

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!



“YOUTH FEATURE” STARS MARRY!

Back when they were students at Freedom High School in Morganton, William Knight and Jessica Hardee starred separately in the YOUTH FEATURE of this publication.

They were dating each other then and they have continued to date ever since. Now they have gotten married!

Their wedding ceremony was held at Wiseman’s View with a private ceremony including only Jessica’s parents and Will’s mother. The ceremony was performed by their good Democratic friend, Tim Barnsback.

The private wedding was followed by a large reception at Catawba Valley Baptist Church.

Career update! Since they were first in the GOOD NEWS as high school students, Jessica has graduated from Wake Forest University and Will has graduated from Appalachian State University!

More excitement: Both Will and Jessica have been accepted into the Duke University School of Law! They are moving to the Triangle where they can spend their first years of marriage studying law together.



Several of William and Jessica's friends gathered with them for this picture during the reception at Catawba Valley Baptist Church.

Third from the right in this picture is Jack Swanson who has starred in the YOUTH FEATURE and many other articles in the GOOD NEWS through the years. Jack gave a highly meaningful toast during the reception.

Jack almost managed to attend the wedding ceremony. (He was across the gorge trying to view the ceremony with binoculars.)



**All their Democratic friends,
hope that many happy years
are ahead for
Will and Jessica!**



NC NEEDS DEMOCRATIC JUDGES!

Our Supreme Court candidates, Judge Lucy Inman and Justice Sam J. Ervin IV, fellowshipped with Buncombe County Sheriff Quentin Miller at the NC Sheriffs Association's Convention in Asheville.

**Here are the Democratic judicial candidates on the
General Election ballot:**

NC SUPREME COURT

Lucy Inman & Sam J. Ervin IV

NC COURT OF APPEALS

Darren Jackson, Brad Salmon

Gayle Adams, Carolyn Thompson

PLEASE JOIN

Carolyn Thompson

CANDIDATE FOR THE NC COURT OF APPEALS
Fundraising Reception

Wednesday August 17
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM



With Special Guest
First Lady of NC

Kristin Cooper

at the home of

Ann Robertson and Hans Linnartz
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Tickets: \$150

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THOMPSON
NC COURT OF APPEALS

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SHELIA HUGGINS!

In her position as one of North Carolina's members of the Democratic National Committee, Shelia Huggins of Durham has represented North Carolina Democrats on many occasions.

In late July she welcomed Vice President Kamala Harris to Charlotte where the Vice President announced the Affordable Connectivity Program.

In this picture Shelia is with Annette Roper Taylor, the Director of the Office of Digital Equity and Literacy.

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PRESIDENT HONORS DR. BOBBIE RICHARDSON!

In a ceremony at North Carolina Central University on July 30th, the JOSEPH R. BIDEN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD was presented to our State Party Chair, Dr. Bobbie Richardson.

In the picture on the left above, Dr. Richardson is holding the award after it was bestowed upon her. She also received the gold medallion around her neck and a letter of congratulations.

In the picture on the right above Dr. Richardson is with Mark Jerrell when she was recently in Charlotte.

Our State Chair is traveling all over the state to uplift and inspire Democrats. The next edition of this publication will feature pictures from the Sampson County Rally she attended on August 2nd.

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DEMS IN MITCHELL & AVERY COUNTIES!

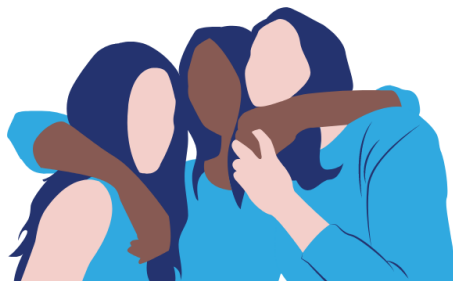
Democratic leaders from Mitchell and Avery counties held a meeting with NCDP Regional Organizing Director Michael Careccia on July 31st. They are excited about campaign activities in these two beautiful mountain counties.

Mitchell County Party Chair Howard Larsen is second from the right in the picture above. He said: “We are ready to engage voters in these two counties, our state, and our nation.”

Democratic Women
of Buncombe County

STRONG WOMEN UNITE RECONNECTION RECEPTION

Thursday, August 18 at 6 p.m.
Governor's Western Residence





BURKE COUNTY WELCOMES DEM STARS!

Dr. Bobbie Richardson, Justice Sam J. Ervin IV, Judge Lucy Inman, and NCDP Political Director Lorenzo Pedro recently drove to Morganton to speak with the Democrats of Burke County. The Headquarters was packed and enthusiasm was rampant.



BEECH GLEN PRECINCT DEMOCRATS!

The Democrats of Beech Glen Precinct in Madison County love to get together and write postcards. They get together often for fellowship as they promote the cause of good government through the “Party of the People.” Their precinct is about four miles west of Mars Hill.

