

GOOD NEWS ABOUT

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NASH COUNTY'S NEW COMMISSIONER: GWEN WILKINS!

On August 16th Democratic leader Gwen Wilkins received the Oath of Office to fill the opening caused by the death of her close friend, County Commissioner Mary Wells. The Oath was administered by State Senator Don Davis who is also Chair of the First Congressional District Democratic Party.

Gwen will be representing Commissioner District # 6. The Nash County Executive Committee members who live in District # 6 voted in favor of Gwen by a vote of 94.5 to 16.5

Although the GOP hold four of the seven seats on the Nash County Board of Commissioners, the Commissioners voted unanimously to appoint Gwen to fill the vacancy.



Emotional time: Talmagg Wells, husband of the late Commissioner Mary Wells, hugged Gwen a moment after her Oath of Office was administered.

(Talmagg is the correct spelling.)



SOME OF GWEN'S FRIENDS HELP CELEBRATE!

Deputy Attorney General Norlan Graves, Gwen's daughter Blaire Anderson, Brenda Pollard of Durham, and State Senator Don Davis stood with Gwen as she received her Oath of Office.



Far Left: With Nashville Precinct Chair George Jeffries



Near Left: With Kevin Jones of Rocky Mount

Below: With Mary Whitaker and Cathe Joyner

Gwen has served the Democratic Party in many ways including:
NCDP First Vice Chair, 2011-2013
First Congressional District Chair
Nash County Party Chair
Precinct Chair





On August 31st Gwen helped welcome Governor Roy Cooper to Rocky Mount where he spoke at a vaccination clinic. He continues to strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinations so this pandemic can be brought under control.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SENATOR DAVIS!

On August 28th State Senator Don Davis of Pitt County celebrated his 50th

Birthday. He issued a statement saying “I genuinely appreciate everyone who has been a part of my life. Thanks for helping me to be a better person and to live my best life. Life is what we make

it. You have helped make mine terrific. Now I’m excited and prayerful, looking forward to the next 50 years. I hope and believe that I haven’t lived the best half of my life yet!” Don was Mayor of Snow Hill for 7 years and has been a State Senator for more than ten years.





SURRY COUNTY'S JOHN HICKS HIRED TO WORK IN NANCY PELOSI'S OFFICE!

As he begins his second year at The George Washington University, John Hicks has been hired as an Intern in the office of Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi. There is no way to predict how many national and world leaders John will meet in this position!

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Dear John Hicks,

Our office is pleased to offer you an internship position in the Speaker's Office in Washington, D.C.
Your start date will be September 13, 2021 and end date will be December 10, 2021.

This summer John worked as an Eva Clayton Fellow for the North Carolina Democratic Party. Last semester he was an Intern in the office of Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney of New York who is head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.



YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF NORTH CAROLINA WERE SHINING STARS IN CINCINNATI!

Twenty eight NC Young Democrats went to Cincinnati August 11-14 for the National Convention of the Young Democrats of America. This is the largest delegation our state has had at a national YD Convention in years. For 85% of the delegation this was their first YD Convention.

Twenty two NC Young Democratic Delegates in the picture above are:

First Row Left to Right: Shakeyla Ingram of Cumberland County, Natalee Nieves of Gaston County, Kristen Robinson of Buncombe, Luca Pass of Forsyth, Harmony Palmer of Burke, Allison Allen-Mungo of Mecklenburg,(behind her is Samuel Johnson of Onslow,) Albaro Reyes-Martinez of Guilford, Anderson Clayton of Person, John Easterling of Scotland, Zach Finley of Watauga, and Nathaniel Jacobs of Wake.

Top Row Left to Right: Sarah Koprowski of Gaston, Katherine Jeanes of Cabarrus, Elijah Bowers of Forsyth, Brandon Combs of Person, President Taylor Beckett of Cabarrus, Jon McLamb of Forsyth, Nick Stone of Rockingham, Dorian Palmer of Burke, Grayson Barnette of Caldwell, and Justin Conley of Macon.



Left: North Carolina's YD Executive Vice President Allison Allen-Mongo and President Taylor Beckett at the National Convention.

