

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

November 7, 2019

YOUTH FEATURE – SINTHIA SHABNAM



CARTERET DEMOCRATS HAVE A BIG REVERSE DRAWING!

Buck Bayliff can testify that: "It pays to be a Democrat!" He won the \$5,000.00 Grand Prize in the Carteret County Democratic Party's Reverse Drawing.

The Reverse Drawing was a spectacularly successful promotion for the Party as it cleared \$13,400.00!

Stephanie Wear was congratulating Buck when this picture was being taken. Congratulations to County Chair Dennis Litalien and all Carteret County Democrats!



DELMAS & SUE PARKER ARE MOVING TO KENTUCKY!

Two of North Carolina's greatest Democrats, DELMAS and SUE PARKER, have made a heart wrenching decision: In December they are going to leave their beloved North Carolina and move to live near their son, Calvin Parker, who is a Regional Vice President of BB&T in Louisville, Kentucky. They will also be living near their three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Delmas and Sue grew up in Ashe County and now live in Clemmons in Forsyth County.

In every speech Delmas has made over the past 60 years, he has begun by saying "I'm proud to be a FDR Democrat!" He knew what dramatic life improvements President Roosevelt's New Deal programs brought to the people of Ashe County and the people of America! No one who attended the 2000 State Democratic Convention in Raleigh will ever forget the moment when Delmas electrified the Convention by saying:

**"I had rather have one FDR in a wheelchair
than 50 Ronald Reagans on a horse!"**

Here is a partial list of the positions in which Delmas has served the Democratic Party:

Second Vice Chair, North Carolina Democratic Party, 2005 - 2011

Tenth District Candidate for Congress vs. Cass Ballenger in 2000

Chair of the Fifth Congressional District Democratic Party, 2001-2005

Chair, Ashe County Democratic Party, 1989-1996

First Vice Chair of the Tenth Congressional District Democratic Party

Member of the NCDP Executive Council & NCDP SEC, 2001-2015

Democratic candidate for State Senate District 31 in 2012

First Vice President, Forsyth Senior Democrats, 2016-2019

Sue has also been an active Democrat during her entire adult life.

Democrats can write to these legendary Democrats at: DelmasParker@gmail.com



MIKE MCINTYRE NAMED "2019 LAWYER OF THE YEAR"

By North Carolina Lawyer Weekly!

The short article at this link will enable you to learn about the life and political activities of longtime Seventh District Congressman Mike McIntyre:

<https://nclawyersweekly.com/2019/10/31/lawyer-of-the-year-mike-mcintyres-career-shaped-by-public-service/>

Congressman McIntyre has been successful in every stage of his life!

IT'S A POTLUCK

Saturday, November 9
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Carpenter Building
Join us to eat, drink and talk!

All Macon County Democrats
and like-minded citizens
welcome!

Sponsored by
Democratic
Women of
Macon County

**Join us as we discuss issues important to
citizens of Macon County**
Carpenter Building, 1288 Georgia Road
Saturday, November 9, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

- Bring a dish and share what's on your mind! -



YOUTH FEATURE – SINTHIA SHABNAM – NC STATE UNIVERSITY!

Sinthia Shabnam is a Senior double majoring in Political Science and Sociology at NC State University. She has worked as a Policy Research Intern at RealFactsNC, a 501C4 dedicated to educating North Carolinians on daily issues and public policy. She previously served as the Social Media Director for the Wake County Democratic Party.

She has also interned for State Representative Gale Adcock in the General Assembly. She will begin working as an Intern with Chief Justice Cheri Beasley at the Supreme Court on November 17th.



Sinthia with her mother



Sinthia is the Educational Director for the Muslim Students Association at NCSU. She hosts lectures, activities, and community engagement programs to address intersectional issues that Muslim youth face today with special guests and presentations.

She says: “I do this on a biweekly bases and it’s my favorite thing to do in terms of community work and service.”

Sinthia continues by saying: “In the past, I did a political engagement program called PROUD AND POWERFUL, RISE TO THE OCCASION. The goal was to help educate Muslim Youth on how their voices matter on political platforms too and how we need to engage in social activism.”



