

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

June 19, 2021

JEFF ROSE & LORNA BARNETT RECEIVE MOUNTAIN DEMOCRAT OF THE YEAR AWARDS!



JEFF ROSE IS CHAIR OF THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY, PRESIDENT OF STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CHAIRS

(This position makes him a State Democratic Party Officer.)

At the 2021 Eleventh District Convention, the Liston B. Ramsey Mountain Democrat of the Year Award was presented to Jeff Rose for the remarkable work that he does in both positions. One of Jeff's talents is his ability to focus on upcoming challenges and his ability to solve problems before they develop. Many times when challenges arise in the State Party, Jeff has already foreseen the challenge and already worked out the solution.

When asked to provide his thoughts on winning the Mountain Democrat of the Year Award, Jeff wrote: "Receiving this award from the District 11 Democrats is such an honor, and I am so humbled by this recognition and the messages of support. Every day, I'm grateful for Democrats in Western North Carolina – without everyone in the western counties showing up and doing the hard work we do at the party, none of this would be possible. Our party is fired up from the national level on down as we organize for 2022, and I'm excited about electing more Democrats across WNC."



A “Mountain Democrat of the Year Award” was also awarded to Lorna Barnett of Jackson County for her outstanding service as Secretary of the Eleventh Congressional District Party. (No other information about Lorna was available.)



Left - State Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson joined Ninth District First Vice Chair Caroline Sumpter at the Investiture of Judge Diane Surgeon in Lumberton.

Right – Dr. Richardson welcomed Mecklenburg County Precinct Chair Janice Johnson when she visited the State Headquarters in Raleigh.



BARBARA FAISON ELECTED TO NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC WOMEN LEADERSHIP POSITION!

Barbara Faison of Clinton in Sampson County was elected last Saturday to the position of Second Vice President of the National Federation of Democratic Women!

Barbara defeated her opponent from Connecticut by a margin of 417 to 223. Barbara is highly respected by Democratic Women in the 13 states over which she has been governing during the several years that she has been Southeastern Director of the Democratic Women.

This wonderful Democrat was President of the Democratic Women of North Carolina for two years.

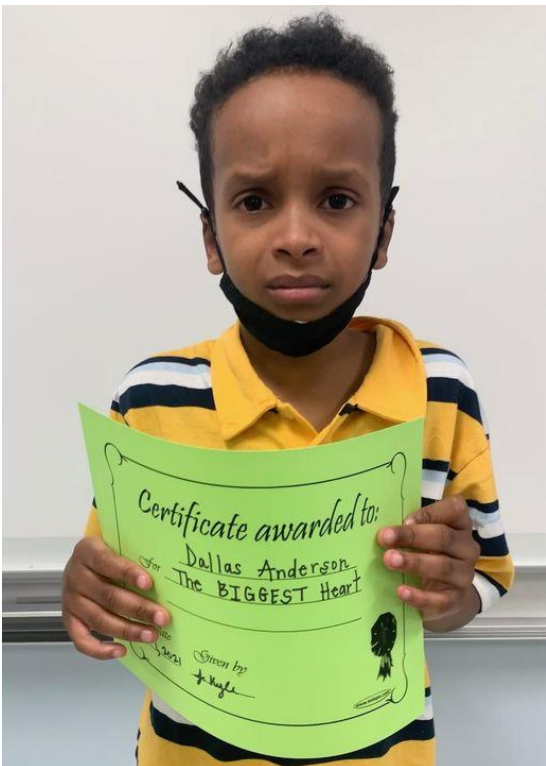
She is North Carolina's current DEMOCRATIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR!

You may send emails of congratulations to Barbara at BarbFa557@gmail.com.



WEDDING BELLS!

Congressman G. K. Butterfield recently married Dr. Sylvia James of Baltimore, Maryland. They prefer to be addressed as “Congressman and Dr. Butterfield.” May they have many happy years together!



DALLAS IS A WINNER!

