

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

**GUILFORD – JOHNSTON – LEE – GASTON
MOORE - UNION – SURRY – WILKES
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HIGH POINT DEMS CELEBRATING THE SEASON!

These four Guilford Democrats are among many who are joyfully celebrating the holidays and are looking forward to 2023.

From the left they are:

- **Beverly Bard, Chair of Issues for the Guilford Party**
- **Precinct Vice Chair Frieda Hirshberg**
- **Carolyn Bunker, Former President of the Guilford Democratic Woman**
- **Precinct Chair Candice Greig**



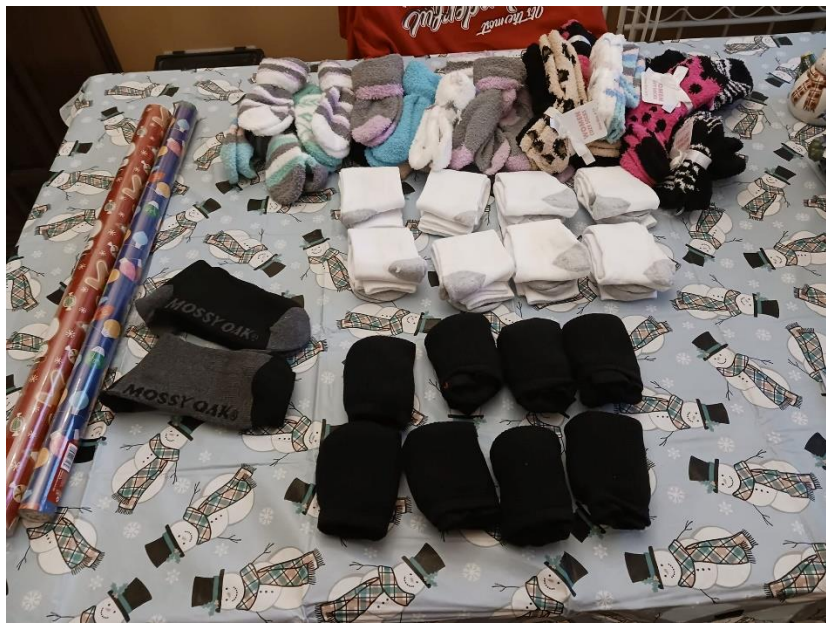
A TRIBUTE TO STEPHANIE WHITLEY!

By Melvin Williams

My daughter, Stephanie Whitley, continues to live a blessed and amazing life. In the picture above Stephanie is pictured with Gail Lincoln who works with her at the hospital in Goldsboro. Both of them are Registered Nurses. They are enjoying wearing holiday clothing.

On Friday, December 16th Stephanie organized and conducted an uplifting program for the residents of Meadowview Assisted Living Center in Smithfield.

She began by leading the patients in singing and listening to some seasonal songs. The residents' first request was "Grandma Got Run Over By A Raindeer." Then they sang "Blue Christmas" by Elvis. One of the men immediately asked Stephanie to dance with him. She accepted. Then she continued dancing until she had danced with all 18 male residents. When it came to dancing with the men in a wheelchair, she led them around by the arms in a dancing motion. Since there were 30 ladies and 18 gentlemen, Stephanie gave them 48 pairs of socks, 48 Calendars, and 48 Christmas cards.



Each pair of ladies socks was decorated differently from the others. When Stephanie told them they could trade socks, they started doing a lot of enthusiastic bargaining!

Stephanie can be seen wearing a mask as she plays the piano for the residents.



In this picture readers can see Stephanie beyond the orange shirt. (You will notice that the faces of the residents are not shown.)



A picture of Stephanie and Tommy's 2022 Christmas card

Stephanie and Tommy Whitley have been married for 11 years. During the same 11 years they have been the parents of Bandit, a Yellow Lab. They treat him almost as a child.

They enjoy their six children and six grandchildren and their Smithfield home is filled with pictures of the children and grandchildren.

During her 32 years as a Registered Nurse, Stephanie has received several hundred cards from the families of patients for whom she has rendered loving and excellent medical care.

In a Raleigh ceremony in 2017 she received a Unity In Diversity Award for "A Lifetime Of Outstanding Contributions To Unifying The Community."

In 2020 Governor Roy Cooper invited Stephanie to star in his popular TV campaign ad which was entitled "God's Work." (It is still on You Tube.)

Stephanie and I have been each other's best friend from the first day of her life. On the day of her birth I held her in my arms and promised to never say an unkind word to her. I have kept that promise.

