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GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

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**24 CAKES BROUGHT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS
AT DUPLIN COUNTY'S
“MEET THE CANDIDATES CAKE AUCTION!”**



Duplin Democrats were highly focused on Allen Thomas' life story.



**Beth Wood spoke about and brought a cake for three candidates:
Herself, Elaine Marshall, and Dimple Ajmera**



State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin brought his campaign for Insurance Commissioner to the Cake Auction at James Kenan High School in Warsaw.



**Every cake was especially created for this Duplin County event which has been held in every election year since 1978!
It is one of the most unique events in the entire state!**

Thank You, Gabi!



Photo of Gabi Young (a senior at Wallace-Rose Hill High School) with the cake she made, decorated, and donated to the Duplin County Democratic Party for the Cake Auction Rally held at James Kenan High School February 21, 2020.

Photography by George Francis.



GRAND OPENING – NEW STANLY COUNTY PARTY HEADQUARTERS!

A hundred people turned out for the Grand Opening of the new Stanly County Democratic Party (SCDP) Headquarters in Albemarle! County Chair Kevin Taylor and other Democratic leaders welcomed folks and gave short talks.

From the left in the picture above are:

Stanly Democratic Women President Fran Walker

SCDP First Vice Chair Georgette Edgerton

SCDP Treasurer Cathy Holland

State Senate # 33 candidate Tarsha Ellis

SCDP County Chair Kevin Taylor

State Senate # 33 candidate Geoffrey Hoy

SCDP Secretary David Cartrette

Board of Ed candidate Beth Harrison



**With their newly elected County Party Officers and their new Headquarters,
Stanly Democrats are on the march!**

Their website is: www.StanlyDemocrats.org



LOTS OF INTEREST IN PRIMARY RACES IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY!

Fifty interested voters attended the second Candidates Forum sponsored by the Rutherford County Democratic Party at their Headquarters in Forest City on February 13th.



County Party Chair Ken Jordan presented the following candidates to the audience:
11th District candidates Gina Collias, Michael O'Shea, Steve Woodsmall, and Moe Davis
5th District congressional candidate David Wilson Brown (in picture above)

District 2 Rutherford County Commissioner candidate Susie Bostic

District 3 Rutherford County Commissioner candidate Jerry Wease

Rutherford County is home to Chimney Rock and Lake Lure.

One day soon these Democrats are going to make it a Democratic stronghold!



JOHN VERDEJO HONORED BY WAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY!

At their February 15th "Hearts of Blue Dinner Dance," the Wake County Democratic Party presented its annual RONNIE CONDREY MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD to DNC Member John Verdejo! The Wake Party was happy to salute John for contributing his many talents to the cause.

Upper left picture: Wake County Party Chair Rebecca LLeWellen made the surprise announcement and presented the award to John & his Democratic son, Jacob.





**JUDGE SHIRLEY FULTON HONORED
BY MECKLENBURG AFRICAN AMERICAN CAUCUS!**

February 13th marked something new for the African American Caucus of Mecklenburg County Democratic Party. They were blessed to bring awareness to the Charlotte Mecklenburg students affected under the McKinney-Vento Act for homeless students.

They also honored the current Black Women Judges on the NC Bench from Supreme Court to District court.



They gave special recognition to the Honorable Judge Shirley L. Fulton, the first Black Superior Court Judge in North Carolina. Here is a link to a video of the occasion.

<https://www.facebook.com/CharleneHendersonBBG/videos/2511488272436680/?t=69>



**NCDP FIRST VICE CHAIR RECEIVES
“BLACK LIVING LEGEND AWARD”**

A “Black Living Legend Award” was presented to NCDP Second Vice Chair, Dr. Bobbie Richardson, on February 15th. It was presented by members of Alpha Pi Chi National Sorority. Dr. Richardson is truly a living legend!



**STATE AUDITOR HAS 12 YEARS
OF EXPERIENCE AS STATE AUDITOR!**

**Beth Wood is running for her fourth term
on March 3rd.**

**Look at the video below
which explains why she
is a well-qualified candidate!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lksQAJ32EWw>



CRAVEN DEMOCRATIC WOMEN CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY!

In 2020 the Democratic Women of Craven County are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Votes for Women! They are a diverse group and literally have members ranging in ages from 1 to 100 (READ THAT AGAIN!)

Barbara P. Harrison (on left with "Votes for Women" sash) is President. Jodie Lones (beside Barbara) is Vice President. The Secretary is Diane Tyndall (far right.) Jean Friend is Treasurer.



LUIS TOLEDO IS CAMPAIGNING STRONG FOR STATE AUDITOR!



**This was Luis's cake at the Duplin County Cake Auction.
It looks very much like a ballot!**

LUIS TOLEDO

DEMOCRAT *for* STATE AUDITOR

*Committed to improving government
programs for all people in North Carolina*

“

I'm running for State Auditor because accountability and transparency in North Carolina is not where it needs to be. I want to change that. As a former Assistant State Auditor, I have the knowledge and experience to audit critical programs and help improve existing services for all people in our state.”

Did you know...?

