

**TWO REMARKABLE YOUTH FEATURES:  
ELIJAH KING & GREER WEBB!**

**GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!**



## **NCDP CHAIR AT THE WHITE HOUSE!**

**State Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson was a guest of President Biden at the White House for the signing of the CHIPS and Science Act on August 9<sup>th</sup>. This act will bolster the US semiconductor supply chain and promote research and development of advanced technologies in the United States.**

**During her tenure as State Chair Dr. Richardson has become a friend of President and Mrs. Biden and many other national leaders.**



**Dr. Richardson with White House military escorts**



**The act was signed on this desk.**



**A member of the White House staff  
with Dr. Richardson**



## **DELMAS PARKER RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AT FORSYTH GALA!**

**More than 400  
Democrats turned out for  
Forsyth County's Gala to see  
that legendary Democratic  
hero, Delmas Parker, receive  
a Lifetime Achievement  
Award on Saturday night,  
August 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Delmas was a very effective Second Vice Chair of the State Democratic Party from 2005 to 2011. During that time State Chair Jerry Meek asked Delmas, Hayes McNeil, and Mark Hufford to head up a Western Project to help build and rebuild Democratic Parties in the counties of western North Carolina. The success of this project was reflected in the number of Sheriffs, County Commissioners, and Board of Education Members which were elected to replace Republicans in counties across the western part of our state. They also helped repair some homes for people living in poverty.**

**Delmas also served as Chair of the Ashe County Party, Candidate for Congress in the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Candidate for State Senate, and he has had a lifelong dedication to promoting the Democratic Party.**

**In all of his activities he was strongly supported by his wife of 53 years, Sue Lewis Parker.**

**This video shows David Crawford presenting Lifetime Achievement Award to Delmas Parker:**

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEW4h\\_tMguE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEW4h_tMguE)**

**In this video Delmas Parker discusses his lifelong Democratic activities**

**<https://vimeo.com/736195670>**



## **PRECINCT 74 – FORSYTH COUNTY ONE PRECINCT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

**The ardent Democrats of Precinct 74 in Forsyth County held a happy “get together.” They shared ice cream and information. They also turned in donations for the homeless people at Bethesda Homeless Shelter.**



**The officers of Precinct 74 are (L to R) Vice Chair Paul Kelly, Secretary Valerie Crane, attendee Susie Cumbo, and Precinct Chair Matilda Phillips.**



## **KYLE PARRISH FOR CONGRESS FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT!**

**Kyle Parrish has embarked on a multi-year campaign to educate the voters of the Fifth Congressional District about why a Democratic Member of Congress can do a lot more for them than their current Congresswoman Virginia Fox has ever done. He wants to help them understand that “she has never delivered for the district.” He plans to make them aware that “they need someone who is passionate about helping them.”**

**He points out that the incumbent “brings zero dollars back to the district.” After she accepted millions of dollars from student loan companies, she “is against affordable education.” She has voted against every attempt to lower interest rates on student loans. He says it is clear that “Virginia Fox is the swamp.” Democrats in the district agree!**

**The counties in the Fifth District are: Forsyth, Ashe, Watauga, Stokes, Davie, Allegheny, Yadkin, Surry, Caldwell, Wilkes, and Mitchell.**

**Kyle says “It was unacceptable for Virginia Fox to be unopposed in this 2022 election when democracy is at stake.” He “felt called to stand up and do something!”**

**In his campaign he is talking “kitchen table issues” with voters.**

**When asked why he is running for Congress, Kyle replies that he is “doing it because it is utterly necessary and the right thing to do.”**

**His website is: <https://KyleParrishForCongress.com>**



**Kyle and his wife, Laura, have four outstanding children: Lane (28), Leah (25), Paige (16), and Nathan (13.)**

**Kyle makes it clear that “November 8<sup>th</sup> is not his end goal. He wants to help Fifth District Democrats build a play book which can increase the percentage of Democratic votes in future elections.”**

**The five main points of his campaign are to let people know that he supports:**

**Affordable and accessible healthcare**

**Affordable universal internet**

**Jobs that pay a living wage**

**Fully funded public education**

**Affordable housing**



**Meet Kyle’s campaign dog, Bronson!**



## **JACQUEZ JOHNSON IN WASHINGTON!**

**When this publication invited Davidson County Democratic Party Chair Jacquez Johnson to send some pictures from a recent Washington weekend, he provided these two pictures which were made in beautiful locations.**

