

**GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!**

**May 15 – 21, 2022**



**NATIONAL PARTY CHAIR WILL HOLD A  
TOWN HALL IN ROBESON COUNTY!**

**6:00PM – 8:00PM, THIS FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022**

**ALL NC DEMOCRATS ARE URGED TO ATTEND!**

**National Party Chair Jaime Harrison is coming to North Carolina and Democrats from all 100 counties are encouraged to be there.**

**Please click the link to Mobilize on the next page to register. Please register and attend – even if you decide on the last day.**

**Let's show up in big numbers!**

**If you have questions, write Robeson County Party Chair, Karen Nance at:  
RobesonCoDemParty@gmail.**



**Click Link Below To Register**

**For The Jamie Harrison Town Hall!**

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## **NCDP LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION!**

**On May 3<sup>rd</sup> more than 125 Democrats gathered in the courtyard of the Sitti Restaurant on South Wilmington Street in Raleigh for NCDP's annual Legislative Reception. Sitti is a Lebanese-themed restaurant which has a large clientel.**

**Because of the courtyard's dimensions about 100 Democrats could not be included in the picture above.**



**Excellent and highly-motivational speeches were delivered by State Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson, Senate Democratic leader Dan Blue, and House Democratic Leader Robert Rieves.**



**State  
Representative  
Rachel Hunt  
with NCDP  
Secretary  
Melvin Williams.  
She is running a  
dynamic campaign  
to win a State  
Senate seat in  
Mecklenburg.**



**State Representative Terence  
Everitt was elected to the  
General Assembly in 2018 and  
re-elected in 2020.  
He is campaigning wholeheartedly  
to retain the right to represent his  
district which includes Wake  
Forest and surrounding  
communities in northern  
Wake County.**



**Judge Lucy Inman  
gave encouragement and  
support to the legislative  
candidates. In the  
forefront of this picture are  
Lucy Allen and Jeannie  
Edwards of Franklin  
County.**







## **DEMOCRATIC STARS ATTEND BPC BANQUET!**

**Lots of Democratic leaders attended the banquet of the Black Political Caucus in Charlotte. In the picture above lots of Democratic ladies are clustered around Congresswoman Alma Adams and US Senate candidate Cheri Beasley.**



**State Representatives Rachel Hunt, Becky Carney, and Carolyn Logan**





**NCDP Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson  
with Lisa Ellsworth**



**Representative Becky Carney, 12<sup>th</sup> District  
Party Chair Cozzie Watkins, and Charlotte  
Mayor Vi Lyles**



**These jubilant Democrats in Charlotte include**

**Front row - Mary Milan, Judge Elizabeth Trosch, Lisa Ellsworth.**

**Top row - County Commissioner Laura Meier, Rep. Wesley Harris, County  
Commissioner Susan McDowell, Cynthia Wallace, and Connie Green-Johnson**



## Craven County Democrats Hold Annual Dinner

On April 22, the Craven County Democratic Party held its annual William L. Wainwright Dinner in New Bern. Keynote speaker (right) was Deb Butler, Democratic Whip of the N.C. House of Representatives. Charles Dudley, 1st Vice Chair of

CCDP, served as the evening's Master of Ceremonies and presented the

pandemic-delayed 2020 Wainwright Award to Volunteer Coordinator Kate Blakefield (below). We hope you enjoy the other candid shots of the night's festivities!





## Craven County Democrats Celebrate America, Present Awards at Annual Wainwright Dinner

At its April 22 fundraising dinner, the Craven County Democratic Party presented awards to several outstanding community leaders.

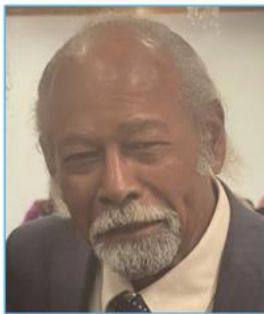
### William L. Wainwright Awards

*The William L. Wainwright annual dinner and awards are sponsored by the Craven County Democratic Party and named in honor of the late representative who served as the N.C. House of Representative's first African American Speaker Pro Tempore since Reconstruction.*



**Erlinda C. Dobson** champions those in the local communities she serves – and across the state – fighting for access to health care and justice and helping those throughout the East in times of hurricanes. She has served on the Craven County Board of Elections and Craven Democrats Board and is an active member of the NAACP.