This overhead shot was taken at an event entitled: “Respect The Pack,” an NCSU program that is held annually to celebrate diversity and inclusion. Sinthia is at the speakers podium.

She recited a poem.

Here is a link to her poem:

<https://youtu.be/8XGQXnj0kG8>



Sinthia with NCSU Vice Chancellor Justine Hollingsworth, Safi Ahmed, & Reggie Barnes



Sinthia relates:

“My favorite subject of study is the relationship between crime and racial rhetoric and media. As a young Democrat, I believe in involving my local, ethnic, and religious communities to stay active in the political world – to better inform public policy, and also utilize my leadership to be inclusive of all people, all backgrounds, and all differences.

“As I grow, I hope to help reduce the gaps in education policy and performance, and address social inequality in the work that I do. I hope young women such as myself feel inspired and motivated to seek and pursue leadership to contribute to the changing world around us.”

“Young women are the face of tomorrow, and inspiring the youth is incumbent upon all of us. My educational pursuits, extracurriculars, and leadership within the Muslim American community have informed my choice to pursue political leadership and play a role in diversifying who partakes in social justice, policy formation and advocacy.”



REMEMBERING CONGRESSMAN ELIJAH CUMMINGS

The passing of Congressman Cummings brought back memories to many NC Democrats.

Congressman Mike McIntyre remembered when the Maryland Congressman was his honored guest speaker at one of the Seventh Congressional District Black History celebrations that McIntyre hosted annually.

Congressman Cummings told the hundreds of attendees about his life story which was far more dramatic than the media has yet fully revealed.

After Cummings was chosen to be Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Coast Guard, McIntyre invited him to come back to his district and visit Coast Guard stations at Oak Island, Wrightsville Beach, and Wilmington, as well as a special luncheon at UNCW.



**Democrats all over North Carolina
and Democrats all across
America will never
forget Congressman Cummings.**



NBC SHOWS JOHN HICKS PAYING RESPECTS TO ELIJAH CUMMINGS

A few months ago John Hicks of Surry County starred in the YOUTH FEATURE of this publication. In August he enrolled as a student at The George Washington University in Washington, DC.

John went to pay his respects to Congressman Cummings as he lay in state in Statuary Hall in the US Capitol. NBC News broadcast John's picture nationwide as he entered. He can be seen near the center of the picture above wearing a gray coat.



NBC also broadcast John's picture as he stood at the foot of the Congressman's casket. Congressman Cummings lived a life which will always be an example of service and dedication for John and for millions of other Americans.



MORE PICTURES FROM WESTERN GALA!

More pictures from the Western Gala in Asheville have arrived since the last edition. Above are Lorna Barnett of Jackson County, NCDP Executive Director Meredith Cuomo, State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin, and 11th District Congressional candidate Dr. Steve Woodsmall.



Jackson County leaders: Marley Honea, County Party First Vice Chair Cindy Burke, and Lorna Barnett. These pictures were provided by Jane Koenig.



WALTER SMITH ANNOUNCES HIS CAMPAIGN FOR AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER!

Prominent Democrat, Walter Smith of Yadkin County, has announced that he will run for NC Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services in 2020.

Walter is a hemp and poultry farmer in Yadkin County who previously worked with the US Department of Agriculture administering federal agricultural and conservation programs.

He said he is running because there are some very serious problems in North Carolina that need to be addressed. In his announcement speech he talked about North Carolina being one of the leading states in the loss of family farms and farmland, the urban rural divide, the lack of infrastructure in rural communities, the need to protect our consumers and environment, and the need to pass laws regulating puppy mills.

Walter wants to develop programs to help feed the hungry. He stated that according to Feed American, 14.6 percent of the population ((1.5 million people) and 1 out of every five children under the age of 18 are food insecure in North Carolina.

Walter said that he is not only growing hemp for BCD oil and fiber, but he is traveling across the state promoting and lobbying on behalf of the hemp industry. He also stated that he is in favor of legalizing marijuana for medical purposes.