Right: Many of NC's Delegates autographed the state's sign and followed a tradition of presenting it to a Democrat who is reaching the YD's age limit. Grayson Burnette presented it to former State YD President Justin Kerr Conley.



North Carolina YD President Taylor Beckett addressed the Convention. Taylor reports that he received many compliments on how our Delegates carried themselves in Cincinnati.

Taylor congratulated all the sponsors in North Carolina who donated a significant amount to help the Delegates pay for the trip. He said "YDNC has huge plans for the upcoming municipal elections as well as the midterms. So we hope to carry on the good work!"



A NEW LOGO FOR NC YOUNG DEMOCRATS!

To celebrate the new decade and their new momentum, the NC Young Democrats developed a bright new logo. They accepted open submissions for logo ideas. Then they carried out a ranked-choice voting referendum throughout the month of June to determine which design would best carry them forward into the 2020s.

Their logo announcement said: “We are proud to unveil a member-created logo that we feel embodies the dynamic attitude and energy that the Young Democrats strive to embody. We are even prouder to have a great video to celebrate the new look.”

**CLICK HERE TO SEE THE ONE-MINUTE VIDEO
REVEALING THE NEW YOUNG DEMOCRATS LOGO!**

<https://youtu.be/YMgJ12GHnvo>

The Logo, Dark Mode.



Premium Unisex Tee



Pullover Hoodie



Crewneck Sweatshirt

A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT!
A NEW YD STORE WITH
NEW MERCHANDISE FOR ALL AGES!
CLICK HERE TO VIEW EXCITING MERCH
<https://www.bonfire.com/store/ydnc/>



NEW LOGO ON A MASK



NEW LOGO ON A BAG



NEW LOGO ON A MUG



Premium Unisex Tee

PREMIUM UNISEX TEE



Pullover Hoodie

PULLOVER HOODIE



Premium Long Sleeve Tee

LONG SLEEVE TEE



THREE NC YOUNG DEMOCRATS ELECTED TO NATIONAL OFFICES!

Three members of our North Carolina Delegation were elected to officer positions in the national Young Democrats.

Picture on left above: Nathanial Jacobs of Robeson County was elected Treasurer of the South East Region Young Democrats.

Picture on the right above: Matt Hughes of Orange County was elected Chair of the LGBTQ Caucus of the Young Democrats of America.

Anderson Clayton of Person was elected Second Vice Chair of the Rural Caucus of the Young Democrats of America. After returning to North Carolina, Anderson was elected the new President of the NC Association of County Chairs succeeding Jeff Rose of Buncombe County.



Matt presiding at the meeting of the LGBTQ Caucus



NATIONAL PARTY'S BUS COMES TO DURHAM!

The DNC's "BUILD BACK BETTER BUS" and National Party Chair Jaime Harrison recently came to Durham on their national tour.



From the State Party Headquarters, Deputy Communication Director Rachel Stein, Communications Specialist Ellie Daughtery, Communications Director Kate Frauenfelder, and Digital Director Lillian Taylor came to greet the bus and party officials. Right: NC DNC Member John Verdejo addressed the crowd.



NCDP Party Affairs Director Aaron Thomas, Executive Director Meredith Cuomo, Deputy Communications Director Rachel Stein, and Communication Director Kate Frauenfelderm posed in front of the bus.



National Party Chair Jaime Harrison and Durham State Senator Naralie Murdock spoke to the TV and newspaper reporters as well as to the crowd of Durham voters that gathered for this happy occasion.



JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

“Greening Up The Mountain Festival” is a large annual event in Jackson County. This year’s festival was held on August 28th in downtown Sylva.

The Jackson County Democratic Party opened their headquarters to provide an air conditioned rest stop for festival-goers. Party members enjoyed giving masks, chairs, yard signs, “make your own buttons” and “make your own pictures” at the headquarters.

From the left in the picture above are Dave Waldrop, Penny Smith, Cyndie Faircloth-Smith, Roy Osborn, Joyce Stratton and Barbara Bell.