**Jacquez is always proud to represent the Davidson County Party everywhere he goes!**



**In this picture both the US Capitol and the Smithsonian Institution are visible.**



## **PITT DEMOCRATS HOST JUDICIAL CANDIDATES!**

**Every seat in the Alice Keene Center in Greenville was filled on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> as County Chair Charles McLawhorn and the Pitt County Democrats hosted Justice Sam J. Ervin IV, Judge Lucy Inman and Judge Darren Jackson. Many other candidates participated also.**

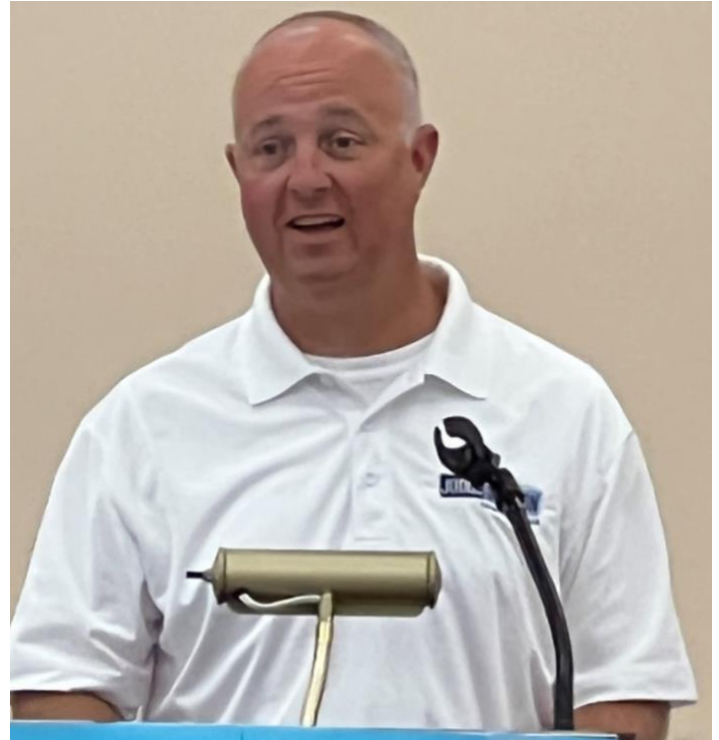
**Chair McLawhorn is a distinguished retired attorney and he has chaired the Pitt County Party for many years.**







**In the 2020 election Judge Lucy Inman received 2,652,187 votes for Supreme Court Justice. This year Pitt Democrats are joining Democrats across the state in working to get just a few thousand more votes for her so she can bring her judicial wisdom to the NC Supreme Court.**



**After serving several terms in the NC House of Representatives, Darren Jackson of Wake County was appointed to the NC Court of Appeals by Governor Roy Cooper. He is making lots of new friends as he campaigns for a full eight-year term on the Court.**



**State Representative Brian Farlas spoke to the meeting about his campaign for re-election to the NC House of Representatives.**

**He has organized a number of doorknocking and phone banking events – and he has more coming up.**



**State Senator Don Davis addressed the crowd. He is fighting hard to win the First Congressional District seat in the US Congress. This year the First District was dramatically redrawn by the GOP-controlled state legislature to make it a very competitive district. Senator Davis rendered excellent service in the legislature for 12 years. He is very popular with his constituents! (He has a mask over the lower part of his face in this picture.)**



