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**GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!**



**DEMOCRATS WIN ALL NINE MECKLENBURG  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER SEATS!**



**A beautiful sight! The picture above shows Dems being sworn in for two-year terms for all nine County Commissioner positions in Mecklenburg County with their families clustered around them.**

**Leigh Altman and Pat Cotham were re-elected to At Large seats. Arthur Griffin was newly elected to an At Large position.**

**Re-elected from districts were Elaine Powell, Vilma Leake, George Dunlap, Mark Jerrell, Laura Meier and Susan Rodriguez-McDowell.**

**Left: Mecklenburg County Democratic Party Chair Jane Whitley led the 2022 Mecklenburg campaign. In this picture she is with County Commissioner Chair George Dunlap.**

**Extra Good News: This is the third straight election in which Democrats have swept all nine Mecklenburg Commissioner seats!**



## **FREE FOOD FROM JACQUEZ JOHNSON & FAMILY!**

**Davidson County Democratic Party Chair Jacquez Johnson and his family cooked and served free Thanksgiving food to more than 100 hungry people.**

**They set up in the parking lot of a shopping center in Thomasville and shared their blessings with people who were hungry.**



**Jacquez is on the right in both of these pictures.**





## **SURPRISE FOR ELAINE MARSHALL!**

**At a November meeting of the Coalition for Global Competitiveness, Governor Roy Cooper stunned Secretary of State Elaine Marshall by presenting to her the Order of the Long Leaf Pine to honor her for her 26 years of outstanding service to the people of North Carolina.**

**When she drove to the Research Triangle for this meeting she had no idea she would be honored.**

**Elaine related that because of her position, she always tries to be alert and suspicious. However, this time she was totally surprised!**



## **GWEN WILKINS TAKES OATH OF OFFICE!**

**On December 5<sup>th</sup> Gwen Wilkins was installed for a four-year term as Nash County Commissioner as Judge Pell Cooper administered the Oath of Office to her. Judge Cooper is the brother of Governor Roy Cooper.**

**Joining Gwen for the oath (left to right) are: her daughter Tiffany Hunt, her daughter Blaire Anderson, State Auditor Beth Wood, Gwen's top campaigner Mary Whitaker, & Stephanie Whitley (daughter of Secretary Melvin Williams.)**

**Mary Whitaker worked the polls every day including all Early Voting days.**



## **JIM LONG HONORED!**

**Secretary of State Elaine Marshall provided this picture of a plaque honoring Jim Long who was NC's longest serving Commissioner of Insurance from 1985 to 2009.**

**This plaque announces that a conference room in the Insurance Department is being named for Jim.**

**The plaque was dedicated by current Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey.**





## **COREY BRANCH!**

**Raleigh City Council Member Corey Branch took his Oath of Office after getting re-elected to his FOURTH four-year term representing District C.**

**For this happy occasion Corey was joined by his wife, Chanda, and their four year-old daughter, Carleigh. Chanda formerly held the title of Miss Black USA. This picture was made by Bob Karp.**



## **KAY CASHION!**

**Kay Cashion was sworn in for another four-year term as County Commissioner in Guilford County on December 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**She has already served several terms in this position.**

**On November 8<sup>th</sup> she received 106,355 votes.**

**SEC Member Brenda Pollard went to Greensboro for the installation ceremony.**



## **STATE BAR HONORS MIKE MCINTYRE!**

**Because of his many years of legal excellence, the NC State Bar Association presented its highest honor, the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, to longtime Congressman Mike McIntyre. He represented the people of the Seventh Congressional District in Washington from January, 1997 through January, 2015.**

**The award was presented to McIntyre at the Robeson County Bar's Annual Buck Harris Dinner in Lumberton. Every year this event draws judges and attorneys from across the state.**

**The picture above shows the attorneys in Congressman McIntyre's family who gathered with him at this event.**

**From the left they are: Son Joshua McIntyre, District Court Judge Angelica Chavis McIntyre, and son Stephen McIntyre. Judge Angelica McIntyre is Stephen's wife.**

**Congratulations, Congressman!**





## **ANSON COUNTY SALUTES VANCINE!**

**On her last day of service as Anson County Commissioner, our strong Democratic friend, Vancine Sturdivant, was honored in Wadesboro. Her late husband, William, is with her in the picture which is mounted on the plaque she received.**

**For many years, Vancine was BOTH Chair of the Anson County Democratic Party and an Anson County Commissioner. She excelled in both positions!**