Rev. Dobson is the first female presiding elder of the New Bern Conference of the AME Zion Church and is a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, NC's highest civilian award.



**Ben A. Watford** was a co-founder of the Craven County Community Bail Project and the Coastal Women's Shelter.

He served on state boards and was an officer with Craven County Voters League and the NAACP.

He chaired the James City Historical Society for 27 years, spearheading the restoration of the Crocket-Miller Slave Quarters, and has been instrumental in restoring African American burial sites. He is a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, NC's highest civilian award.

### Kathleen Stallings Orringer Pioneers in Democracy Awards

*The Kathleen Stallings Orringer Awards are sponsored by the Democratic Women of Craven County and named in honor of New Bern's first female alderman and Craven County's first elections supervisor.*

**Barbara Harrison** is the immediate past president of the Democratic Women of Craven County.

On the state level, she has been a regional director of Democratic Women of NC and a representative for its Third Congressional District. For 10 years, she was the DWNC Resolutions Committee chair.

She spearheaded the 2014 DWNC convention, which was held in New Bern, and has also served her county precinct as an officer.



**Cheryl Spencer** was District 3-B's first female and only African American judge.

Since her "retirement," she shares her talents with the New Bern Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. and the Democratic Party. For her service to Habitat for Humanity, Coastal Women's Shelter, NAACP, the Red Cross, and Carter G. Woodson Historical Foundation, she received the Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer.







## **PICNIC FOR DURHAM'S RETIRING DEMOCRATIC MAYOR STEVE SCHEWEL!**

**Many Durham citizens turned out for a picnic for Steve Schewel who has served as Durham's Mayor from 2017 until 2021. He also served 5 previous years as a City Councilman and 8 previous years on the Durham Board of Education.**

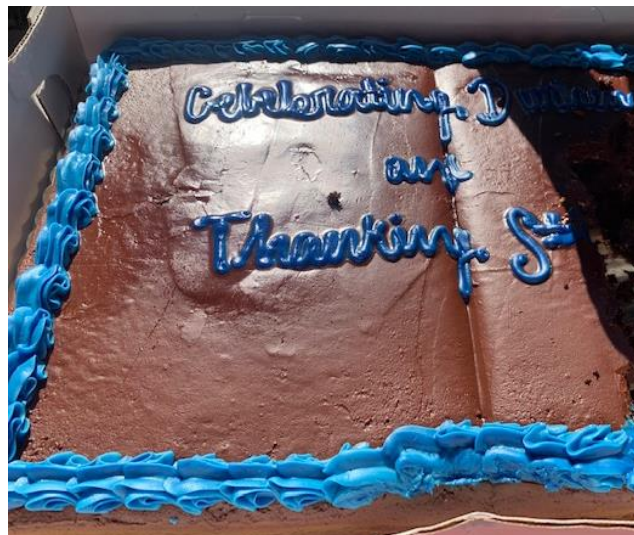
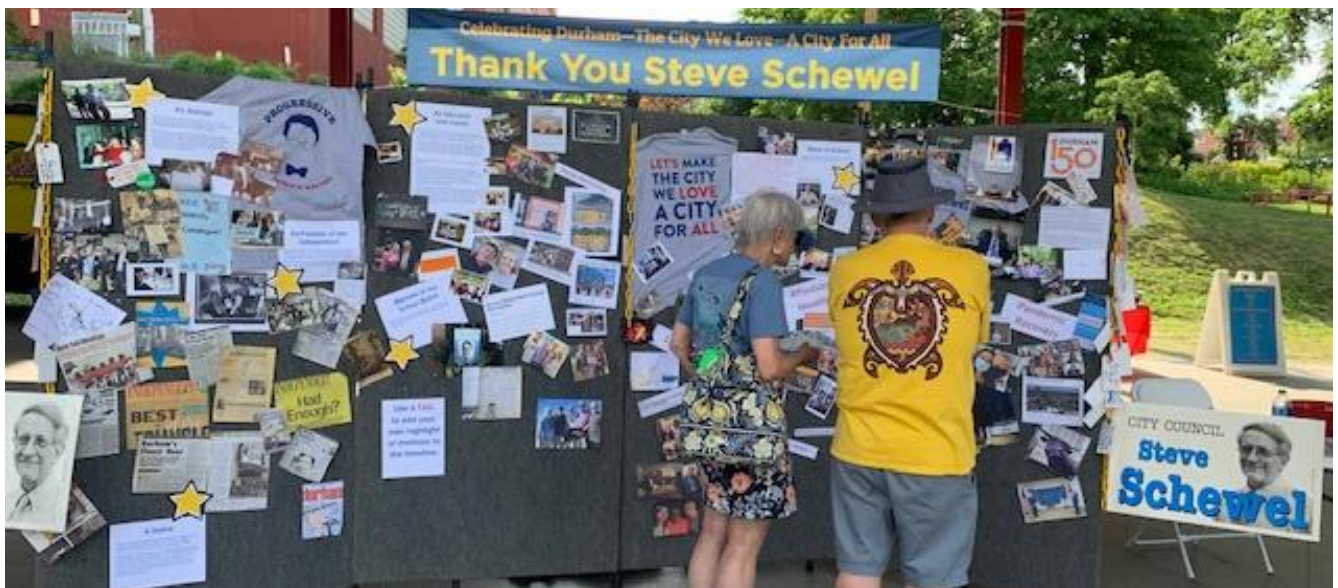


