

# **GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!**

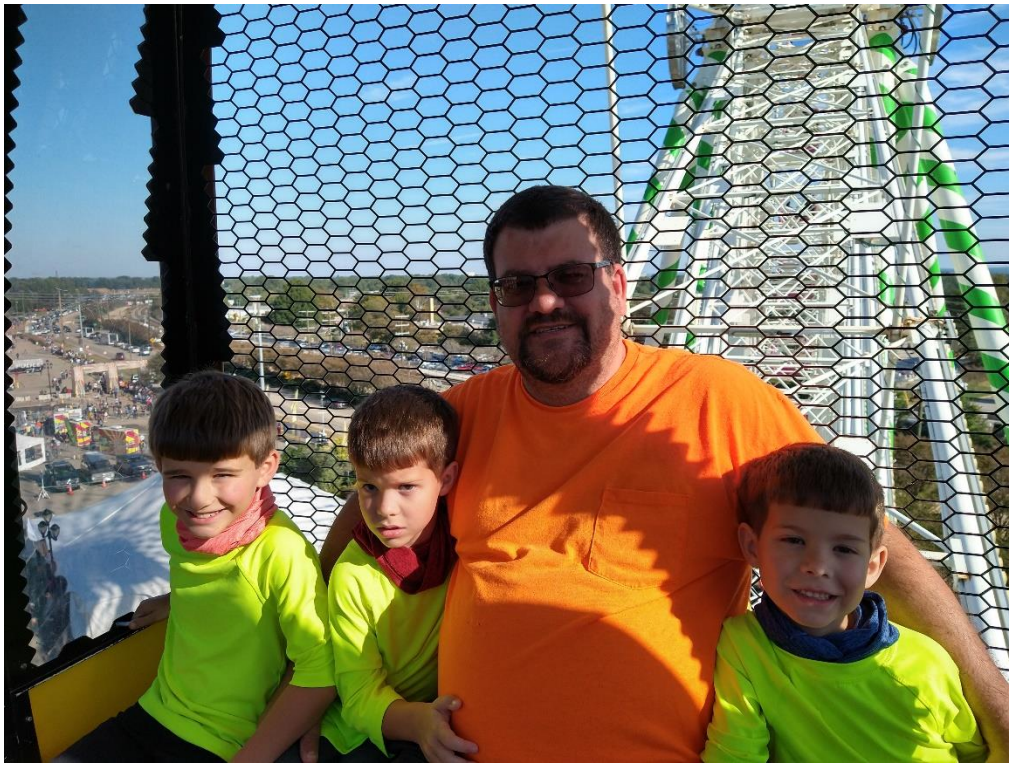
**YOUTH FEATURES – WILLIAM NEWMAN!  
DAVID, JAMES, & JOHN HARDEE!**



## **THE HARDEE BOYS VISIT SANTA!**

**Third Congressional District Chair Chris Hardee and his sons recently had a joyful visit with Santa Claus. From the left they are: Chris, John, David, and James. Chris said: “We’re glad to play a part in spreading the holiday cheer.”**

**Chris Hardee has been a Congressional District Chair longer than any other District Chair in the state. He also serves as Chair of the Plan of Organization Review Committee.**



**Chris has made sure that his sons have had many happy experiences during 2021. The picture above was made at the North Carolina State Fair. From the left they are: David, John, Chris, and James.**



**James, David, and John at the Ayden Collard Festival**



**James, John, and David on their first day of school in the Fall of 2021**



## **JACKSON COUNTY DEMS STAR IN SYLVA PARADE!**

**The Democrats of Jackson County highlighted the main goals of the Party as they rode on a colorful float in the Sylva Christmas Parade. Each box on the float promoted one of the gifts that Democrats are trying to bring to America!**



***The patriotic Jackson County Dems erected the sign on right for Veterans Day.***



**A group of Jackson Democrats gathered in front of their Party Headquarters before the parade. It is located at 500 Mill Street in Sylva. Myrtle Schrader (Right Above) was Coordinator of the Democrats' float. She was also named *MOUNTAIN DEMOCRAT OF THE YEAR* at the 2021 Eleventh Congressional District Convention.**

