

# **GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!**

**March 7, 2021**

## **YOUTH FEATURES**

**ZACHARY SMITH – JUSTIN DAVIS – GREAR WEBB!**

## **SPECIAL FEATURES**

**SADIE STANFIELD - VANCINE STURDIVANT – TJ CAWLEY!**



### **VANCINE STURDIVANT'S BIRTHDAY!**

**Vancine Sturdivant has been a Democratic force for many years in Anson County and statewide. She has been an Anson County Commissioner for 10 years and she was Chair of the Anson County Democratic Party for 12 years. Anson County has been a Democratic stronghold for all of those years.**

**As she prepared for bed on Friday night, March 19th, Vancine heard some car doors closing outside. When she went to the door to see what was going on, she was met by several of her children and grandchildren. They had come to have a "surprise sleepover" at Vancine's home as a way to start celebrating her 67<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**In the picture on the left above are Jackie Cherry, Mallory Cox, Vancine, and Wykeria Little. Mrs. Vancine is in the center picture. In the picture on the right are Mrs. Vancine and Wykeria.**



**Birthday celebration with her son, William "Bugga" Sturdivan**



**Vancine with her daughter, Elissa Sturdivan**



**With her granddaughter, Aysa Monae Little**

**Vancine "loves all God's children." That is why for the last ten years she has devoted hundreds of hours to heading the TOYS FOR TOTS drive in Anson County**





**With her granddaughter, Alisha Hartley**



**With her son, James “Big House” Sturdivant**



**In 2017 Vancine was in a terrible wreck on an exit from Hwy 74. A driver going the wrong way on the exit smashed into her at full speed. He died and Vancine was unconscious when the rescue squad arrived. They thought she was dead but they flew her to Chapel Hill where the medical team and her faith brought her through.**

**Officer Matt Norris (in picture on left) and his wife came to Vancine’s house and helped her family take care of her during her recovery. Vancine calls them her “son and daughter.”**



**Vancine with her daughter,  
Barbara Thomas**



**Cedric Hartley, Jr. and Alisha Hartley  
with their grandmother**



**Vancine enjoying a happy moment with her grandchildren,  
Aysa Little and Timothy Little**

**Democrats may write to Vancine Sturdivant  
at [VSturdivant4261@windstream.net](mailto:VSturdivant4261@windstream.net)**





## **IT'S PRECINCT ORGANIZING TIME!**

**Democrats in all of North Carolina's 2,626 precincts are busy electing Precinct Officers and Delegates to the upcoming County Conventions.**

**Reports are coming in that there is a lot of excitement about getting ready to fight and win in 2022!**



**A good example is Precinct H12 in High Point in Guilford County.**

**They elected:**

**Chair – Patrick Quick – Top left picture**

**Vice Chair – Joshua (Fox) Brown –  
Top right picture**

**Secretary/Treasurer – Sarah Bullard  
picture on left**

**Precinct H12 passed a Resolution which is entitled “Resolution Calling For Reform of Workers Compensation in North Carolina.” This Resolution will go to the upcoming Guilford County Convention.**

**When asked what Democratic roles he is currently fulfilling Vice Chair Josh Brown replied: President of the Progressive Democrats of Guilford County, NCDP Labor Caucus Representative for the Sixth Congressional District, SEC Member, and Member of the NCDP Council of Review. He has previously served the Party as: County Vice Chair for High Point, Guilford County Judicial Board Chair, and candidate for High Point City Council in 2019.**



## **ROBESON COUNTY PRECINCTS ORGANIZE!**

**Lumberton Precinct #8 held an outdoor organizing meeting. From the left are Assistant District Attorney Mary Jane Richardson, Judge Vanessa Burton, Kim Powers, Clementine Thompson-McCormick, Judge Tiffany Powers, Angela Carter, & Saïd Powers**



**The Democrats of Lumberton Precinct #5 are wisely involving their children in the Democratic Party at the right age. From the left are Jacqueline Lacy, Tarrance Mitchell, Syllis Mitchell, Demond Mitchell, Moleah Mitchell, Harper Mitchell, Kim Powers, and Octavia Baldwin. Syllis and Maleah led the Pledge of Allegiance. This was the children's first Democratic meeting. They will be attending the County Convention on April 10<sup>th</sup>.**