Myrtle Schrader made these pictures which were sent in by Jane Koeing.



MEREDITH CUOMO ADDRESSES THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF PENDER COUNTY!

A live meeting! On August 21st the Democratic Women of Pender County held a live WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY LUNCHEON in Burgaw which featured a silent auction, and an enthusiastic speech by NCDP Executive Director Meredith Cuomo. Meredith reports that the Democrats at this meeting reinvigorated her.



Left: Sandy Ford with Samantha Nelson, President of the DW of Pender County.



Right: Martha Harris with Meredith Cuomo



NCDP Executive Director Meredith Cuomo



Beverly Femia



Natasha Rowell, Barbara Faison who is Second Vice President of the National Federation of Democratic Women, and Renee Summerville



Sonya Bennetone with Pat Dereneau

Sonya Bennetone is Chair of the 7th Congressional District Democratic Party and Region 9 Director of the Democratic Women of North Carolina



Shannon Udler



COMMISSIONER PAULINE CAMPBELL HONORED!

On August 14th Robeson County Commissioner Pauline Campbell was presented an award of appreciation for her service on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. The award was presented during the Commissioners' 114th Annual Conference in New Hanover County. She represented Bladen, Hoke, Scotland and Robeson counties on the Board of Directors. Congratulations Commissioner Campbell!

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ROBESON AAC ELECTS OFFICERS!

This same energetic lady, County Commissioner Pauline Campbell, was elected President of the Robeson African American Caucus of the NCDP on July 21st. These Officers were sworn in on August 11th:

President – Pauline H. Campbell

1st Vice Chair – Ricky McKinnon

2nd Vice Chair – Virgil Hitchinson

3rd Vice Chair – Eva Patterson-Heath

Treasurer – Cara Pearson

Secretary – Sibyl Farr

In attendance for the inauguration were State AAC President Felita Donell, 9th Congressional District Democratic Party Chair Jim Davis, 9th Congressional District First Vice Chair Caroline Sumpter, Robeson County Democratic Party Chair Karen Nance, 9th District Minority Affairs Chair Christina Davis McCoy, Rev. Debra Graham and Jacqueline Gatewood.



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MACON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY SPONSORS ATTENTION-GETTING BILLBOARD!

Voters from all over North Carolina drive through beautiful Macon County to see its dramatic vistas in Summer and Autumn. Tens of thousands of these tourists are seeing this terrific “Democrats Deliver” billboard. Macon Democrats are raising money to rent this billboard location for extra months.



DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF MACON COUNTY!

These Democrats recently enjoyed a live, outdoor meeting of the DW of Macon County. Their speaker was Jay Carey who is one of several fine Democratic candidates for US Congress in District 11. These folks radiate enthusiasm for the cause of good government through the Democratic Party!



MECKLENBURG DEMOCRATIC WOMEN ARE GOING TO “PAINT THE TOWN BLUE!”

The Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County is happily planning their annual PAINT THE TOWN BLUE CANDIDATE FUNDRAISER, to be held via zoom on Wednesday, September 8th at 7PM! They have announced that the Doris Cromartie Democratic Woman of the Year Award will go to well-known community leader Rabbi Judy Schindler, founding Director of The Stan Greenspon Center for Peace & Social Justice at Queens University.

The pictures in this article were made at the last live Paint The Town event in 2019.





This has been the signature event of the DWMC for decades. The money they raise goes to State and local candidates from Mecklenburg County. They have received heartfelt thanks from many Democratic candidates in tough races over the years!

Due to greatly reduced elections in 2021, the theme this year is MORE BLUE 2022. The bulk of the donations will be distributed after the spring primaries to 2022 candidates.

**Please go to
<http://www.paintthetownbluedwmc.com/>
for tickets and details!**





WAYNE COUNTY VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILIES CAUCUS HOLDS A DINNER & PTSD SEMINAR!

Chair Viola Ryals Figueroa and the very active Wayne County Veterans & Military Families staged an event to highlight one of the military veterans' most serious challenges. Every person spoke of how their family had responded to PTSD which had affected a member of their family

Every attendee left feeling uplifted and encouraged because they learned how other families are dealing with PTSD.