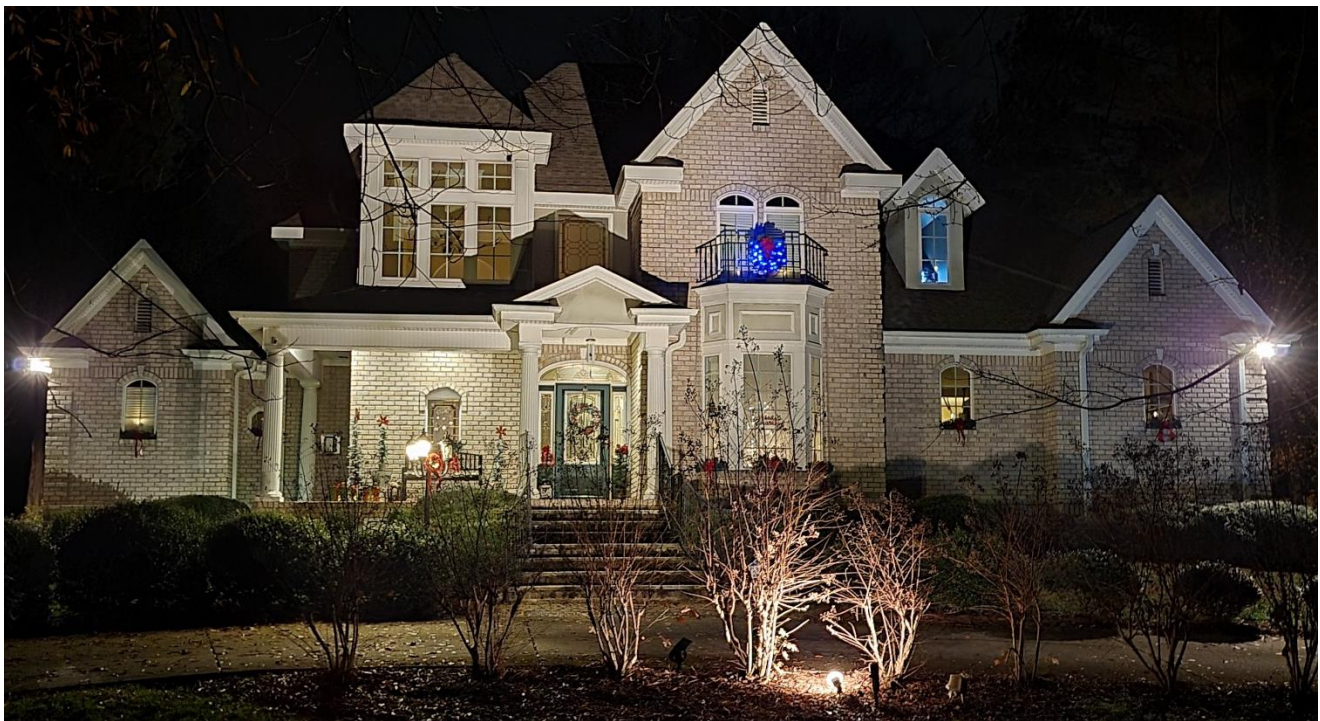
She is devoted to helping me overcome challenges. She is a detailed organizer and likes to plan ahead. I am thankful for Stephanie each day!

Melvin Williams



COUNTY CHAIR DECORATES HOME!

Lee County Chair Vonda Reives graciously agreed to let GOOD NEWS readers see her Sanford home which she decorated for the holidays. Vonda is a Family Nurse Practitioner and she is dedicated to her family.

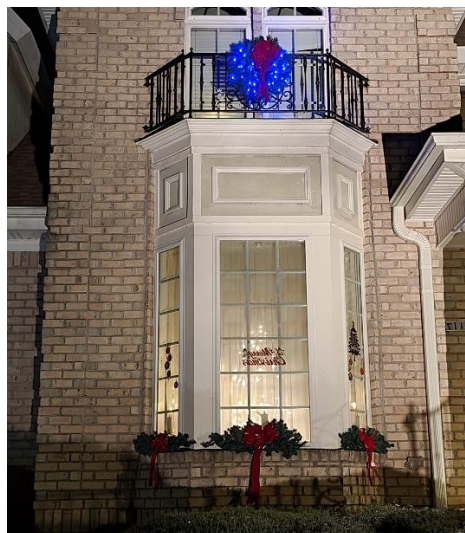






VONDA REIVES' FAMILY!

Left to Right: Grandson Carson Reives, Daughter-in-law Brittany Reives, Son Chris Reives, Grandson Trent Reives, Granddaughter Taelyn Spence, Daughter LaCrecia Reives, Granddaughter Nevaeh Reives, County Chair Vonda Reives, Duke Reives (dog), Grandson Preston Reives, Grandson Kingston Reives, Daughter-In-Law LaKeshia Reives, and Son Michael Reives





GASTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

State Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson, Congressman-Elect Jeff Jackson, and 14th Congressional District Chair Lisa Ellsworth were special guests of the Gaston County Democratic Party at their Holiday Party at the Gaston Pour House in Gastonia.