## **YOUTH FEATURE – ZACHARY SMITH – NASH COUNTY!**

**Zachary Smith is a nineteen year old Democrat in Nash County who has already had many exceptional educational opportunities in his life.**

**For example: How many students do you know who spent their high school senior year at Harvard University? Zach attended Southern Nash High School in grades 9 -11. His academic work during those years was so impressive that his teachers helped him gain admittance to Harvard's Department of Government for his senior year.**

**While at Harvard he gained nationwide recognition. In the picture above Zachary is holding two of the awards he received from Harvard's Department of Government.**



**Left: With his mother, Kelly**



**Right: With his father, Travis**





**With his former roommate at Stanford      With his best friend, Nick, at UNC-Wilmington**

**Zachary is now a freshman at Stanford University in California where he is majoring in American History with minors in Political Science and in Education.**

**He has been at home in Nash County since the winter recess. During his time at home he has volunteered with his local high school by teaching and tutoring students weekly in Advanced Placement US History. He has been encouraging the students to partake in the civic process as they learn the valuable lessons of our nation's past.**



**Zachary and some friends as they attended the Governor's School at Meredith in 2019**

**While in high school Zachary served two terms as a NC Senate Page, worked on numerous NC statewide campaigns, and help draft policy proposals at the General Assembly. He says he "hopes to continue my work in grassroots movements as North Carolina prepares for the 2022 midterms."**

**He is especially excited about helping a Democrat capture the US Senate seat which will be on the ballot in 2022!**

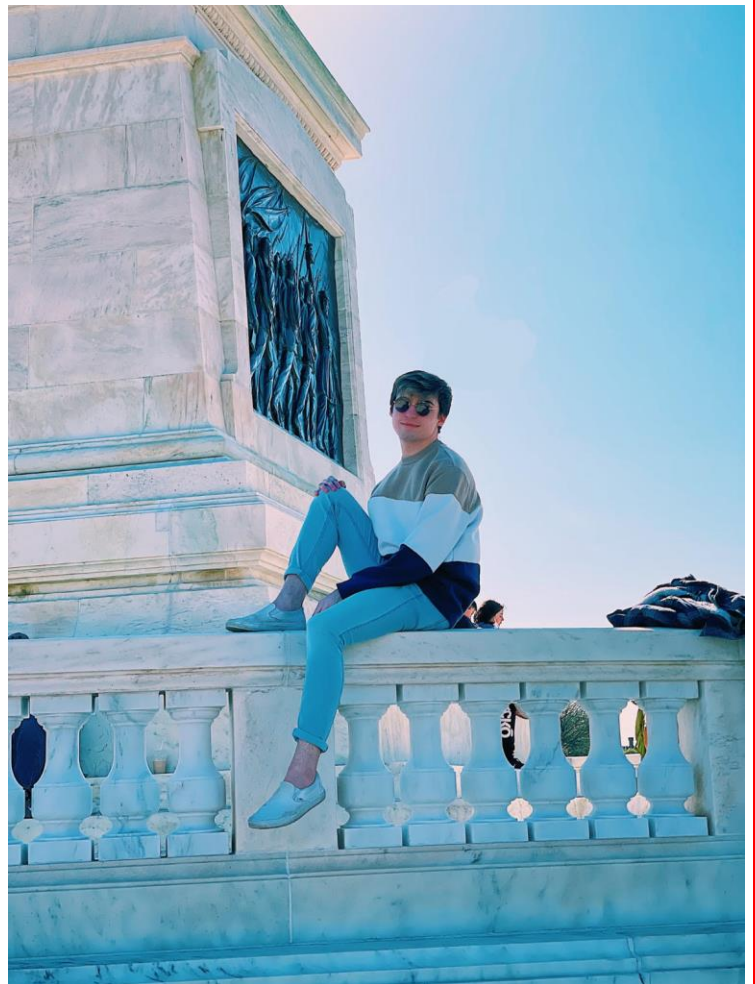




**On Easter Sunday, 2021, Zach and a friend left at 6:00AM to spend a day in Washington. They toured many governmental and historical locations including the US Capitol and the US Grant Memorial.**

**Zachary said: “I just had to soak in the atmosphere of where BUILD BACK BETTER and other progressive reforms are taking place.”**