The people who are shown on these four pages include Caucus Chair Viola Figueroa, US Senate candidate Erica Smith, First Vice Chair Donald Wooten, Second Vice Chair Issac Ryals, Secretary Cynthia Peterson, Treasurer Barbara Dantonio, Councilwoman Hiawatha Jones (yellow dress,) Alderwoman Beatrice Jones (green, blue and gray top,) Judge Curtis Stackhouse, Representative Raymond Smith, Willie Battle, Harold Barnes, Vera Coley, Lloyd Turlington, and Mary Ann Turlington,



VETERANS AT GOLDSBORO EVENT!



Smith & Smith

US Senate candidate Erica Smith and State Representative Raymond Smith enjoyed getting to visit with each other at this Goldsboro event. They had become good friends while they were serving together in the General Assembly.

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**More Pictures from the Wayne County
Veterans and Military Families Event**



NEW RURAL
PROJECT
Established by
Cynthia Wallace &
Helen Probst Mills!

In April Cynthia Wallace who was our 2020 Democratic candidate in the 9th Congressional District and Helen Probst Mills who was our 2020 NC Senate District 25 candidate co-founded the New Rural Project (NRP.)

It is a non-partisan 501c4 organization that engages young and marginalized residents in rural NC communities to amplify their voices through listening to increase their civic and electoral engagement.

First this organization is going to focus on the following counties: Robeson, Scotland, Moore, Richmond, Anson, Union, and Hoke. In 2020 these seven counties had a total of 55,000 people of color who did not vote and 60,000 people under age 40 who did not vote.

While NRP is still in the midst of a soft launch, they hit the ground running with a vaccination event in Marshville, NC.

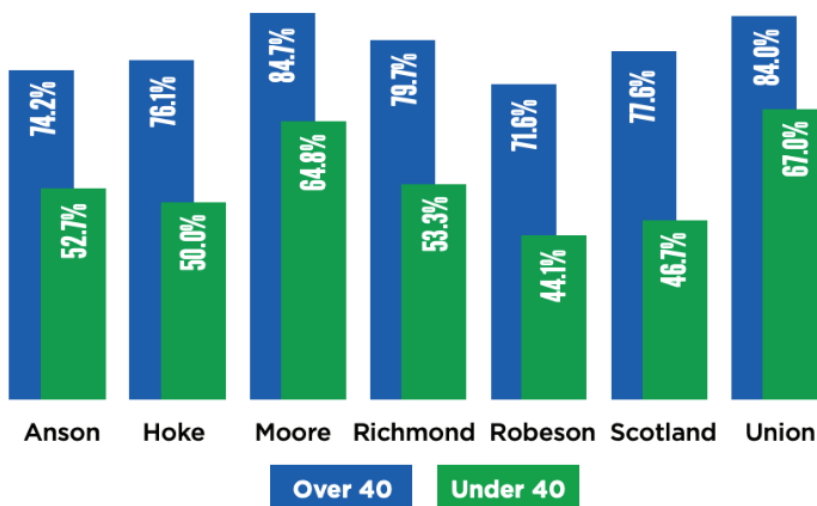
Their efforts were recognized by MADE TO SAVE with a grant and an invitation to the 4th of July Barbeque at the White House!

When Cynthia and Helen were told they could bring a volunteer, they brought Connie Green-Johnson who had been on the ground with them from day one. Connie is between our First Lady and Cynthia in this picture at the White House.



Helen, Cynthia and Connie cheered as they listened to President Biden's Fourth of July address.

2020 General Election Turnout Rate



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| • Dr. Richard Watkins | September 23, 2021 |
| • Dr. Tobias LaGrone | September 30, 2021 |
| • Mayor Rett Newton | October 7, 2021 |
| • Sen. Erica Smith | October 14, 2021 |
| • Constance Johnson | October 21, 2021 |
| • Sen. Jeff Jackson | November 18, 2021 |
| • Hon. Cheri Beasley | TBD |
| • Ava Edwards | TBD |

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CELEBRATING CONNIE GREEN-JOHNSON'S 80TH BIRTHDAY!