**Sheriff Paula Dance addressed the crowd. She is running for a second term this year.**

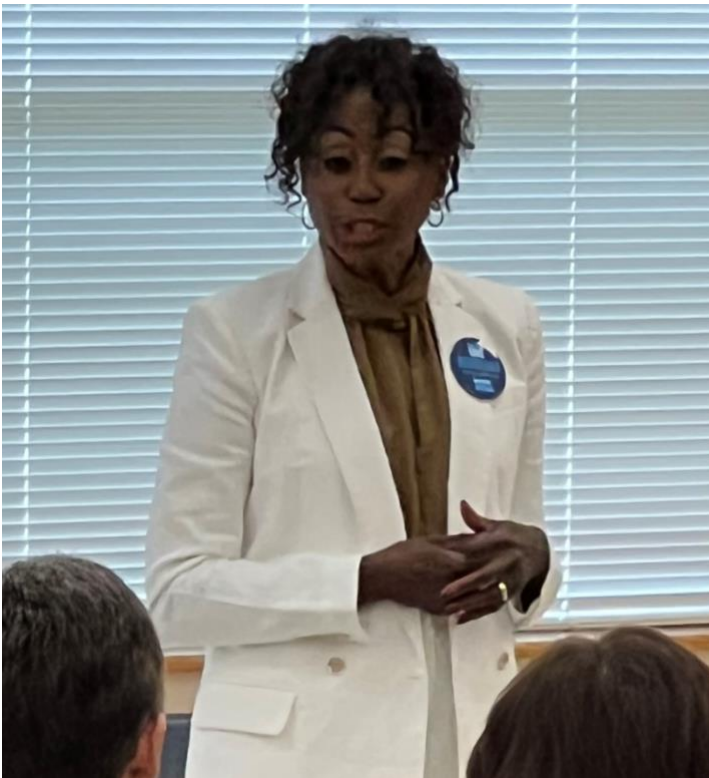


**Incumbent County Commissioner  
Beth Ward**



**Judge Marvin Blount III**

**These pictures show four of the large number of  
Pitt Democrats who spoke during the meeting.**



**Faye Bourdeaux, County Commissioner  
candidate**



**Jennifer Hodgson, County  
Commissioner candidate**

**What a great  
County Chair!  
Everyone at the  
meeting gave Chair  
Charles (Sonny)  
McLawhorn a  
standing ovation for  
his outstanding  
leadership!**



**This picture  
in which  
County Party  
Secretary  
James Corti  
is speaking  
gives a good  
view of part  
of the  
energetic  
crowd.**





## **YOUTH FEATURE – ELIJAH KING!**

**Elijah King is a 20 year old Democrat from Durham who will turn 21 on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. He was born on Thanksgiving Day to his mother, Erica King. Ironically his little sister, MacKenzie was born on Labor Day.**

**Elijah has gone to public schools his whole life including college. His mother put him and his sister through the Durham Public School system, while she was also working in public schools.**

**After being accepted into all the colleges to which he applied, including his dream school which was Howard University, he accepted an offer from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He told himself, his family, and his friends that he was choosing UNG-G in the name of the diversity of his student colleagues, professors, and other on-campus staff. He said he was also choosing in the name of being in a town with the culture of local businesses and that he was choosing in the name of access to study abroad and exchange programs.**

**He is majoring in Political Science and International Relations.**



**Elijah joined his good friend Roman and former NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin at the Blue NC celebration 2020. Elijah happily remembers that this was the first day he attended an SEC, State Convention, or any state party events.**

**A few months after turning 18, he went to his first precinct meeting and he talked to the attendees about the importance of youth outreach. A few minutes later he was elected Vice President of Precinct 23 in Durham. This automatically made him a member of the Durham County Dems County Executive Committee. Since then Elijah has become a State Executive Committee Member from Durham County, the Third VC of the Fourth Congressional District Democratic Party, then First Vice Chair of the Fourth Congressional District Democratic Party, a Delegate to the State Convention twice, a member of the NCDP Courtesy Committee, as well as a member of the NC House District Two Executive Committee.**



**Elijah with State Senator Wiley Nickel who is our Party's strong candidate for Congress in the Thirteenth Congressional District and with education leader Jen Mangrum.**



**Elijah and his friend and co-organizer, Aissa, are shown in this picture. They successfully planned a vigil for George Floyd which was attended by hundreds of folks in the Durham Community.**

**Elijah is currently a Client Strategy Associate at a political advertising firm in Washington, DC called Rising Tide Interactive. He works with clients such as political campaigns, parties, and organizations all across the country on strategic digital campaigns.**

**He has aspirations of running for public office in his home county of Durham, but he would enjoy the opportunity to continue talking, walking, and learning from communities and leaders from all across our state. He hopes to continue working in communications or advertising until then.**

**Elijah says “Although I love my work, my party, and my community, one of my biggest hobbies is spontaneous traveling, enjoying the variety of small businesses the Triangle and the Triad have to offer. My biggest hobby is connecting with folks in my community”**



**Elijah with two great Democrats, Supreme Court Justice Sam J. Ervin IV and NCDP Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson**

### **ELIJAH'S PANDEMIC FEEDING CAMPAIGN!**

**At the height of the pandemic, Elijah started an initiative called the DURHAM NEIGHBORS FREE LUNCH INITIATIVE, serving 200 meals a day, 1,000 a week.**

**His INITIATIVE put a local business back in business, got their employees back to work, and helped feed the community.**

**Elijah said “We connected folks from all walks of life through the service, whether they were a recipient of the over 60,000 lunches we served, a donor, a local farmer who donated produce or a local business donating goods: You were part of the family.**