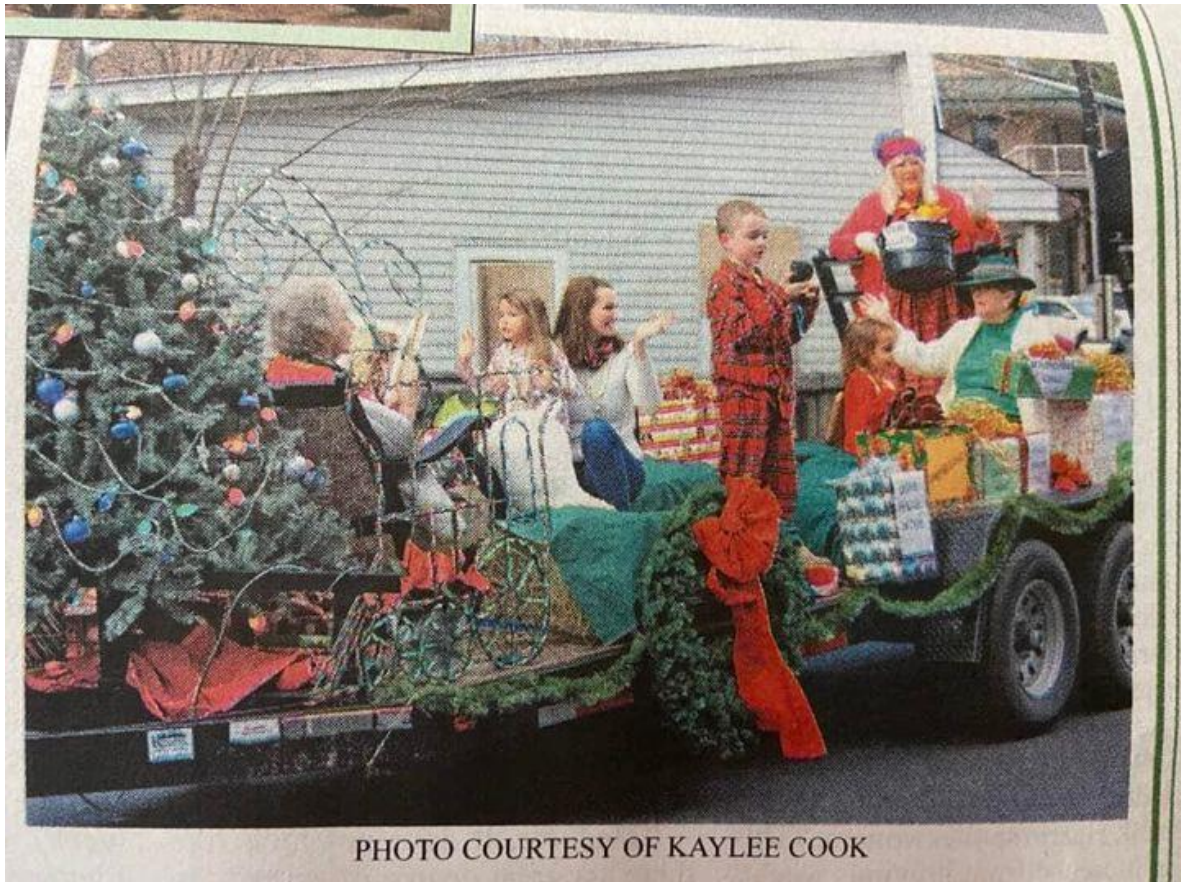


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**Their colorful float was featured in *The Sylva Herald*.**



## **MITCHELL COUNTY DEMOCRATS RAISE BIGTIME MONEY FOR HIGH SCHOOL!**

**On Monday, December 13, 2021 the Mitchell County Democratic Party was pleased to present a check to Mitchell High School in the amount of \$1,600.00. They designated that this gift be distributed between the Band, the Drama Department, and the Key Club Christmas outreach.**

**This is the second year that the Mitchell Dems have supported the programs of their high school.**

**Pictured above as they presented the check are (L to R) Justice Sobolefski, Deninse Rodriguez, and County Chair Howard Larsen.**

**The money was raised by the Mitchell County Building Back Blue committee which is chaired by Ms. Wanda Hunt as their first Community Service project.**

**County Chair Howard Larsen said: "This effort supported our community and provided valuable experience to this group in fine-tuning their skills as we enter into the 2022 election year."**