The State Auditor doesn't audit your tax returns or make laws. The State Auditor's job is to protect taxpayer money, expose waste, fraud, and abuse, and to make recommendations to improve performance at state agencies and universities.

Luis Toledo's priorities

To perform mandated financial audits and conduct performance audits on areas that have gone overlooked, such as:

- Public Education
- Healthcare Services
- Housing & Disaster Recovery
- Environmental Standards
- Data Analytics & Cybersecurity

A life of public service

- Former Assistant State Auditor (recipient of Best Audit in the Nation)
- U.S. Air Force veteran
- Former Presidential Management Fellow at U.S. State Department & Pentagon
- Former Budget & Tax Policy Analyst at the North Carolina Justice Center
- Adjunct Professor of Public Policy at Elon University
- Audit Manager at Ernst & Young (*global accounting firm*)
- Certified Information Systems Auditor
- Certified Public Manager
- Degrees in Business Administration, Cybersecurity, and Public Administration



Luis Toledo is the fifth of six children raised by a single mother and settled in rural Western North Carolina as a teenager. He was the first in his family to graduate high school, college, and serve in the U.S. Armed Forces. He currently serves as an Audit Manager at Ernst & Young and as an Adjunct Professor of Public Policy at Elon University. Luis lives in Raleigh and is the proud father of children who attend North Carolina public schools.



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YOUTH FEATURE: GREEAR WEBB!

Greear Webb is a dedicated young organizer who cares deeply about lessening North Carolina's racial divide. He is the Co-Founder of the NC Town Hall Series and the Young Americans Protest non-profit.

Most recently he was a speaker at the Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee "MLK Day" televised breakfast.

Greear is a passionate youth striving for progress in gun safety legislation. He knows that our diversity as a people is our strength and that reflective representation matters.

Greear is a passionate young leader eager to make change!



2020 MLK March – Greear (on left) leading the charge down Fayetteville Street in Downtown Raleigh with Supreme Court Justice Mike Morgan, Special Superior Court Judge Craig Croom, and Wake County Superior Court Judge Vince Rozier



Greear with Lt. Governor candidate, Allen Thomas. Greear with past NC College Dems President John Easterling and the esteemed actor and activist Danny Glover. Both pictures were made at the International Civil Rights Gala in Greensboro.



Celebrating the 14th day of Black History Month in the center of the UNC-CH campus alongside members of UNC's Black Student Movement. Greear says: "Truly, I Am Black History!"



Greear ran into renowned NC community activist Brenda Pollard while attending the UNC vs Duke "Battle of the Blues" basketball game.



Greear relates that it was “a true honor meeting and being encouraged by Civil Rights legend, the Most Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr.



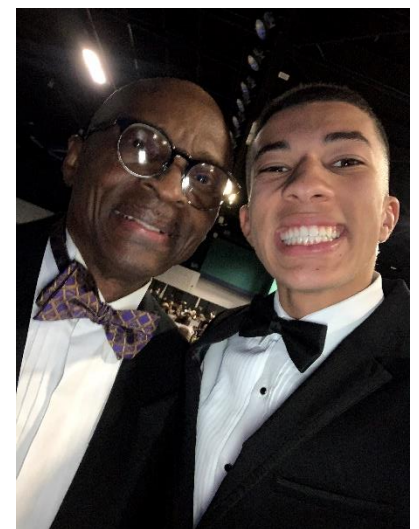
Greear was happy to get to visit with Monica Talmadge of the National Domestic Workers Alliance at the Civil Rights Gala in Greensboro.

When asked to list some of his life’s information, accomplishments and a short biography, Greear replied:

- . Born in Raleigh and grew up in Raleigh**
- . First-Year Morehead Cain Scholar at UNC-Chapel Hill**
- . His mother (Garnett Webb) is from Greenville, North Carolina and his father (Rod Webb) is from Albany, Georgia.**
- . Two younger siblings (Mercer and Mitchell) were born and have grown up in Raleigh**
- . He played on the Varsity Tennis team all four years of high school.**
- . He enjoys reading, writing, playing basketball and tennis, and hanging out with friends and mentors.**
- . He is a mentor at Neighbor 2 Neighbor Community Outreach Center in Southeast Raleigh.**
- . He founded “Greear’s Neighborhood Lawn Business” at age 11.**
- . Vocalist at Southeast Raleigh Table Church in Downtown Raleigh.**
- . Social Media: @greearwebb**

From Secretary Melvin Williams

“Here is a measure of the brilliant mind of Greear Webb: Over the many years that “GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS has been published, Greear Webb gathered the pictures, thoughts and historical facts about his life faster than any other person – of any age - who has ever been featured in this publication.



THIS WEEK!



GREEAR AT TUESDAY'S PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE IN CHARLESTON!

Greear goes everywhere! On Tuesday night, February 25th, Greear and Durham community organizer and restaurant owner, Leonardo Williams, went to the Presidential debate in downtown Charleston, South Carolina. Greear posed with Vice President Joe Biden and Mayor Pete!