**Democrats may write to Zachary  
at:  
[zacsmi02@stanford.edu](mailto:zacsmi02@stanford.edu)**





## **TJ CAWLEY ANNOUNCES HIS RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN!**

**Progressive Democrat TJ Cawley, serving as Morrisville Mayor since 2017, recently announced his campaign to seek re-election.**

**Since 2011 TJ has been a Democratic District Coordinator, a Precinct Chair, and has supported Democratic candidates up and down the ballot.**

**Mayor TJ has served one year on the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities, the organization that represents more than 19,000 cities, towns, and villages which have a total population of more than 200 million people. He is also serving his second term as President of the non-partisan Wake County Mayor's Association. He was Co-Chair of Wake County's recent federal census.**





**A Wake Democrat says: “Mayor TJ is a respected, trusted, experienced leader who has received more than a dozen endorsements from prominent Wake County Democrats. He is looking forward to a second term leading an increasingly Democratic, progressive, innovative Morrisville Town Council. Mayor TJ worked hard to make the town council more progressive by helping elect two Democrats, Donna Fender and Anne Robotti, in 2019 resulting in a majority of women council members.”**



**First elected to Morrisville Town Council in 2013, Mayor TJ is proud of many accomplishments including:**

- **the implementation of Morrisville’s strategic plan;**
- **enhanced public safety while promoting community policing, diversity, equity and inclusion;**
- **promoting sustainability, open space and tree preservation, including establishing a new town Sustainability Coordinator to implement policies and investments for a better, greener future;**
- **Improved transportation and mobility, including several major road and intersection improvements; and**
- **parks and recreation improvements, including a substantial upgrade and renovation of the Morrisville Aquatics and Fitness Center.**

**Morrisville elects its Mayor and Town Council Members in a non-partisan election which is held in November. Mayor Cawley is the only Democratic candidate who has announced for Mayor.**

**Morrisville is one of the fastest-growing towns in the state. In 1990 its population was about 500. Now it has almost 30,000 residents!**



# TJ CAWLEY

## MORRISVILLE MAYOR

### ***GREENLIGHT MORRISVILLE'S FUTURE***

**In a second term, Mayor TJ states that he will continue to:**

- **invest in the infrastructure necessary to reduce traffic congestion, as well as alternative forms of mobility such as buses, commuter rail and bicycle and pedestrian amenities;**
- **enhance parks and recreation amenities, greenways and sidewalk networks, with a goal for every family to be able to walk or ride their bikes safely from anywhere to anywhere in Morrisville;**
- **enhance public safety efforts, including continuing to fully fund police and fire rescue departments; and**
- **implement sustainability measures, such as updating the town's vehicle fleet to hybrids and installing solar panels on municipal buildings.**

**Mayor Cawley points out that his leadership and advocacy over the past year with our US representatives helped Democrats pass the American Rescue Plan that will bring billions of sorely needed relief dollars to North Carolina and millions of dollars to Morrisville and Wake County.**

**TJ says: "There is no limit to what Democrats can accomplish when we unite and support each other."**

**He invites everyone to follow him @MSVMayorTJ on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and encourage others who share our progressive values to do the same. His website is: [www.MayorTJ.com](http://www.MayorTJ.com)**



**THE MOST INSPIRATIONAL LETTER OF THE YEAR!  
READ IT HERE AND NOW!**



**A DRAMATIC SALUTE TO ALAMANCE COUNTY'S  
SADIE STANFIELD**

**FROM ELECTION EXPERTS IN WASHINGTON, DC!**

**Two seasoned election workers from Washington wrote this letter  
to Governor Roy Cooper!**

**"Dear Governor Cooper,**

**"In these times when so many people seem to be losing faith in our electoral system, we are writing to tell you about a wonderful asset to the democratic process in North Carolina – Burlington Precinct 7 Captain Sadie Howard Stanfield.**

**"We had the honor of working with Ms. Stanfield when we came to North Carolina to be part of an election protection team. We worked during the entire early voting period and on Election Day in various voting centers in Alamance, Orange and Chatham counties. We have done such election protection and voter education work for more than 30 years in Virginia, so we are speaking from a fair amount of experience.**

**"We have partnered with many leaders and volunteers in our years of working on elections – both through the Democratic Party and with nonprofits focused on increasing voter participation and education. No leader has impressed us in the way that Ms. Stanfield has, which is what moved us to write you.**