**Dr. Bobbie Richardson with Kristen Moyer,
Second Vice Chair, Gaston Democratic Party
The gentleman's name was not available.**



Dax Hair and Congressman-Elect Jeff Jackson, with Kristen Moyer, Second Vice Chair of the Gaston County Party.



Gaston County Democratic Party Chair Melissa Wagner with Dr. Richardson, Congressman-Elect Jeff Jackson and 14th District Chair Lisa Ellsworth



**Virginia Pittman, Kimberly Hollas, and Pam Morgenstern
at the Gaston Party**



JEFF PIEGARI!

Greensboro merchants recently held a day on which they tried to develop ways to make shopping more accessible for people with handicaps.

Jeff Piagari of Whitsett was one of the guests of the Greensboro merchants.

This lady named Goldie assisted Jeff as he enjoyed the shopping event. Jeff is a Democratic supporter who eagerly defends the Democratic position on issues.



COUNTY CHAIR PLAYS SANTA CLAUS!

Moore County Democratic Party Chair Maurice Holland, Jr. enjoyed dressing up as Santa Claus for a Boys and Girls Club event at Van Camp Farms.



Maurice arrived in this red pickup. He brought a load of presents.



Maurice is known for his jovial personality so he was a perfect choice for Santa.





UNION COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

The Democrats of Union County held a Jingle Jam Party at East Frank's Kitchen in Monroe on December 15th. From left to right in the joyful picture above: Michele Nichols, County Chair Lisa Walker, Eb Medves, and Cynthia Singleton.



Aubrey Walker and Wes Nichols



Aleta Galusha, County Chair Lisa Walker, and Kathleen Domanski



Union Democrats canvassing during the campaign: Cynthia Abuwar, Lisa Huffman, and Leigh Coulter



Stuffing bags: Cynthia Singleton, Constance Boswell, Kathy Rushing, and Benita Sanders



JOHN HICKS GRADUATES!

Democrat John Hicks of Surry County has graduated from The George Washington University a full semester ahead of schedule! He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a minor in history in 3.5 years.

Earning this degree was made more challenging by the fact that John has worked the entire time he has been in college.

Look where he worked: Intern positions with Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney of New York, Senator Martin Heinrich of New Mexico, and Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California. Those positions required him to work 24 hours per week. Currently he is working 40 hours a week in the office of Senator Bob Menendez of New Jersey. He was also a Goodwin Fellow with the NCDP in 2021!



John is going to stay in our nation's capital and earn a Masters in Legislative Affairs from The George Washington University.

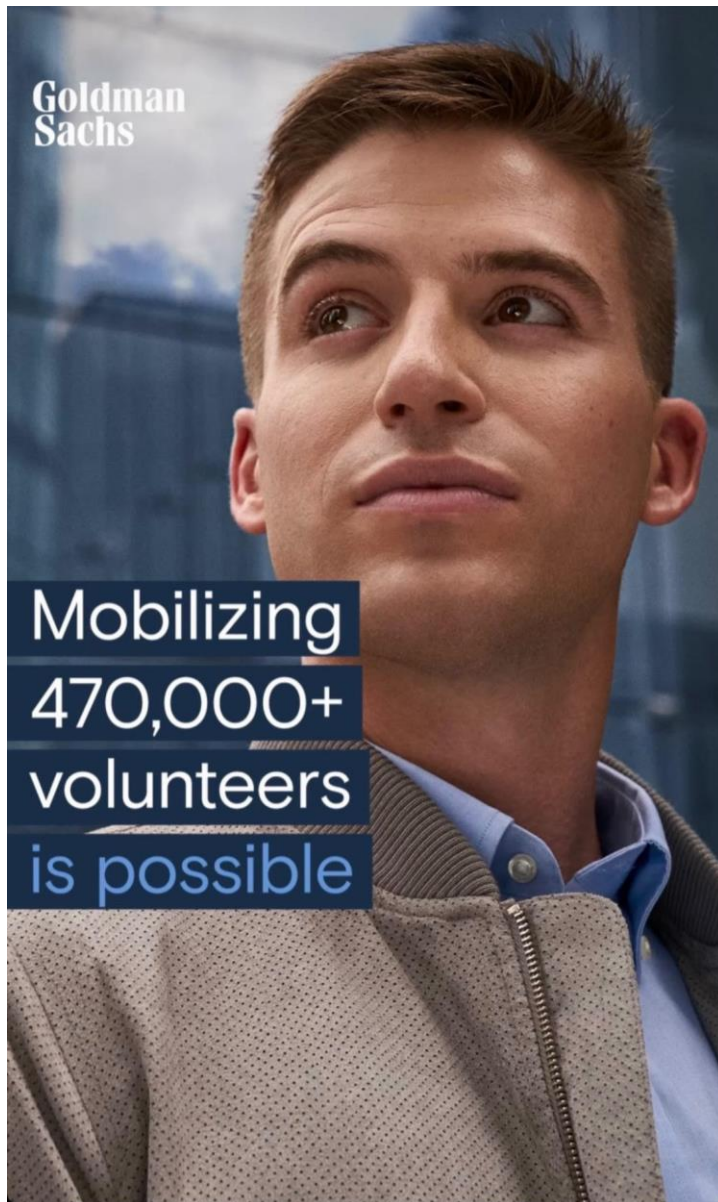
The picture on the left was made when he first arrived at GW as a freshman.