Nine year-old Dallas Anderson received the award for “THE BIGGEST HEART” when he finished the third grade at his school in Wilson. He is described as a boy who “surely steals the hearts of everyone he meets.” Dallas is non-verbal, Autistic but he doesn’t

let that stop him. He loves playing games on his cell phone and watching Nick, Jr. where Peppa Pig, Baby Shark, and Blaze & the Monster Machines are his favorites. He is the grandson of GWEN WILKINS and son of BLAIRE ANDERSON.



WAYNE AND ANITA BRANCH – DUPLIN LEADERS!

Wayne Branch is a Democratic County Commissioner for District 5 in Duplin County, Youth Pastor at Adoram Baptist Church in Wallace, Life member of the NAACP, Life Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Community Foundation of Duplin County, and member of several other boards and foundations.

Wayne was elected in 2020.

His father-in-law, H. C. Powers, represented the same district as a County Commissioner from 1992-2000.

His wife, attorney Anita Powers, was appointed County Commissioner for the same district to fill a vacancy in 2010.

She then was elected to a full term in which she served from 2012 to 2016.

So the year of 2021 will mark a total of 15 years that this outstanding family has represented the citizens of District

Five as County Commissioner!

An attorney, Anita is now a member of the Duplin County Board of Elections.

GROWING UP

Wayne Branch came from humble beginnings, being the middle child out of a family of five children. He was raised by two very loving parents that did all they could to provide for all their kids. Wayne says: “They were not rich with money but they were blessed with love and always had all they needed materially.”

Growing up, Wayne “knew the importance of family, the importance of doing the right things, telling the truth, respecting rules, respecting those in authority, respecting each other, loving each other, and always believing and trusting in God because without Him nothing would be possible.”



Over the years, Wayne has utilized the things his parents taught him in his educational journey, athletics, and professional career. His upbringing and determination has propelled him from teacher's assistant to law enforcement to business owner and now, minister and political figure. His caring and compassion for people has always been at the center of his focus.

After attending County Commissioners' meetings with Anita, listening and learning about the political process in Duplin County government and listening to others sharing their stories, concerns, and struggles, sparked a political desire to run for office.

Wayne won the March, 2020 primary over an incumbent and ran unopposed in the November, 2020 general election.

Wayne ran his campaign focused on the Three "Rs." He made a commitment to be Responsive, Respectful and a Resource to ALL citizens of Duplin County.

This Democrat takes his role as County Commissioner seriously. He knows the importance of serving people and holding all involved accountable. He believes if you are in leadership you must be willing to stand alone, if necessary, to achieve what is best for everyone.

Wayne promises to provide sound judgment, transparency, objectivity, and fairness to everyone while serving as a County Commissioner. He says "I look forward to future political involvement and I look to God to guide me in any direction I need to go to further my desire to serve people and honor God."



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FROM PRECINCT # 3
IN ROBESON COUNTY!](#)**

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**This video will brighten
your day!**



NC SENIOR DEMS STAGE SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION!

Senior Democrats from all over the state attended a well-organized and highly successful State Convention on June 12th. The event's speakers included Congresswoman Alma Adams, Governor Roy Cooper, Dr. Bobbie Richardson (Keynote Speaker,) Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, former NCDP State Chair Wayne Goodwin, and NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams.

Eight Democratic candidates for US Senate spoke for four minutes each.

Delegates elected Tina Marshall of Mecklenburg County (pictured above) as their new President. She succeeded Tom Rothrock who was loudly cheered as he finished four years as State President. Here is the full slate of State Officers they elected:

State Chair – Tina Marshall

First Vice President – Tom Rothrock

Second Vice President – Fred Terry

Third Vice President – Paul Taylor

Secretary - Barbara Dantonio

Treasurer – Gayle Wayne

Assistant Treasurer – Marc Friedland

Chaplain – Geoffrey Hoy

The Planning Committee which organized this happy convention was:

Chair Geoffrey Hoy

Eva F. Lee

Judy Lynn

Tom Rothrock

Matilda Phillips

Tina Marshall

Fred Terry

Pamela Kelly

Benson Kirkman

Pamela McAfee

Vincent Vezza

Nicholas Long, Jr.