**“Ms. Stanfield seemed to know personally every voter in her precinct. She swept us and every person who came out to vote into her determined and joyful presence. Her enthusiasm and energy were contagious, as was her deep knowledge of the issues affecting voters in her precinct who thought only about voting in the national election and not the local elections. She was a presence from before the polls opened until after they closed. She continuously lifted the mood of the volunteers and voters she engaged.**

**“She added to the voting process in multiple ways: helping greeters, monitors and observers find opportunities to add value based on their experience and strengths; organizing curbside voting; introducing candidates to voters; talking with young people about the importance of voting; and helping infrequent voters navigate the process; and bringing joy and organization to the crowds during big events such as a Souls to the Polls voter drive.**

**“We hope our description and the photos serve to help convey how gifted Ms. Stanfield is.**

**“Should you or anyone from your office care to reach out to Ms. Stanfield, this is her contact information:**

**Sadie Howard Stanfield, 336-221-1561**

**1865 N. State Highway 62**

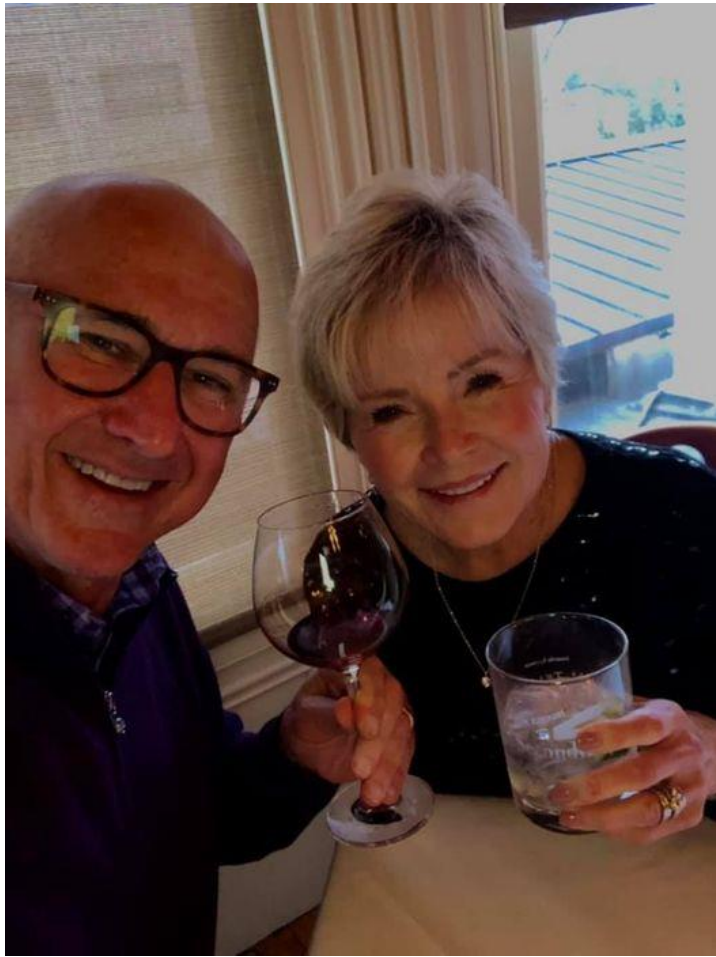
**Burlington, NC 27217**

**Email: [sstanfield15@gmail.com](mailto:sstanfield15@gmail.com)**

**North Carolina Democrats,  
Let's all email Ms. Stanfield!**

**Kind regards,  
Merianne and Louis de Merode”**





## **SIG & NANCY JANE CELEBRATE!**

**Wake County Commissioner Sig Hutchinson and his wife, Nancy Jane, celebrated their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at the elegant Second Empire Restaurant in Raleigh.**

## **THREE LEVELS OF OFFICERS IN CATAWBA COUNTY!**

**This happy picture shows three Catawba County Democrats who hold offices at three different levels of the Party. On the left is Deborah Hollingsworth who is Third Vice Chair of the Catawba County Party. In the center is Tenth Congressional District Chair Doug Auer. On the right is NCDP Third Vice Chair Shannon Auer.**







**JUSTIN DAVIS – PITT COUNTY!**

**Justin Davis recently celebrated his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and his last day in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. He is the middle son of State Senator Don Davis and his wife, Yuvonka..**



**In this picture the entire Davis family was walking to defeat MS. From the left they are Ryan (age 19), Justin (age 15), Kyler (age 9), Mrs. Yuvonka Davis and Senator Don Davis**