**Retired Durham Mayor Steve Schewel is on the left with Larry and Brenda Pollard at the picnic on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.**





**More pictures from the picnic held to honor Steve Schewel**

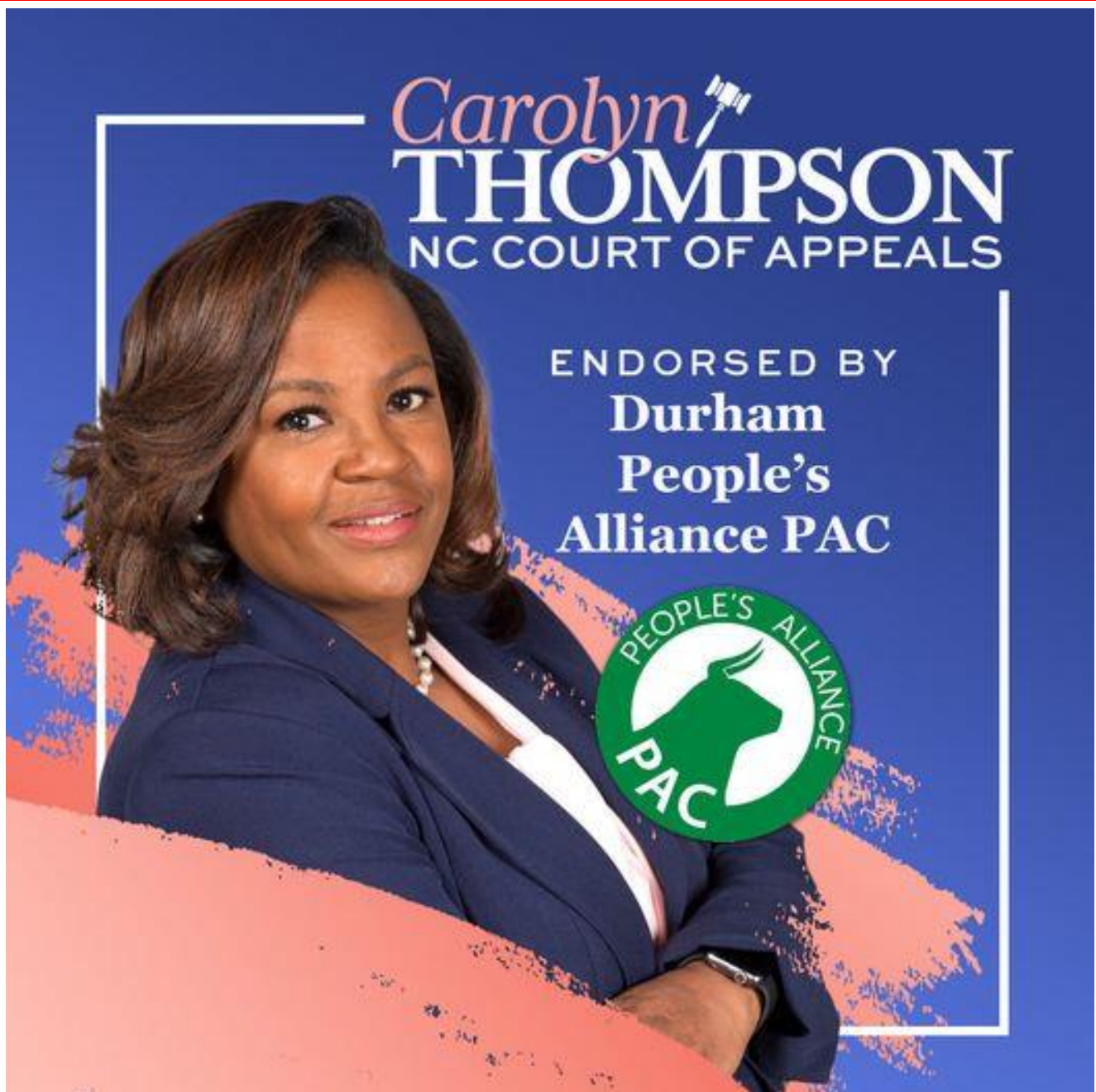






**LET'S SUPPORT JUDGE CAROLYN THOMPSON WHO IS CHALLENGING THE GOP FOR A SEAT ON THE NC COURT OF APPEALS!**





**CAROLYN THOMPSON WON THE  
PRIMARY WITHOUT OPPOSITION.  
LET'S ELECT HER IN NOVEMBER!**



## **DEMOCRATS ARE UNITING TO ELECT JUDGE GALE ADAMS!**

**Judge Gale Adama of Fayetteville won the Democratic nomination for a seat on the North Carolina Court of Appeals without opposition in the primary.**

**She is on the left in the picture above with longtime Catawba County Democratic activist JoAnn Spees.