## **TYRONE SCALES IS RUNNING FOR SHERIFF AGAINST DONALD TRUMP'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER!!**

**Longtime law enforcement official Tyrone Scales has filed for Sheriff of Rockingham County against incumbent GOP Sheriff Sam Page. Sam was a Donald Trump Campaign Manager for the state of North Carolina. He is also a close friend of disgraced Sheriff Joe Arapaio of Arizona.**

**Tyrone Scales career has been defined by his public service and his commitment to law enforcement. He has worked with youth as a Corrections Officer. He has also been a Patrol Deputy and he worked his way up to Lieutenant in the Police Department of the Town of Eden in his 26 years with that department.**

**The link to his Facebook page is:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/TyroneScalesforSheriff>**

**The link to his website is:**

**<http://www.scalesforrockingham.com/?fbclid=IwAR3RzitG-pYkHPHgFqQMCxxTKASapD6wKtimkN8C4cseamifdKgw2mC7ha8>**



**Mr. Scales and his wife, Vickie, have been married for 31 years and have three adult sons. Two of his sons have followed in their father's footsteps majoring in criminal justice. Their youngest son is still attending college. Their oldest son now works as a detective for the Eden Police Department. Their middle son works for Bridgestone Aircraft Tire.**



**Tyrone Scales drew attention in the Madison Mayodan Christmas Parade.**

**Civic leader Deb Williams says: "Rockingham County can and will be a county in North Carolina that will lead by example with Tyrone Scales as Sheriff. He is a great leader with strong ethics and integrity. He believes in transparency and no hidden agendas. He will reduce the juvenile recidivism rate, restore trust into our communities, and fight opioid and heroin addiction."**

**"Lastly, Tyrone believes if there is not unity, you can not have a community."**



## **YOUTH FEATURE – WILLIAM NEWMAN!**

**William Newman of Mecklenburg County recently earned Boy Scout's highest honor – the Eagle Scout Award! William's father, Gray Newman, is with him in the picture above. Look at all the merit badges on William's uniform!**

**Both William's father, Gray Newman, and his grandmother, Dr. Ann Newman, are very active with the Mecklenburg County Democratic Party and both of them are Members of the SEC.**

**William is a senior at Levine Middle College High School and plans on double majoring in math and business administration in college. He recently was nominated for the Morehead/Cain Scholarship at UNC and the Park Scholarship at NCSU. His Dad is gently urging him towards ASU (his alma mater) and his Grandmother is pushing for UVa (her alma mater) but both will convert to wearing Carolina Blue or State Red if he receives either of these scholarship honors.**

**Note from Secretary Melvin Williams: "I once heard a Judge say that he had rather for his son to be an Eagle Scout than to be Governor of North Carolina!"**





**William and a friend using sign language for the words “Love” and “Hate.”**



**A happy boy with the fish he had just caught!**



**Left: William presenting an Eagle Scout Mom pen to his mother, Thea.**



**Right: William presenting an Eagle Scout Grandmother pen to his Grandmother, Ann.**



## **WILSON DEMOCRATS AT THE WHIRLIGIG FESTIVAL!**

**Wilson stages one of the largest whirligig festivals in the country. Wilson County Democrats had a very prominent presence at the 2021 Whirligig Festival.**



**Nancy Hawley and Barbara Exum are in the picture on the left.**

**Wilson County Party Second Vice Chair Ann Barnes and State Representative Linda Cooper-Suggs are in the picture on the right.**

**They were among the Wilson Democrats who registered voters and distributed a massive amount of Democratic literature to the festival crowd.**



**One of everybody's favorite Democrats, Betty McCain (center), braved the weather to help promote the Democratic cause. She was the first female State Chair of the Democratic Party, Secretary of Cultural Resources, and Manager of many of Governor Jim Hunt's campaigns. She is joined by her daughter, Eloise Hassell (left) and Nancy Hawley (right.)**