A group of Connie's Democratic friends recently gathered to share her 80th Birthday festivities.

Connie was President of the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg for several years.

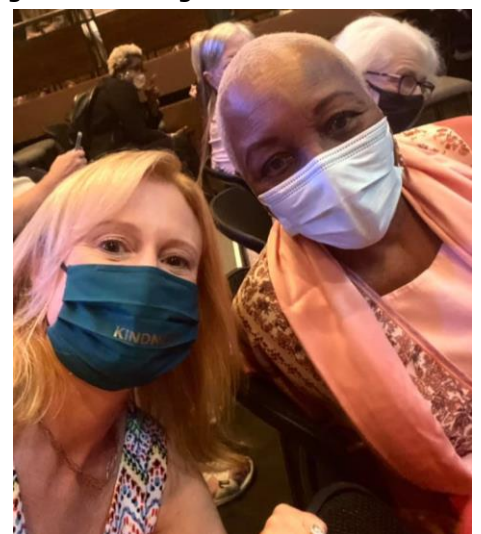
She has served the party in many roles.



From the left these members of the DW of Mecklenburg County are Rosemary Jackson, Rep. Mary Belk, Eileen Paroff, Connie Green-Johnson, Lisa Ellsworth, Mary Milan, Tish Atkins, County Party Chair Jane Whitley and Mary Foxx Johnson

Lisa said: “Connie is an amazing life force. She has more energy, adventurous spirit, and passion for life than anyone I know – she is just plain FUN to be around. We like to talk things out and solve the world’s problems. I adore her and am so grateful the universe collided us together! Happy, happy birthday, dear Connie!”

(Connie is the same lady who is with Jill Biden at the White House in a separate article in this edition.)





KENNIS & BRENDA AT PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION!

NCDP Trustees Kennis and Brenda Wilkins of Greenville attended a large convention of the Prince Hall Shriners in Philadelphia. This organization was founded in 1893.

Kennis and Brenda are Trustees of the NC Democratic Party because for many years they have donated \$5,000 per year to the Party



Kennis and Brenda with Diane and Garrett Taylor



One of the main events at the Convention Kennis and Brenda attended was the presentation of two college scholarship for \$25,000 each.

The male student in the center of the picture was awarded \$25,000 with which he will attend Chayney University. The female student on the right will attend Lincoln University thanks to her \$25,000 scholarship.



Kennis (on far right) with some of his Shiner brothers



SAMPSON DEMS HOLDS BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT!

The town of Garland was the site of a big back-to-school day party sponsored by the strong Sampson County Democratic Party. Every child's name was entered in a drawing for a free bicycle, one for a girl and one for a boy.

You can see the winners in the happy picture above.

Every child was given a book bag, school supplies, and some games.





Several candidates and elected officials helped with the back to school day. From the left they are Ralph Smith, Jr. for Garland Town Council, Jason Minnicozzi for Congress, Denton Lee, Sampson Party Chair Ed Gillim, Anthony Kote for Mayor, and current County Commissioner Letha Lee.



Happy youngsters and adults. The two Democrats wearing “Chief” shirts are Sampson County Party Chair Ed Gillim and his wife, LaTonya Montgomery, who is running for Garland Town Council.

GRASSROOTS GET TOGETHER SEPT 18, 3-5 PM

RSVP: bit.ly/SBJVH



Crowder Park Heron Shelter
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Apex, NC 27539



Join Representative Julie von Haefen & Senator Sydney Batch for a grassroots fundraiser to kick-off the 2022 election cycle!

Tickets start at just \$44, and all proceeds will be split between candidates. RSVP today and donate \$22 x 2 for 2022!



HENDERSON COUNTY DEMS!

Ann Twiggs is pictured carrying school backpacks into Webb Orthodontics in Hendersonville where Henderson County Democrats built up a large collection for distribution to school children. The children were very appreciative and the Democrats enjoyed providing these much-needed supplies to them!

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**Melvin Williams, State Secretary
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