**

**Judge Adams earned her undergraduate degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and her law degree from the North Carolina Central University School of Law.**

**She was elected as a Superior Court Judge in 2012 and has served ever since.**

**She and Judge Carolyn Thompson (in previous article) are not running against each other. They are running for different seats on the NC Court of Appeals.**

**Her web site is: <https://JudgeGaleAdams.com>**



## North Carolina Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPI) Honor their Heritage

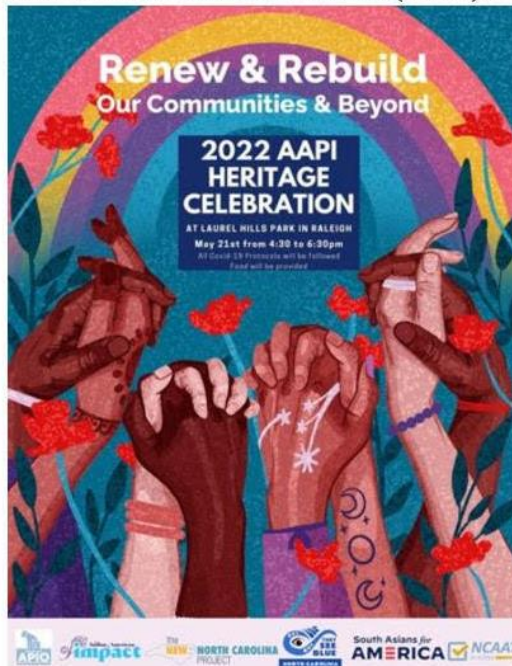


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May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. Celebrated annually, this month highlights and recognizes the historical and cultural contributions of individuals and groups of Asian and Pacific Islander descent to the United States.