When elected, Walter said he will hit the ground running from day one to help solve problems that are not currently being adequately addressed by the NCDA&CS.

He said that when he was growing up on a farm, his father taught him that being a farmer meant that you don't quit until the job is finished. Walter said he will be a full time commissioner, one who will put in whatever hours it takes to get the job done!

Democrats can write to Walter at: wsmith1@yadtel.net.



JUDGE CHRISTOPHER BROOK'S CAMPAIGN IS ROLLING!

Judge Christopher Brook was honored at an event in Chapel Hill last week. He is currently serving on the NC Court of Appeals and he is campaigning for a full eight-year term.



Judge Brook believes that our courts should protect citizens of all ages, especially children



ANOTHER EVENT FOR JUDGE BROOK!

On October 17th another group of Chapel Hill citizens held a dinner for Judge Christopher Brook's campaign for a full term on the NC Court of Appeals. Chapel Hill City Council candidate Sue Hunter joined Judge Brook in this cheerful picture.



Everyone gave Judge Brook a standing ovation before he started his talk.



**HAYWOOD COUNTY
DEMOCRATS HOST
HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL
POTLUCK DINNER FOR
CHIEF JUSTICE
CHERI BEASLEY!**

**Haywood County Chair
Myrna Campbell and the
Haywood County Democratic
Party planned for 60 people
to attend this dinner.
They were thrilled when more
than 80 showed up to cheer
our Chief Justice!**



**Haywood County Democrat Bette Meyer said: "People were impressed with
and inspired by the Chief Justice!"**



Chief Justice Beasley was uplifted by the cheerful Democrats of Haywood County!



VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN COMES TO DURHAM!

When Vice President Joe Biden came to Hillside High School in Durham on October 27th, he was greeted by Wake County Soil & Water Supervisor Nervahna Crew (Left) who grew up in Delaware. Her entire family worked in several of Mr. Biden’s Delaware campaigns. Nervahna was honored by being invited to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Biden rally.

He was also welcomed by Wake County Democratic activist Rashidul Islam (right above.)



Angela Blount, Brenda Buchanon, Nervahna Crew, Angela Hart, and Eunice Jones.



Brenda Pollard welcomed Mr. Biden to her home town. Edward Jones with the Vice President. Most of the pictures in this article were made by Edward Jones.



State Rep. Marcia Morey, Sarah Woodard, Sen. Erica Smith, Congressman G. K. Butterfield, Sen. Mike Woodard, Sen. Don Davis, and Edward Jones



Dr. Grace Galloway, Kanwal Naiyar, & Maria Cervania with Joe Biden



**Far Left:
Young Democrat
Peter Kane
Left:
Fourth Congressional
District Party Chair
Valerie Jordan
with Mr. Biden**



DURHAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Durham Democrats have been canvassing all over the county this fall to grow their volunteer base and reach new voters! In partnership with Neighbors On Call and others, volunteers have met thousands of potential voters and spread a positive Democratic message throughout the community.





Durham Democrats have also recently launched a social media initiative, #iamademocratbecause, featuring elected officials, party officers, volunteers, and community members discussing why they are Democrats.

New videos are released weekly on Facebook and Twitter, but the growing collection can be seen at <https://durhamdemocrats.org/i-am-a-democrat-because/>. Every Democrat is welcome to submit their own video!

JEFF JACKSON
NC SENATE

LGBTQ DEMOCRATS
OF NORTH CAROLINA

JAIME HARRISON
FOR U.S. SENATE

Gaston Democrats

Blue Unity Banquet

NOVEMBER 21ST
LORAY MILL, GASTONIA NC
6PM
TICKETS \$75+

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TREVOR FULLER TAKES HIS US SENATE CAMPAIGN TO LEE COUNTY!

Trevor Fuller recently spoke at a meeting of the Jonesborough NAACP in Sanford. After his speech, the Young People of Sanford Dance Troupe invited him to have his picture made with them.



In this picture Trevor is on the left as he is being presented the Key to the City of Sanford by Bob Finch and by Ervin Fox, President of the Lee County NAACP.