**Senator Don Davis was Mayor of the town of Snow Hill for many years. He was first elected to the State Senate in 2008. He was re-elected in 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020. He is an ardent Democrat and has served as Chair of the First Congressional District Democratic Party for more than a decade.**





**Several years ago Justin was elected President of the Student Government at Greene County Middle School.**

**In 2017 NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams had the honor of introducing Justin at a banquet in Plymouth, North Carolina which was attended by more than 300 guests. Justin delivered an outstanding speech and was greatly applauded by the entire crowd!**






## **YOUTH FEATURE – GREEAR WEBB!**

**2020 has been an active year for UNC student Greear Webb of Raleigh. It is an honor for everyone to know this enthusiastic young man.**

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CELEBRATING  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
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**GREEAR WEBB**  
CO-FOUNDER, YOUNG AMERICANS PROTEST

  **NC**

[abc11.com/BlackHistoryMonth](http://abc11.com/BlackHistoryMonth)

**Greear was chosen by WTVD as one of Raleigh’s NC Black History Month Changemakers. This honor, sponsored by Blue Cross NC, highlighted Black leaders across the state who show commitment to representing their communities by being advocates for justice and peace.**



## **SALUTE TO CHAMPIONS AWARD!**

**The Salute to Champions Award was established in 2018 by North Carolina radio personalities Errol Reese and Kevin McClendon. It recognized influential African Americans in the Triangle area of North Carolina throughout Black History Month.**

**Greear was chosen in February as the youngest awardee in this award's history!**

## **Celebrating our Black Leaders: Greear Webb**



Alexis Zarycki February 5th



Sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina

**Greear was highlighted throughout the month of February on WBAV-FM Charlotte as a rising leader.**

**WBAV is an Urban Adult Contemporary Radio station serving thousands in the Charlotte market.**







### **COVID PANEL**

**Greear was a featured panelist on a February COVID-19 vaccination panel hosted by the Raleigh-Apex NAACP, the Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, and the Raleigh chapter of CHUMS, Inc.**

**Other panelists included renowned North Carolinians, Dr. Charles Cook and Olympic Coach George Williams of Raleigh.**



**Recently Greear was one of the distinguished members of the panel at a Black Issues Forum.**



THE NEW  
INFLUENTIALS

IN THEIR 20s

**RALEIGH**  
MAGAZINE

**GREEAR NAMED ONE OF THE “TOP TWENTY IN THEIR 20S!”**

In March when Raleigh Magazine named Greear one of the “TOP TWENTY IN THEIR 20S” they wrote:

“If you haven’t heard of Greear Webb yet, you will!

“At 20, he’s already affecting change, including co-founding a statewide non-profit committed to providing young North Carolinians with the avenues necessary to create positive policy change.

“When he is not helping voices be heard and fighting for equality, inclusion and opportunity, you can find this compassionate leader playing hoops or tennis, working to uplifting Raleigh through Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) and Oak City Cares, or chilling over a vanilla latte at The Morning Times.”

Democrats may write to Greear at [gawebb2019@gmail.com](mailto:gawebb2019@gmail.com).





## **DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF CATAWBA COUNTY!**

**On March 20<sup>th</sup> the Democratic Women of Catawba County partnered with David Williams and Plush Kutz Barber College to provide free hair cuts and free food. Democratic Women President Tommie Abernethy said: “This was part of our continuing outreach to help our neighbors in need. Having free hair cuts made this Saturday event even more beneficial to the recipients. The DW distributed bags of food with items that are appropriate for Easter Dinner, such as canned ham, vegetables, fruit as well as treats, including the popular Peeps.**

**From the left in the picture above are: Barbara Servino, Kim Naff, Melissa Snyder, Betty Kennedy, Tommie Abernethy, Audrey Helms, Yvonna Hatcher, and Tara Zeller.**

**“We have more planned,” Abernethy said. “ This has been a tough time for so many and we want to do what we can to lend a hand.” The County Party and the DW have been working together to collect non-perishable food items since their project began on January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hickory Soup Kitchen.**



**Yvonna Hatcher and Barbara Servino handing off a bag of food. President Tommie Abernethy said: “We have more events planned!”**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED  
TO SEND  
YOUR PICTURES AND ARTICLES  
TO**

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