The **CARDINAL PARK**

675 S. Walnut St. US HWY 1 South Pinebluff, NC

presents the first annual

JUNETEENTH celebration

June 19, 2021 10:00am - 8:00pm

A FREE EVENT

JUNETEENTH is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of the practice of enslaving human beings in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that over 2000 Union soldiers landed at Galveston Bay, Texas with news that the war ended in 1863 and that the 250,000 still enslaved people of African descent in Texas were free.

"This will be a day of reconnection and reconciliation for our community
There will be great music, enchanting storytelling, awesome spoken word artists,
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Melvin Williams, State Secretary, North Carolina Democratic Party

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BRENDA HOWERTON!

Happy Birthday to Durham's current longest serving elected official, Durham County Board of Commissioners Chair Brenda Howerton.

Thank you for your many years of public service and the valuable contributions that you've made in the Durham community.

Pictured with Chair Howerton are DNC Committee Member Shelia Huggins and Emerson Kirby, Durham resident and rising sophomore at Duke University.



RHONDA TAPP SALUTED AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR!

Democratic activist Rhonda Tapp has been named the "WOMEN OF THE YEAR" by Alamance Women's Community, Inc. Betsy Hitt says "This amazing lady is a dedicated Gem to our wonderful organization and we are honored to award her with it. Thank you for all you do, Rhonda!"

Alamance Women's Community is a civic organization which promotes the educational, civic, and community interests of the county and its municipalities. Rhonda Tapp loves working in all the activities of the Alamance Democratic Party.





YOUTH FEATURE – AUTUMN GILLIKIN – CARTERET COUNTY!

A passionate promoter of progressive political activities, Autumn Gillikin is a 19 year-old student at Carteret Community College in Morehead City.

In the picture above, Autumn is on the right with her mother, Carteret County Democratic Party Chair Katie Tomberlin on the left, and Third Congressional District First Vice Chair Jen Alexander in the middle. Autumn is the current Third Vice Chair of the Carteret County Democratic Party.

She was the Communications Coordinator for the CCDP from 2019 to 2021 when she accepted a position as a Field Organizer for Fight for NC which was North Carolina's 2020 Coordinated Campaign. She trained in a five-day virtual boot camp sponsored by the DNC in coordination with the North Carolina Democratic Party.

Autumn has been the Chair of CCDPs Young Democrats organization from August, 2019 to the present.

This dynamic young lady began volunteering with the Democratic Party at the age of 15 during the 2016 Presidential Election and she was the Keynote Speaker at the Third Congressional District Convention in 2018. She is currently Third Congressional District Chair for the Young Democrats of North Carolina.

Autumn has completed two consecutive years of Activist Training at the Advocacy Institute run by the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington in 2019 and virtually in 2020.

This outstanding Democrat is President of the Carteret Community College Student Government Association. She previously served a year as Vice President of the organization.

Going to Carolina: Autumn is in the C-STEP Program at her community college which stands for Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program. This means that after completing her Associate's in Arts degree she will be matriculating to UNC-Chapel Hill.

At UNC she plans to double major in History and Public Policy. Environmental Activism is also very important to Autumn. She began volunteering with Coastal Carolina Riverwatch in 2015.



Autumn at the ACLU Advocacy Institute in 2019 standing next to Ben Wizner and Edward Snowden

Autumn has two siblings. Her brother, Ebon, is a rising Senior in high school. Her sister, Isabelle, is going into the eighth grade this fall.

Autumn was in her high school bands – both marching and concert – in high school. What instruments did she play? Saxophone, bass drum, bassoon, and tuba.

This Democratic family loves pets. They have two dogs, three cats, and one fish.

Autumn is devoted to protecting our environment. She is active in the NC Sierra Club and in Coastal Carolina River Watch.

All North Carolina Democrats can join in saluting Autumn Gillikin – and watch as her brilliant career progresses!