STANLY COUNTY DEMOCRATS ELECT NEW OFFICERS!

Eighth Congressional District Chair Jim Davis (left above) worked with the Democratic Women of Stanly County and the Century Club of Stanly County to organize an October meeting in Albemarle at which new County Party Officers were elected.

Four of the newly Officers are shown in the picture on the right.

The new lineup of Stanly Democratic leaders is:

Chair – Kevin Taylor

3rd VC – Daniel Brabaw

1st VC – Georgette Edgerton

Secretary – David Cartrette

2nd VC – Beth Harrison

Treasurer – Cathy Holland



The crowd included Tom Macon of Cumberland County and Eighth Congressional District Candidate Scott Huffman.

Jim Davis with Chariel Dye, First VC of Rowan County Democratic Party



**DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS YOUNG MAN?
JOSEPH EARL LEVY III OF ROWAN COUNTY!**

Yes, this is the same Joseph Earl Levy who has been featured many times in this publication since he was very young. He is the son of Veleria Levy who served as Second Vice Chair of the State Democratic Party from 2015 until 2017. Veleria has also served in many other Party positions.

Joseph Earl is now 15 years old and he is an Honor Student at Cannon School in Concord. He enjoys Soccer, Golf, and Track. He hopes to become a neurosurgeon or an attorney.

Democrats may write to Joseph Earl and Veleria at VLevy2@gmail.com.



**JESSICA HOLMES WITH
ERIC HOLDER!**

When Eric Holder, former Attorney General of the United States, recently came to Raleigh to speak about redistricting and gerrymandering, he had an opportunity to talk with Jessica Holmes, Chair of the County Commissioners of Wake County. Jessica has announced that she will be running for NC Labor Commissioner in the 2020 campaign.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

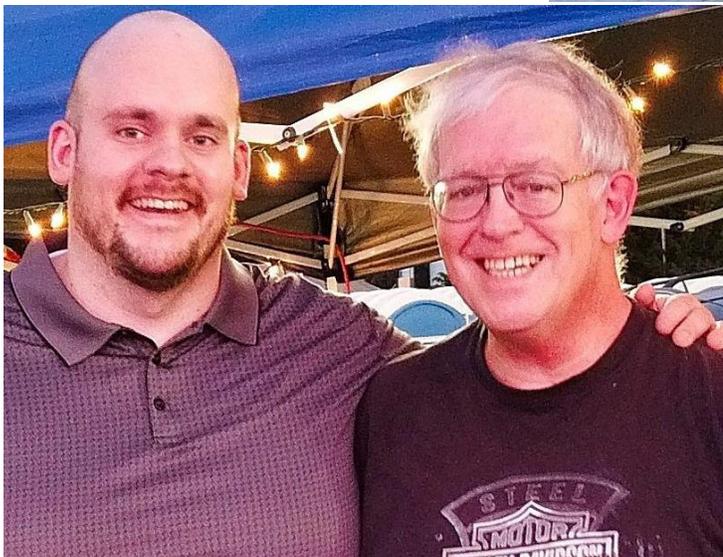
The Rutherford County Democratic Party kicked off a fundraising drive to renovate the front of their headquarters at the Ellenboro Fair. Tickets for a drawing to win \$500.00 were sold for a \$1 donation. When they finish selling all the tickets, they will have raised \$3,000.

A matching grant from the town of Forest City will help Democrats give a facelift to their headquarters.

Anna Robinson and Margaret Dwinggins are selling tickets in the picture on the left.