The Asian Pacific Islander Outreach ([APIO](#)) and partner organizations are hosting a heritage celebration at Laurel Hills Park in Raleigh, North Carolina. The event will feature dialogue with political leaders from across the state, several cultural performances, and food from locally-owned Asian businesses. All are welcome and there is no cost to attend the event.

### Our Partners:

[Indian American Impact](#)  
[North Carolina Asian Americans Together](#)  
[They See Blue NC](#)  
[The New North Carolina Project](#)  
[South Asians for America](#)

**When:** Saturday, May 21st from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Laurel Hill Park 3808 Edwards Mill Rd. Raleigh, NC 27612

**Register (for free) now to join the celebration and the AAPI movement –**

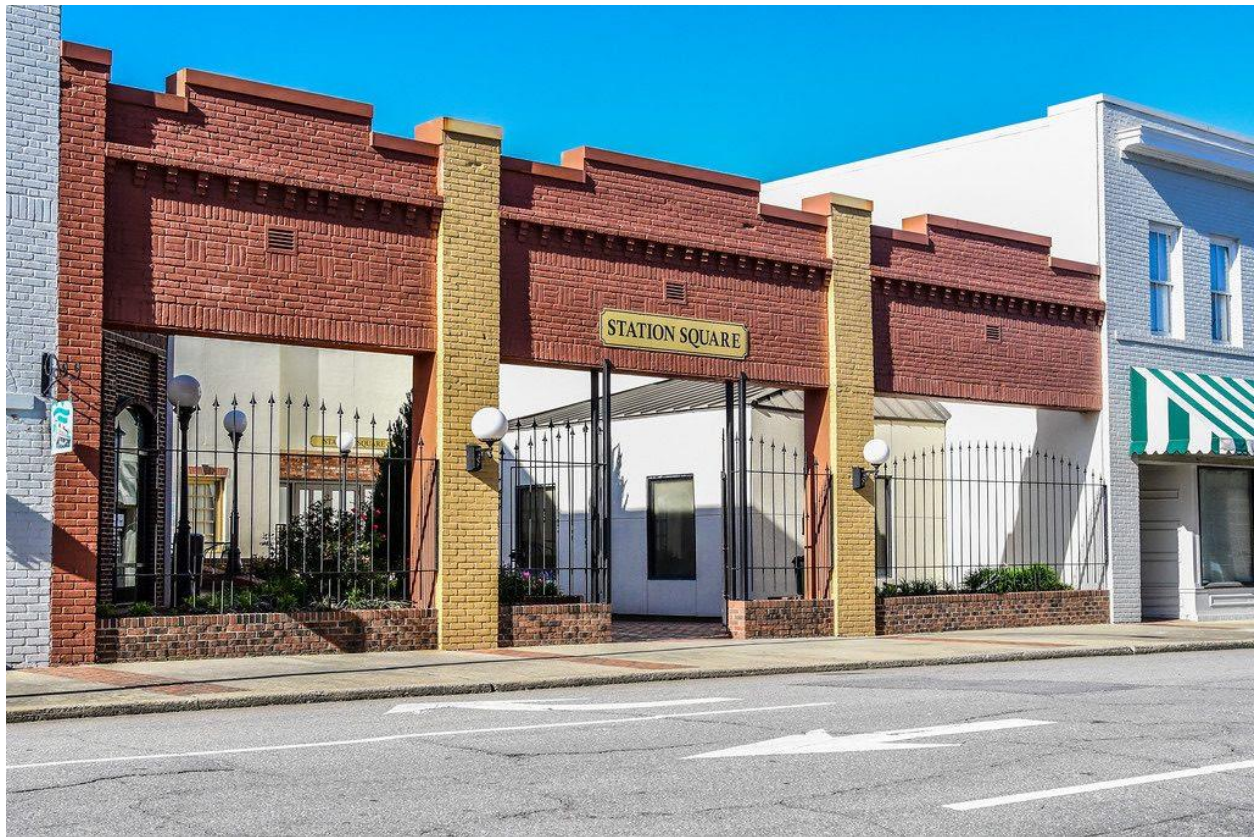
<https://bit.ly/3Os2Zif> Facebook event page -