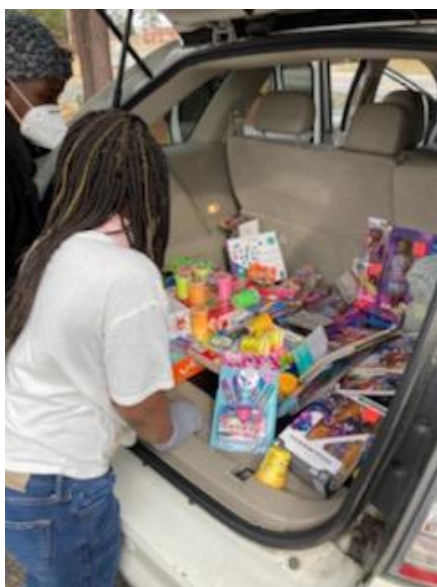
**Right: Jim Hawley is the very active Chair of the Wilson County Party. Nancy Hawley is Co-President of the Democratic Women of Wilson County.**



## **HARNETT YOUNG DEMOCRATS STAGE TOY GIVEAWAY!**

**Lots of happy children received toys at the “Toy Giveaway” held by the Young Democrats of Harnett County on December 18<sup>th</sup>. It was held at Porter Park in Erwin. This is an area which is often underserved by various programs.**

**W. Tyler Fennell, YD President and First Vice Chair of the County Democratic Party, says it is very appropriate to have this event at Porter Park. It was named after Mr. W. N. Porter, one of the earliest and most effective civil rights leaders in Harnett County. Mr. Porter led the filing of many civil rights cases in state and federal courts.**





**Four of the leaders of this Harnett Toy Drive are pictured on this page.**

**Left above: W. Tyler Fennell who is President of the Young Democrats of Harnett County and also First Vice Chair of the Harnett County Democratic Party. Tyler loves to study the civil rights history of the county. He helped organize the slave cemetery cleaning project in Dunn which this publication featured a few weeks ago. He is already planning future projects which can help Harnett County.**

**Right above: Kevin Thurman is Secretary of the Harnett Young Democrats and also Secretary of the Harnett County Democratic Party.**



**Left: Elizabeth and Alan Longman who have been holding voter registration drives, GOTV campaigns, and helping arrange other Democratic activities for many years.**

**In 2016 Elizabeth was an Official Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.**

**Alan has run strong campaigns for public offices in heavily-GOP Harnett County.**

**All of these leaders enjoyed lifting up the children as they gave out the toys!**



## **JERRY WEASE TAKES OATH OF OFFICE!**

**NC Supreme Court Justice Sam J. Ervin IV administered the Oath of Office for Jerry Wease's second term on the NC Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services.**

**Justice Ervin didn't "just happen to be nearby." He drove all the way to the Rutherford County Court House just to administer Jerry's Oath.**

**Jerry's mother, Ruleen, held the Bible during the Oath.**

**Jerry's great-niece, Addison, led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Right below: JoAnn Woods is one of Jerry's best Democratic friends.**





**Jerry Wease has served as Chair of the Rutherford County and has held other Party positions. He ran a strong race for County Commissioner in 2020.**

**For many years he worked directly with people who are suffered from drug addiction and mental health difficulties.**

**He is now a Director of Behavioral Health for western North Carolina with RHA Health Services. He is also an Adjunct Instructor of Health and Human Services at Isothermal Community College.**



**Some of Jerry's relatives joined him for this picture on the day of his Oath of Office ceremony.**



## **TWANNA HENDERSON WINS IN MINT HILL!**

**Dr. Rev. Twanna Henderson was elected as the first African American female to serve on the Mint Hill Board of Commissioners in the November, 2021 General Election. In the picture above she is being congratulated by State Representative Nasif Majeed of Mecklenburg County.**

**Dr. Rev. Henderson is the Executive Minister of Church Ministries at New Beginnings Church.**







## **TWO DEMOCRATIC DAVIDS MEET!**

Recently two famous Democratic Davids renewed their friendship at a wedding reception in Hickory.

On the right is David Young of Asheville who was elected State Party Chair by a heavy margin in 2009 and served for two years.

On the left is David Parker of Lake Norman who was overwhelmingly elected State Chair in 2011 and served through 2013.

Both gentlemen are still proudly flying the Democratic flag!



## **VOTER REGISTRATION IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY!**

President Biden and Dr. Fauci recently helped draw attention to the Democratic voter registration table in the Midwood Plaza section of Charlotte.