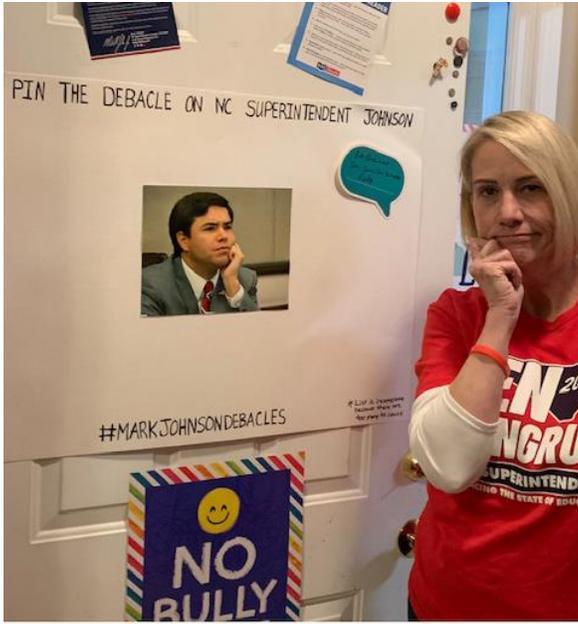


Scott Lane, Rose Bevington and Bill Withrow enjoyed selling tickets.



Jeff and Rob Hensley helped staff the ticket booth (left.)

Also representing the Party at the Fair were Gina Collias, Cortney Bohannon, Esther Lusk, Nell Bovender, and Colleen Grossell



SOME UNIQUE & INTERESTING CAMPAIGN EVENTS FOR JEN MANGRUM!

Suzanne Miller celebrated her birthday by hosting a fundraiser for Jen Mangrum’s campaign for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Left above: One of the events at the fundraiser was “Pin The Debacle On The Superintendent!” It was much more fun than pinning the tail on the donkey.

Right above: Wake teacher Na’Shonda Bender-Cooke and Suzanne Miller with Jen.



Jen hosted a “PAINT PARTY FUNDRAISER!”



More fun: Jen’s campaign held a “TEACHERS LOUNGE” fundraiser at Zweli’s in Durham.



**Jen Mangrum traveled to Lenoir to speak to Caldwell County Democrats.
Left: Gail Ramsdell with Jen at the Caldwell Party Headquarters.**



**In this picture
Jen is proudly pointing
to her name where
she is honored as one of the
sponsors of the
Color Of Education Symposium
in Raleigh.**



CONSTANCE LAV JOHNSON IN LIVINGSTON PARADE!

Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate Constance Lav Johnson rode in the Homecoming Parade at Livingston College in Salisbury which is Constance's hometown.



Some of Constance's supporters happily posed with her.



CAL CUNNINGHAM – A CANDIDATE IN CONSTANT MOTION!

US Senate candidate Cal Cunningham is busily traveling all over the state to deliver his message to as many voters as possible.

Above: Cal at the Union Headquarters of the United Commercial & Food Workers near the vast hog slaughtering plant at Tar Heel in Bladen County.



Cal during a roundtable discussion in Raeford in Hoke County



**Cal at a
campaign event
in Fayetteville**



**Cal at a meet and greet event
at the Flying Saucer Draught
Emporium in Raleigh.**



**Cal talking with
Mayor Newell Clark
at the annual Barbecue Festival
in Lexington,
Cal's hometown.**



ERICA SMITH & STEVE WOODSMALL HOLD JOINT TOWN HALL!

US Senate candidate Erica Smith and Eleventh District congressional candidate Steve Woodsmall held a joint Town Hall in Asheville. They talked about issues on which they intend to fight in Congress.



Steve and Erica answered lots of questions and also listened to voter's concerns.

Steve and Erica with a happy citizen





DEMOCRATS AT NC STATE FAIR BOOTH!



State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin



**Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate
Constance Johnson & her husband, Dr. Jack Burton**



State Senator Mike Woodard of Durham



Moore County
**Democratic
Party
Holiday
Celebration**

Wednesday,
December 4th,
6:00 pm, at the
Campbell
House

(located at 482 E. Connecticut
Ave. in Southern Pines)

Hosted by the Democratic Women of Moore County

The format for this year's Celebration will be
a little different than in past years!

Here's what's new:

✳️ The event will be a fundraiser for the
Democratic Party Headquarters &
reservations will be a minimum of \$25 per
person, which includes your beer and
wine!

✳️ 100% of your gift will go directly to
support our Party Headquarters in 2020!

✳️ It's a *grazing* party, and everyone's
invited to bring an hors d'oeuvre to share!

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