By that time he was already so highly respected in the Democratic Party that he had delivered the Keynote Speech at the Surry County Democratic Convention at age 18!

The picture on the right was made on John's recent birthday.

All North Carolina Democrats can be proud of John and his achievements!





TANNER GLENN: MAKING IT BIG IN NEW YORK CITY!

Many NC Democrats have fond memories of Tanner Glenn from Johnston County when he was one of the most active younger Democrats in the state.

He is working in New York now and doing some modeling. This Fall he was selected to star in a major Goldman Sachs advertisement on Instagram.

This will give Tanner worldwide exposure.

Johnston County Chair Sharon Castleberry says; “From President of the Teen Dems of Johnston County to President of the Teen Dems of North Carolina to managing Rich Nixon’ legislative campaign to worldwide recognition!”

The *Washington Post* wrote a major article about Tanner when he skipped a full semester from UNC-Chapel Hill to manage the legislative campaign of his favorite high school teacher Rich Nixon in 2016. Tanner was 20 years old at the time.



DORIS WALLACE IN LA !

Johnston County Democratic leader Doris Wallace has just returned from visiting her sons and grandchildren in Los Angeles.

While there she was able to attend the Installation Ceremony for new Mayor of Los Angeles Karen Bass. The new Mayor has been a Member of Congress for many years.

Doris was able to get a photograph with outgoing Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Twice Doris has been a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention. She is currently Second Vice Chair of North Smithfield #2 Precinct and she is the immediate past President of the African American Caucus of Johnston County.

In the picture on the right Doris is standing as the ceremony is carried out.





WILKES COUNTY HOLIDAY SOCIAL!

The dedicated Democrats of Wilkes County packed their County Headquarters at 313 Ninth Street in North Wilkesboro on December 17th for a happy holiday event. County Party Chair Kathryn Charles is the smiling Democrat in red.



From the left: Chuck & Sher Hubbard, Arnold Lakey, John & Jarrett Barker



First food table



Hazel Chapman looked lovely in lavender while displaying her Michelle Obama tee shirt.



Paul Anderson, Vicki Barker, Gretchen Barelski, Jeff Fowler and County Treasurer Connie Cox



Les Smart, Dawn Precour, & Melanie Martin



Gretchen Barelski & Chuck Hubbard



Delicious reviews were given to this cranberry orange cake which was cooked by County Chair Kathryn Charles.



THE VICE PRESIDENT HOSTS NERVAHNA AND RANDALL!

SEC Member Nervahna Crew and her son, Randall, were invited by Vice President Kamela Harris to a Holiday event at US Naval Observatory in Washington which is the Vice President's official residence.

Readers of the GOOD NEWS know Nervahna and Randall because they have been featured here many times.

Nervahna is Deputy Director of AMERICA VOTES. She has previously served on the Wake County Soil and Water Board.

Randall is a 17 year-old Junior at Enloe High School in Raleigh. He is on the varsity wrestling team. He is a defensive lineman on the varsity football team.



HAYWOOD DEMOCRATS AT WESTERN RESIDENCE!

The Haywood County Democrats above were among guests at the Governor's Western Residence on Saturday, December 16th.

From the left on the front row are: Western Residence Board Member June Ray, Tera Domagalski, Doreen Carroll, Rachel Wilfong, Mary Jane Curry, and Western Residence Board Member Ashley Smathers.

On the second row are: Stephen Curry, Governor Roy Cooper, Larry Gist, and Jesse Ross.



CATAWBA DW!

The Democratic Women of Catawba County proudly marched in the East Newton Holiday Parade. From the left the marchers are: Vice President Vonnie Hatcher, Secretary Teresa Hatcher, Greg Cranford with Eleanor (his beagle) and Audrey Helms.

FROM YOUR SECRETARY'S HEART:

**MAY ALL DEMOCRATS
HAVE A
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!**

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