Staffing the table were Larry Ferri, Judy Wittman, and Rick Curti. Their work is a good example of the voter registration drives that Democrats are carrying on throughout the state.



## **CATAWBA DEMOCRAT BUYS BUILDING TO RENT AS COUNTY PARTY HEADQUARTERS!**

**Sherills Ford Precinct Chair Joanie Gardner solved the Catawba County Democratic Party's search for a permanent County Headquarters by buying a building which she will rent to the Party.**

**Many Catawba Democrats volunteered to help spruce up the building so the Party could move in.**

**At a recent informal get together at the new headquarters, Catawba County Party Chair Lynn Dorfman presented Joanie Gardner a special Harry Truman Award.**

**In presenting the award Lynn noted that Truman was President when Joanie was born.**

**Truman famously said that being a precinct captain was the most important job he ever had. He also had a sign saying "The Buck Stops Here" on the Resolute desk in the White House.**

**Lynn noted that for the Catawba County Democratic Party when thinking of Joanie, who bought the building to rent to the Party, "The Buck Stops Here."**

**Lynn presented to Joanie a folk art piece that features a photo of President Truman.**

# CONGRATULATIONS, ROY COOPER

DGA CHAIR  
2022

**GOVERNOR OF  
NORTH CAROLINA**



**All North Carolina Democrats are proud that Governor Roy Cooper was elected President of the Democratic Governors Association at the organization's meeting in New Orleans. He succeeds Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico.**

**This election means that our Governor will spearhead nationwide efforts to elect the party's gubernatorial nominees next year.**

**Thirty-six governorships will be up for election in 2022!**



## **GOVERNOR COOPER AND TEAM GIVE TO “TOYS FOR TOTS!”**

**Every year Governor Cooper and his office staff gather at the Executive Mansion to contribute toys to brighten many children’s holidays. The picture above shows the executive team when they made their 2021 donations.**



**This massive assortment of toys will be distributed through Toys For Tots.**



## **BRENDA POLLARD RE-APPOINTED TO STATE SCIENCE MUSEUM COMMISSION**

**SEC Member Brenda Pollard of Durham continues to lead a fascinating life as she provides wise leadership in many activities.**

**After Governor Cooper appointed her to the NC State Museum of Natural Sciences Advisory Commission in 2017, he re-appointed her to another four-year term on that Commission a few weeks ago.**

**In the picture above State Senator Mike Woodard is administering the Oath of Office to Brenda as she begins her second term. Her husband, Larry Pollard, is standing beside her.**

**Brenda and Larry brighten their lives by having advance restaurant reservations for dinner every night on which they do not have a meeting scheduled.**

**In addition to serving our Party on the SEC, Brenda is Director of her region of the Democratic Women and she is an active member of the new Courtesy Committee which sends messages of condolences to Democratic families. If you know a bereaved Democratic family, please call Brenda at 919-345-0437.**



**On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Brenda and Larry attended a party honoring Gov. Roy Cooper at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill.**

**Two Democrats cheering for the Tar Heels: Morehead/Cain Scholarship student Greear Webb and Brenda enjoyed boosting the UNC Basketball team as it gained a victory over the University of Michigan recently.**

**Larry and Brenda always have season tickets for Carolina's football and basketball games.**



**Brenda at the NC State Fair with the President and the Vice President.**

**She complimented Wake County Volunteer Coordinator SheQuita Ross and Wake County Volunteer Sondra Panico on the outstanding work they were doing as they represented our Party to the hundreds of thousands who attended the Fair.**



*Two Meet the Candidate Forums will be hosted:*

- by Southern Jackson Democrats on January 15, 2022 in Cashiers at 3PM*
- by Sylva Democrats in Sylva on January 15, 2022 at 11AM.*

*More information will be posted soon.*



**Clay County Democrats are hosting a Candidate Forum on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at the Hinton Center, 2330 Hinton Center Rd., Hayesville, NC. 28904.**

**The event will be from 2-4:30PM**

**They hope to stream it through their FB page. Link to follow.  
<https://www.facebook.com/ClayCountyDemocrats>**

**Eric Gash, Katie Dean, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Jay Carey, and Bo Hess are attending.**

**Attendees are asked to wear masks.**



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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**Melvin Williams, State Secretary**

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