genant greeted Kurt Loveland and Phillip Epley in these pictures.

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