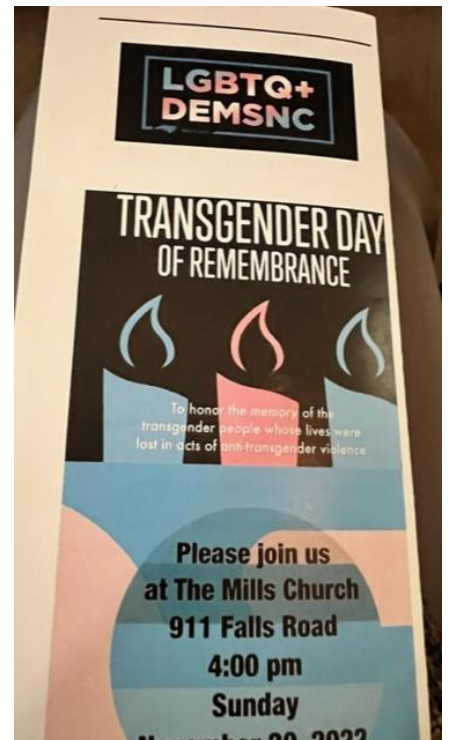
**Several times NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams attended the Blue & White Gala which Vancine and the Anson Democrats staged in Wadesboro. Every time it was an elegant, humorous, and highly entertaining event.**

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## **NASH DEMOCRATS HONOR VICTIMS!**

**Nash County Party Chair Cassandra Conover reports: “On November 20th our LGBTQ+Dems remembered 57 precious souls who lost their lives due to anti-transgender violence at The Mills Church in Rocky Mount.”**



**Above: Rev. Laura Whittman who is an Officer in the Nash County Democratic Interfaith Caucus is looking over a beautiful food prepared by Amelia Sutton who is President of the Nash LGBTQ+Dems and Secretary of the Nash Democratic Party.**



# 102 YEAR OLD VOTER IN CHEROKEE!

Reported by Leila Tvedt

On a bright, sunny day that brought nearly 50 people to the Birdtown Early Voting site in Swain County, there was a **DIFFERENCE OF A FULL CENTURY** between the oldest and the youngest person at the polls.

One couple brought their two year-old daughter inside to watch them vote while outside, a poll worker took voting materials to the curb for Evelyn Owle Roberts who is 102!

Although she appears small and frail, Ms. Roberts' memories are strong. She can tell you about growing up and going to school in the 1920s with seven brothers and three sisters in Cherokee where her father owned a mill on what is now called Adams Creek. When Ms. Evelyn was 18, she went to visit a friend in Pennsylvania, got a job at an aircraft factory and stayed up North.



## MEETING EINSTEIN

At some point, she remembers meeting Albert Einstein at a friend's house in Princeton, NJ. Asked what they talked about, she smiles. "Life," she replied.

Ms. Evelyn was married for 50 years to a man who was a fireman, pharmacist and bookkeeper. They had two sons. Ms. Evelyn worked for decades at a coat factory. She eventually retired at age 65, worked some more, and retired again at age 85. Then she came back home to Cherokee.

Asked about politics, Ms. Evelyn says she's a Democrat. She remembers President Roosevelt, but the first president she voted for was "that general." She forgets his name – Eisenhower.

After that she voted for Kennedy. Since then she's been voting every chance she gets. "It's important to vote. You want to get the right people in" she says. She firmly believes that voting is especially important for young people.

Compared with Ms. Evelyn, we're all young people!



## **JOSH STEIN ADDRESSED ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT CASES IN HISTORY!**

**On November 7th Attorney General Josh Stein appeared before the Supreme Court of the United State to oppose the NC legislature in the case of Moore v. Harper. If the legislature wins this case the election system of every state in the nation will be dramatically changed.**

**Click here to see Josh explaining this case to the media:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=14265270548303>**

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## **IN DC FOR MOORE V. HARPER!**

**Paula Wolf of Wake County sent in this picture with the following caption: “My friends, SEC Member Maytee Sanz and named plaintiff Becky Harper were at the Supreme Court to rally against the Moore v. Harper which Josh Stein is speaking about above. I am so proud to know them.”**

**Becky Harper is Chair of the Board of Common Cause of North Carolina. She was allowed to go inside to hear in person the arguments in this case.**

## **SPECIAL INVITATION!**

**All Democrats are invited to send Holiday pictures for next week’s special Holiday Edition of this newsletter. This includes YOU!**

**Suggestions: Pictures from Holiday events, Holiday parades, Holiday decorations, and Holiday Democrats of all ages.**

**This invitation is not limited to pictures from Democratic events – just have some Dems in the pictures. Please send by 9PM, Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please send your pictures and info to: [melvin535@gmail.com](mailto:melvin535@gmail.com).**



## **YOUTH FEATURE**

# **JOHN EASTERLING III!**

**John Easterling III (left above) has been a Democratic leader for many years. He demonstrated excellence during his service as:**

**President of the Teen Democrats of North Carolina**

**President of the College Democrats of North Carolina**

**Since graduating from UNC-Greensboro in 2019 and leaving his post as President of the College Democrats of American, he has:**

- \* Been very active in the National Black Caucus of State Legislators**
- \* Been elected to serve as a Board Member of the NC Legislative Black Caucus Foundation in 2023**
- \* Served for a year as a member of the Democratic Governors Association Finance Committee**

**When the SEC last elected DNC Members, John ran a very strong race for a seat on the DNC. In fact he survived until the third round in which he was narrowly eliminated.**





**John is a proud Democratic resident of Scotland County and he still continues his involvement in the Party today.**



**John is now the Pastor at the New Beginnings Baptist Church of Biscoe in Montgomery County. This means he is a Methodist preacher pastoring a Baptist Church.**