Greear and Leonardo Williams gained entrance to the debate hall. They used the time before and after the debate to mix with the presidential candidates. They had experiences they will remember throughout the rest of their lives.

In the picture on the right above, prominent Massachusetts Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley is conversing with Greear.



Greear posed with Mayor Michael Bloomberg and his partner, Jane, after the debate. Who knows? One day we may be watching Greear as he participates in a presidential debate!



CABARRUS DEMS HOLD LT. GOVERNOR DEBATE!

All six candidates were smiling in the picture above as Cabarrus County Democrats opened their February 9th Lt. Governor candidates debate. The event was organized by Steven Tice.

From the left in the picture above are: Chaz Beasley, Terry Van Duyn, Yvonne Lewis Holley, Allen Thomas, Bill Toole, and Ronald Newton.



The Moderator was Tom Campbell and the emcee was Harrisburg Town Council Member Diamond Staton Williams.



Lt. Governor candidate Bill Toole with local candidate Earle Schecter



FIRST LADY SPEAKS AT MECKLENBURG DW MEETING!

Our much-admired First Lady, Kristin Cooper, was the Keynote Speaker at the February Membership Meeting of the Mecklenburg Democratic Women in Charlotte. She talked about the health of North Carolina's children, literacy, the arts, and the environment.



**Kristin Cooper with Mecklenburg DW
President Lisa Ellsworth**



**Our First Lady with Immediate Past
Past President Connie Green-Johnson**



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LT GOVERNOR

**MONTHLY
EVENTS**

February 1- 14

Davidson County Democratic Women's Meeting



Special Facebook Live Town Hall with Poplar Creek Farms



North Mecklenburg Democratic & Steel Creek Party Precinct Meeting



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SOULS TO THE POLLS IN JOHNSTON COUNTY

This group of Johnston County Democratic activists gathered to carry lots of voters to the polls on Saturday, February 22nd!

They are Dr. Gettys Cohen, Bobby Womack, Jeanine Gibson, Carolyn McDougal, Kenon Crumb who is a candidate for Johnston County Board of Education, Angelique Legette who is Chair of the Johnston County Chapter of the AAC-NCDP, Helena Anderson, Barbara Monk and her father, Mr. Lyles.



GASTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Left – Gaston County Commissioner candidate Ray Raynor entertains a future voter during Early Voting.

Right – Ray Raynor with Lt. Gov. candidate Yvonne Lewis Holley and Gastonia Mayor Walker Reid



JENNA WADSWORTH'S WESTERN SWING!

**Recently Commissioner of Agriculture
Candidate Jenna Wadsworth
met with many groups as she travelled
throughout western North Carolina.
Left: Jenna helping the College Dems of
App State celebrate their 50th Anniversary!**

**Jenna with the
Watauga Roundtable
in Boone.**



Jenna helped the East Forsyth Democrats have a great social!



PICTURES FROM BRIAN CASKEY'S STATE SENATE CAMPAIGN!

What could be better than Democratic candidates and goats?

From the left are: Judge Mack McKeller, State Senate candidate Brian Caskey, State Representative candidate Sam Edney, and 11th District Congressional Candidate Dr. Michael O'Shea.

Brian Caskey speaking to a packed house at the Black Mountain Forum



At Sunrise Movement meeting taking a pledge not to accept any fossil fuel money during their campaigns:

Julie Mayfield of the Asheville City Council, Moe Davis for 11th District Congressional seat, and Brian Caskey.



A GOOD HOT BATTLE IN BUNCOMBE!

A campaign for County Commissioner can be the most intense battle on the ballot. This can especially true when only the voters in one part of a county are eligible to vote for that seat.

This is going on right now in Buncombe County where Donna Ensley and Parker Sloan are energetically running in newly created District Three.

Most voters know both candidates. It is house to house warfare in this one, folks!



All of us can be looking at the Buncombe County returns on March 3rd to see who emerges victorious!

Save the Date
Minorities in Politics
1st Annual Educational Award Luncheon
Saturday, June 20, 2020
Holiday Inn - Downtown Raleigh
320 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27603
12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Congresswoman Alma Adams



Dr. Everett Ward



Mark Jewell



Steven Hill

<<Host Committee Information>>

Platinum Sponsor: \$1,000

Gold: \$500

Silver: \$300

Bronze: \$200

NC Blue: \$100

Patron Ticket: \$65.00

Veterans/Teachers: \$50.00

RSVP information: www.minoritiesinpolitics.org



FIRST TRAN CANDIDATES FOR NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY!

Angela F Bridgman, candidate for NC Senate, District 18 and Gray Ellis, the first transman, are running to become the first trans candidates in the North Carolina General Assembly



TRANSGENDER CANDIDATES IN RALEIGH WOMEN'S MARCH!

Wendy Ella May, candidate for Johnston County Commissioner, and Angela F. Bridgman, Candidates for NC Senate District 18 marched in the Raleigh Women's March.



TWO OF OUR BRIGHTEST DEMOCRATIC STARS!

**The future is bright for North Carolina
because we have these two stars,
Senator Jeff Jackson & NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes!**

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Your Democratic Friend,

Melvin Williams