NEW PAMLICO COUNTY OFFICERS!

2021 - 2023

From the left the Officers are:

County Chair – Jayne Stasser

Third Vice Chair & AAC President – Marvella Jones

Treasurer – Laurie Sampson

First Vice Chair – Jamie Gibbs

Communications Lead – Peggi Carman

Second Vice Chair – Laurie Stockwell

SEC Member & Progressive Caucus Chair – Diane Lemieux

Not Pictured:

Precinct Chair Coordinator – Paula Bradford

Secretary – Marjorie Dufek



SAMPSON, HARNETT, & JOHNSTON DEMOCRATS CLEAN AND RESTORE HISTORIC SLAVE CEMETERY!

With determination, Democrats from Sampson, Harnett, and Johnston counties gathered in Dunn to work on making improvements in the historic Wilkins Cemetery. Many enslaved African Americans were buried there as well as many people who died since Emancipation.

The next goal for Democrats from these three counties is to work on cleaning and restoring a cemetery at Ivanhoe which is located in the southern part of Sampson County. The cemetery there has been consecrated as a place where enslaved African Americans were buried.



Democrats from these three counties have developed a team spirit and they are enjoying working together.

From the left in this picture are: Sampson Third Vice Chair Garrett Whipkey, Sampson County Chair Ed Gillim, and Wriley, who is one of the group's favorite young Democrats.



SAMPSON DEMOCRATS STANDING UP FOR A RIGHTEOUS CAUSE!

This large group of Sampson County Democrats recently gathered to urge the Sampson County Board of Commissioners to support their drive to name an overpass in honor of Donald Ray Tucker who was killed while he was on active duty as a member of the Police Department in Clinton.

After posing for this picture, they went inside where many members of the group made vocal presentations supporting the naming of the overpass.

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ARSHEEN ALLAM SELECTED TO GO TO CHICAGO TO DEVELOP CLEAN ENERGY!

Arsheen Allam will be moving from the Triangle to Chicago next month to join the Chain Reaction Innovations program. She is one of only five scientists in the nation who was accepted into this program. She was awarded a grant by the US Department of Energy and she will be working at the Argonne National Laboratory.

She will be developing a clean energy startup that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase U. S. competitiveness in emerging energy technologies.

Arsheen is the sister of Nida Allam who was a Vice Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party for four years and is now a County Commissioner in Durham County. She is the daughter of Abdul and Iffat Allam.

(The picture above is one of the first humorous pictures ever submitted to this publication. Let's hope that more humorous pictures will be sent in during the coming months.)



BRENDA AND LARRY POLLARD!

From its inception more than ten years ago, Brenda Pollard has been one of the State's strongest supporters of GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS. Not only has she sent pictures that included herself, but she has sent in many pictures in which she is not shown. She is happy to help other Democrats get recognition in this publication.

The GOOD NEWS asked Brenda to send some pictures which can help tell the couples' total immersion into the Democratic Party.

On June 1st Brenda and Larry Pollard reached their 36th Wedding Anniversary. Several pictures in this article were made as they celebrated.

Larry is an attorney at law and a dedicated Democrat. He was legislative counsel to Carl Stewart when Carl was Speaker of the House of Representatives in the General Assembly.

Flowers are an important part of Brenda's life. She grows several varieties at their home in Durham and she has been active in the Garden Club for many years. Flowers reinvigorate Brenda.



This picture was made on June 1, 2021, the day of their 36th Anniversary. They are shown before eating dinner at the Angus Barn that night. The Angus Barn was the location of their Rehearsal Dinner years ago.



This picture was made when the Pollards shopped at the Farmers' Market in Beaufort. Brenda is holding a book entitled "The Little Turtle" which was written by a local Carteret County author. (That is the correct spelling.)

Several years ago Brenda and Larry decided to actually "LIVE" every day. They enjoy planning one or more interesting thing to do each and every day. They realized that "now" is the time to go ahead and do what they enjoy.