**“That’s my biggest hobby of all. The truth of the matter is, it wasn’t for my resume, or a LinkedIn, it was because these folks are my family in the grand scheme of things.”**

**When asked if there was anything else he wanted to include in this feature, Elijah addressed his fellow Democrats as he said: “Democrats, the biggest way you can help your party this November isn’t just to vote, but it is to connect with folks in your communities to build those relationships and build that trust to keep them voting blue.**

**“Talk to that regular in your neighborhood diner, introduce yourself to that new neighbor who moved down the street, have a meet and greet with your local political leaders – build that relationship, that’s what will weather any storm the Republicans send our way.”**





**ELIJAH'S FIRST POLITICAL EXPERIENCE!**

**When he was in the fourth grade and a member of this group called Men of Honor, Elijah made his first trip to Washington, DC.**

**He and his group were able to tour the White House, shown in this photo, as well as many other places in DC.**



## **YOUTH FEATURE – GREEAR WEBB!**

**When this publication asked dynamic UNC-Chapel Hill student Greear Webb what he has been doing recently, he replied by talking about some amazing achievements and some humanitarian trips.**

**Greear is starting his senior year at UNC-Chapel Hill where he will be graduating in May, 2023 with a double major in Political Science and African *and* African American Studies.**



**April, 2022**

**Greear received the Ernest L. Mackie Chancellor's Award from UNC Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz. This award is presented annually to the man of UNC's Junior class deemed most outstanding in their character, scholarship, and leadership.**

**May, 2022**

**Greear journeyed to Israel and Palestine with a group from UNC to learn about that historic and ongoing conflict through a humanity-centered lens. While there his group visited many Holy Sites significant to three of the world's major religions (Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.)**



**July, 2022**

**Greear spent most of the month doing an internship in Kibera, Kenya (a locale in Kenya's capital city of Nairobi and Africa's largest slum) with the nonprofit: CFK AFRICA, a group connected to UNC-Chapel Hill.**

**While in Kenya he worked on improving educational outcomes for youth there, and wrote a leadership curriculum specifically designed to empower young people from some of Kenya's most marginalized communities.**



**JULY, 2022**

**After returning from Kenya, Greear helped lead the SIDEKICKS Academy Summer Camp in Durham. SIDEKICKS Academy, inc. is a taekwondo + character education program. The name “SIDEKICKS” stands for Students Involved In Discipline Education, Keyed Into Claiming Knowledge and Success. Started in the fall of 2019, the program primarily serves students of color at two Durham public elementary schools – R. M. Harris and Burton elementary schools.**

**The program was highlighted in its first feature news story on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> on WRAL. It is currently awaiting funding so that it can expand to other Durham elementary schools.**

**Here is the link to the WRAL feature: <https://www.wral.com/sidekicks-academy-nonprofit-uses-holistic-approach-to-connect-with-durham-public-schools-students/20375129/>**

**Back in April, 2022, Greear was appointed SIDEKICKS Academy’s first-ever Director of Social Justice and Community Partnership. In this position, he leads the program’s social justice curriculum and work to spread awareness about the program in the wider Durham community. He also coordinates guest speakers to speak to the participants (which includes boys and girls.)**



### **LATE JULY, 2022**

**Greear took a trip to Washington, DC where he stopped by the office of his Congresswoman and friend, Deborah Ross, to speak with her staff and offer his support for the Congresswoman's policy priorities.**

**He also stopped by the office of NC Congresswoman Kathy Manning, where he was able to speak with her senior staff and congratulate Congresswoman Manning on her continued empowerment and defense of NC's most marginalized residents.**

### **August 7, 2022**

**Greear was invited to speak at the historic Mount Moriah Community Church in Farmville, North Carolina. This service celebrated the church's 91<sup>st</sup> year of service.**

**He spoke about the importance of people engaging in the work of social justice and being unafraid to call out wrongdoing wherever it is carried out. The title of his message was "What Are You Waiting For?"**





## **KIM WASSON WINS TIGHT ELECTION!**

**Kim Wasson won a very tight runoff election for a seat on the Statesville City Council on July 26<sup>th</sup>!**

**The final results were:**

**Kim Wasson - - - -1,539 – 33.72%**

**Steve Johnson – 1,516 – 33.22% (incumbent)**

**James Pressly – 1,509 – 33.06%**

**Kim is Third Vice President of the African American Caucus of Iredell County. She is the first woman and the first African American Women to win an At-Large seat in Statesville.**



**Kim with some of her supporters!**



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