62nd Convention

DEM WOMEN OF NC

**OUR RIGHTS..
OUR FIGHT..**

SEPTEMBER 23-24
Greensboro, NC
Party like it's 1973...

STATE CONVENTION
DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF NC!



NC COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN DENVER!

Lots of Democratic County Commissioners have just returned from the National Convention of the National Association of County Officials in the Mile High City of Denver.

From the left on the second row above are: Renee Price of Orange County, Gwen Wilkins of Nash County, Carlvena Foster of Guilford County, Pauline Campbell of Robeson County, and Ann Huggins of Pitt County.

Commissioner Ed Booth of Beaufort County is sitting in the middle of the front row. On the right in the front row is Martin County Commissioner Dempsey Bond, Jr. We hope to learn the name of the man sitting on the left side of the front row at some point in the future.

Renee Price conducted the meeting of the Arts and Cultural Committee. The committee presented a commemorative gavel to Renee to honor her for her many years serving as Chair of that important committee.

Renee was surprised when she received an award for her years of service From the National Association of County Officials and the National Association of Black County Officials.



DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF DAVIDSON COUNTY!

The Democratic Women of Davidson County happily promoted the Democratic ticket at the Juneteenth Celebration in Lexington. From the left the DW members above are AnneMarie Clark, Prentice Weldon, and Bernadette Fedzuik.



The Democratic Women created this handsome banner to draw attention to their presence.



CAROLYN BUNKER'S GRAND CHILDREN VISIT FROM TEXAS!

Guilford County Board of Elections Member Carolyn Wilson Bunker had her summer brightened by the arrival of her twin grandchildren from Texas.

The twins are 13 years old. Ava is the tall teenager with buzz cut hair. Jacob is somewhat shorter with long hair.

In these pictures Carolyn is taking the twins on a tour of the International Civil Rights Center & Museum.

Earlier in the day they had accompanied Carolyn to a meeting of the Guilford Board of Elections in the old Guilford County Courthouse.

Before the Board of Elections, Carolyn had already served in these positions: President of the Democratic Women of Guilford County, Recording Secretary of the Democratic Women, SEC Member, CEC Member, poll worker, poll observer, and roving poll observer.





JOHNSTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Johnston County legislative candidate Linda Bennett hosted a Volunteers Appreciation Day at her home in northern Johnston County. NCDP Regional Director Daniel Frank helped organize this event. He has also helped organize phone banks and canvassing in Johnston County.

Under the terrific leadership of longtime County Chair Sharon Castleberry, Johnston County has provided lots of votes for Democratic candidates. For example, in the 2020 General Election Johnston County produced 45,165 votes to help Governor Roy Cooper get re-elected.



NASH COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

The Nash County CEC conducted an innovative GOTV at their hybrid meeting on July 28th. Thanks to the creative work of the Third Vice Chair and Young Dems President Sydney Meeks assisted by Chair Dr. Cassandra Conover, Nash County Dems have created a digital palm card with all of the candidates and voting deadlines.

Chair Cassandra got the idea of the palm cards from ideas shared by Lisa Walker, Chair of the Union County Democratic Party!

For two minutes everyone in the meeting and on Zoom sent out the digital palm card to as many voters as possible. In those two minutes the GOTV blitz reached over 5300 people!

Later Martin Feinstein of County to County (C2C) gave the precinct chairs advice on how to organize their precincts into clusters with captains able to funnel campaign materials and voting information to neighborhoods. Now everyone is equipped to GOTV!

Future Nash activities include canvassing for our candidates' campaigns.

They are also working with the NCDP Coordinated Campaign led by Sammy Quiroz-Gutierrez and with Daniel Frank our NCDP Regional Organizing Director.

NASH COUNTY DEMS ARE DOING BIG THINGS TO TURN NASH COUNTY BLUE!



NCDEMS

The Currituck Democratic Party will Host a Pig Pickin' Picnic on Saturday, August 6, 2022, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in Sound Park at 8955 Caratoke Hwy., Point Harbor, NC 27964. All Democrats and Like Minded People Are Invited from not only Currituck but Camden, Dare, Pasquotank, and Perquimans Co. A 50/50 Raffle will be Hosted.

OUR MENU

- ♦ Barbequed Pork  Roasts, Buns, Cole Slaw, Popular sides, and Beverages Will be Provided
- ♦ Please Bring Lawn Chairs for Sitting

Guest Speakers

- ♦ Barbara Gaskins, US Congress, District 3
- ♦ Valerie Jordan, NC Senate District 3
- ♦ Judge Eula, Reid, NC Superior Court Judge District 1
- ♦ Claywood Wilson Jr., AT-Large Candidate for Currituck County Board of Commissioners

Come, eat, and greet your 2022 Democratic Candidates!





More Unity Banquet Pictures!

Provided by Elijah King

First Vice Chair, Fourth Congressional Democratic Party

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