**When asked how he views his life, John replied: "Life has been interesting in leading me to such amazing heights with the opportunity to meet so many amazing people. I am inspired everyday to see the people for which we as Democrats are fighting."**



## **YOUTH FEATURE: MONTRAVIAS KING!**

**Montravias King is finishing a book about his already remarkable life. It will be entitled *BEYOND THE BALLOT: RESILIENCE DEFINED*. It is certain to be a fascinating volume because so far Montravias has lived a fascinating life.**

**In 2013 the name “Montravias King” was on the lips of everyone in North Carolina’s political world. When he was summoned to the stage at a SEC meeting in Charlotte that year, he received one of the longest ovations in the history of the organization!**

**Why? As a 22 year-old student at Elizabeth City State University he filed for a seat on the City Council of Elizabeth City. Opponents, including the county’s GOP Chair, objected to the legitimacy of his filing because his address was a college dormitory. They persuaded the Pasquotank County Board of Elections to disqualify him.**





**With national media attention spurred by Rachel Maddow, Montravias appealed to the State Board of Elections which ruled in his favor.**

**He was subsequently elected by an overwhelming vote!**

**Montravias soon became a frequent guest commentator for Huffington Post Live, the HBCU Nation radio show, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, BET News and other national news media.**

**Unfortunately, the racists would not let the matter rest. When he graduated they initiated a hiring boycott which prevented Montravias from getting any job in Elizabeth City – even at McDonald’s. He had to resign from the City Council before the two-year term ended. He moved to Charlotte to find a job.**

**Since then he has taught history and civics in North Carolina public schools. He has also worked for Senator Natalie Murdock and Senator Sydney Batch.**

### **LOST 163 POUNDS!**

**On Thanksgiving Day in 2020 Montravias fell asleep at the wheel which led to an automobile wreck.**

**While recovering he decided to embark on a major self-improvement drive. The result: His weight went down from 360 pounds to 197 pounds! He continues to eat no pork and no fried foods. He does strength training four days per week.**

**There has been much more excitement in this Democrat’s young life.**

**Be on the lookout for his book in 2023!**



## **YOUTH FEATURE: GREEAR WEBB!**

**The amazing life of Greear Webb has been full of events in recent weeks. This Morehead-Cain Scholarship student is in his senior year at UNC-Chapel Hill where he has also been named a Senior Marshall.**

**He will graduate in May of 2023 with a double major in:**

- Political Science**
- African, African American, and Diaspora (AAAD) Studies**

**(Left picture above) On October 18<sup>th</sup> he was a panelist for the NCCU Martin Luther King Committee's Fall Conversation Series: "Education, Empowerment, and Equity." His fellow panelists were Durham's outstanding municipal campaign manager Cassandra Stokes, Esq. and NCCU's Student Body President Manuhe Abebe. The panel moderator was Raleigh Pastor Lisa Yebuah of the Southeast Raleigh Table Church.**

**(Right picture above) On November 7<sup>th</sup> in anticipation of Election Day, Greear appeared as a panelist on Spectrum News 1 NC's *Capital Tonight* show alongside host Tim Boyum. The title of the segment was "Young Voters' View on 2022 Elections."**





**On November 11<sup>th</sup> following the nationwide election, Greear served as a Youth Voter Analyst on PBS NC's Black Issues Forum television show alongside host Deborah Holt Noel.**



**On November 18<sup>th</sup> Greear was the guest presenter at Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School's Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate meeting. The title of his presentation to the gathered student was "The Power of Your Presence: YOUTH Matter."**



**On September 21<sup>st</sup> SIDEKICKS Academy where Greear serves as the Inaugural Director of Social Justice was again featured in the local news on ABC11-WTVD for their work in growing the next generation of Durham leaders. SIDEKICKS offers students free Taekwondo lessons while tutoring them in academics and providing mental health support.**



**On Election Night Greear attended Congressman-Elect Wiley Nickel's Election Watch Party with (L to R) UNC's 100<sup>th</sup> Student Body President Lamar Richards, UNC Senior Austin Geer, and UNC Senior Sage Staley.**





**At Chief Justice Cheri Beasley's Election Watch Party Greear visited with Congresswoman Deborah Ross.**



## **WILLIE ROWE!**

**On November 6<sup>th</sup> Willie Rowe achieved the career goal of his life when he received the Oath of Office as Sheriff of Wake County.**

**Sheriff Rowe faced nine opponents in the Democratic primary. Then he upset the Republican candidate by receiving 241,899 (54%) in the General Election.**

**His inauguration took place at Saint Mathew Baptist Church in Raleigh.**



## **CABARRUS DEMOCRAT TURNS 103!**

**What memories she must have! On December 1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Corrine Cannon of Cabarrus County turned 103. Thanks to Jayne Williams for sending this happy article. Jayne is on the right in the picture above.**

**Just think of the changes Ms. Corrine has seen since she was born in 1919! Almost everything has developed and changed since then. Yet she has kept going forward expecting the best every day.**



**Love from lots of relatives  
and friends arrived with  
this beautiful cake!**



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TO SEND  
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