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2775370269434928>

### Speakers:

- Chief Justice of NC Cheri Beasley, candidate for U.S. Senate
- Wake County Commissioner Maria Cervania, candidate for NC House (District 41)
- Durham County Commissioner Nida Allam, candidate for Congress (NC-4)
- Chavi Koneru, NCAAT in Action
- Shaundra Scott, NCDP Voter Protection
- Sen. Mujtaba Mohammad
- Sen. Jay Chaudhuri
- Sen. Wiley Nickel, candidate for Congress (NC-13)
- Councilwoman Ya Liu, candidate for NC House (District 21)
- Councilman Steve Rao
- Councilwoman Hongbin Gu

For more information, please contact Manisha Dass at [manidass@gmail.com](mailto:manidass@gmail.com) or via text only 919.600.3191



## **NASH COUNTY OPENS NEW HEADQUARTERS – YOU ARE INVITED!**

**Everyone everywhere is invited to the Grand Opening Meeting of the New Nash County Headquarters at Suite 161 in the Station Square Complex at 301 South Church Street, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.**

**Nash County Chair Cassandra Conover welcomes everyone! There is an easy entrance through the gated entrance on Nash Street.**

**You may also attend through Zoom by clicking this link:**

**<https://gmail.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c912e9c210611e89f271d4a17&id=d071416f24&e=5bec842882>**

**Meeting ID: 828 9282 7737**





## **NASH COUNTY ACCOMPLISHES A LOT ON STATEWIDE “DAY OF ACTION!”**

**Nash County Democratic Party Chair Cassandra Conover issued this statement after the statewide “Day Of Action: “Congratulations to everyone who came out to our Building Blue- Nash County GOTV Canvass Event on April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**“Our goal was met: To make sure that we know how to canvass and to get people to vote in the 2022 Primary Election on May 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**“ We had some of our precinct chairs and they were instructed on how to use MiniVan for the lit drop and they were given literature about early voting and the judicial races. Earlier, volunteers had engaged in virtual phone banking. This event was spearheaded by Daniel Franch, our Regional Organizing Director from NCDP. This event was held at the Word Tabernacle Church in Rocky Mount.**

**“We invited our unopposed candidates to speak. They were Rep. James Gailliard, State Senate candidate Mark Speed, and District Attorney Robert Evans. Our guest, Edgecombe County Interim Chair Natalie Watson Bess, also spoke.”**







## **LARRY POLLARD RECEIVES DIPLOMA 52 YEARS LATE!**

**When Durham Democrat Larry Pollard graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in the Class of 1970, he did not receive a diploma. The University had sent his entire class home because of the shootings of students at Kent State University in Ohio.**

**This May the University decided to have a special section of the Graduation Ceremony to honor the Class of 1970 and to present their diplomas. Larry and Brenda were elated to be able to have roles in the ceremony.**

**In the picture on the right above Charles Ingram of Duplin County who was President of the Senior Class of 1970 joined in this emotional ceremony with the Pollards.**





*May Meeting*

# TCDW May meeting is on a **THURSDAY**



## TCDW May Meeting

at Mariolino's Restuarant in Hayesville  
at 11:30 am

Thursday, May 19th

We are having two guest speakers, Charlene Smith, a Murphy Town Council member and Laura Lachance, Murphy's downtown development director.

Bring a friend and men are welcome.

**THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF CHEROKEE,  
GRAHAM, AND CLAY COUNTIES HAVE HAD A  
TRI-COUNTY DW CHAPTER FOR MANY YEARS!**



## **YOUNGSTERS LEAD JACKSON COUNTY SIGN RALLY!**

**Tessa Lewis (age 4) and Carter Lewis (age 8)  
enjoyed joining the adult Democrats of Jackson County in  
promoting Earth Day in front of the Jackson County  
Democratic Party Headquarters in Sparta.**

**They are the children of Jackson County Party Chair Cody Lewis.  
Thanks to Myrtle Harmon Schrader for sending this exciting picture!**

**SEND YOUR GOOD NEWS TO:**

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