Did you know that Brenda has a twin Sister, Linda Hill Archer, who lives in Raleigh? Once they won a contest as “Miss Twins NC.”

This year they continued their happy habit of going to Hilton Head Island together to celebrate their May 4th birthday.

Brenda says: “I truly enjoy my lifelong journey with the NCDP. The experiences have been over the top!”

The picture below was made in 2018 after Brenda was named North Carolina’s DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF THE YEAR!

She has a servant heart and has always been eager to serve the Party.



She has been elected a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention as a Delegate for three of the major Democratic leaders of the 21st century: President Barack Obama, Secretary Hillary Clinton, and President Joe Biden.

Governor Bev Perdue awarded the “Order of the Long Leaf Pine” to Brenda for her lifetime of service.

She was the Executive Assistant to NC Secretary of State Thad Eure for 18.5 years. She was also the Executive Assistant to NC Commissioner of Insurance Jim Long.

The hobbies of this busy Democrat are as an artist, a golfer, and she loves to travel and listen to beach music. Shopping and cooking are her pastimes.

Brenda says: “Life is a precious gift. I have been humbled and blessed to enjoy being with family and friends. The opportunity to share a meal, a baseball game, or sitting outside on a deck with friends is special.”

**CONGRATULATIONS!
FROM DWCC**



**VALENCIA HANDY
DEMOCRATIC CHAIR
OF NC 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

**THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN
OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY
HAVE SENT PICTURES
OF LOTS OF ACTIVITIES!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
RHONDA QUADOR**



DISTRICT 8 DEMOCRATIC SECRETARY

DEMOCRACY DAY AT MAZARICK PARK



CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Democratic Women of Cumberland County



2nd Harvest Food Bank Collection by

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NEW MACON COUNTY OFFICERS FOR 2021-2023

**Second Vice Chair – Lou Vitale, County Chair Gary St. Arnauld,
Treasurer - Debbie Tallent, First Vice Chair – Cindy Solesbee**

Not In This Picture:

Secretary – Ellen Shope, Third Vice Chair – Susannah Kuppers



MACON DEMOCRATIC WOMEN!

**The DW of Macon County are
determined to make a difference in
their community! They recently staged
a yard sale to benefit the Appalachian
Animal Rescue Center. They had fun
and made contact with lots of
Democrats!**

**In this picture Mary Judernatz
and President Jean Wright
made new friends.**



Joan Palmross and Karen Duncan



**Joan Palmross at the cash register
of the Democratic Women of Macon County**



**New hats for Shirley Ches and
and Nancy Scott**



MACON COUNTY WELCOMES SENATOR JEFF JACKSON!

State Senator Jeff Jackson held one of his 100 Town Halls in the Macon County seat, Franklin, on May 30th.



Jeff Jackson happily answered questions from the people of Macon County. So far all his Town Halls have been held in open air locations. Macon Democrats are hoping that more US Senate candidates will find their way to their beautiful county in the mountains.

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MOORE COUNTY DEMOCRATS SENT PICTURES FROM SENATOR JEFF JACKSON'S EVENT!

Pinehurst and Southern Pines are not the only beautiful places in Moore County. Democrats gathered in Hillcrest Park in Carthage to hear State Senator Jeff Jackson deliver a talk about his campaign for U. S. Senate.



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HENDERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS RE-OPEN HEADQUARTERS FOR THEIR FAMOUS MONTHLY BREAKFASTS!

**All pictures and captions by
talented Isabel Cutler**



**New breakfast team member
and Belgian Waffle expert,
Jim Andracci served lots
of strawberries and whipped
cream.**



**Left: Betty Lou
enjoyed registering
Democrats as they
entered their
Hendersonville
Headquarters.**

**Right: Mary
MacGregor
spreading joy.**





**Susie and Bob Hartsell
are the hearts of the
breakfast events
which Henderson Democrats
have held once a month for
years until COVID-19
arrived.**

**Henderson Democrats
eagerly awaiting
their waffles**



**A big turnout
of Democrats
who had a
lot to
catch up on!**

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