

# GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

**AUGUST 4, 2023**

**SPECIAL FEATURES: LAWRENCE CARTER,  
SHAUNA WILLIAMS & MICHELLE ANTALEC!**



## THREE COUNTIES HOLD PICNIC AT ELKIN!

**The Democratic parties of Surry, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties sponsored a major picnic at a park in Elkin on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Keynote speakers were Attorney General Josh Stein, NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton, and NCDP Third Vice Chair Elijah Young.**



**DNC Member Matt Hughes visited with this group of Democrats.**



**Adreann Leufrey-Belle**



**Angela Levine & AG Josh Stein**



**County Chair Kathryn Charles and some more Wilkes County Democrats**



**Elijah Young & Forsyth Chair Jenny Marshall (L) & Judge Allison Riggs(R)**

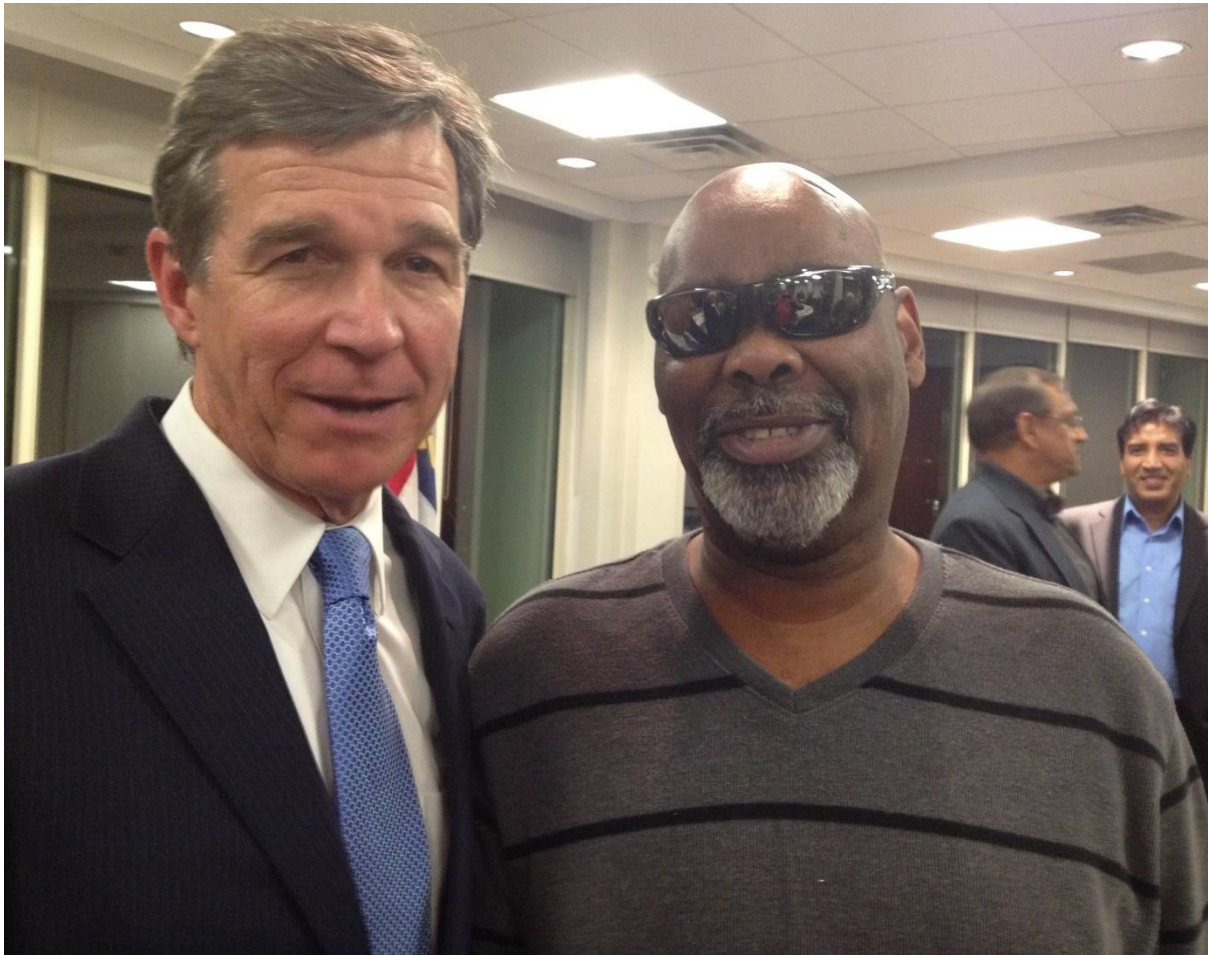


**AG candidate Charles Ingram is the man on the right side of this picture.**



**Some of the Young Democrats at Elkin**





## **SPECIAL FEATURE:**

### **LAWRENCE CARTER – WAKE COUNTY!**

**Lawrence Carter is a dedicated and enthusiastic Raleigh man who has served on the NCDP's State Executive Committee for more than six years.**

**When Governor Cooper first ran for Governor, Lawrence convinced him to come and speak at his church, Popular Springs Christian Church in Garner.**

**Lawrence was born in Lexington and lived in Cabarrus County until he was six. At that time he enrolled in the Governor Morehead School in Raleigh where he was educated through high school. While there he met his wife, Margaret, and they both have produced lives that have been beneficial to many people.**

**Following high school Lawrence attended NC A&T State University. Margaret teaches Special Education to Kindergarten through fifth grade. They enjoy baby sitting for two children three days a week. They are the parents of a daughter named Christie who is a Registered Nurse. Currently she works for a travel nurse company at a medical facility in Hoover, Alabama.**

**Lawrence had partial sight in one eye until he was age 42 when his "body made a lot of changes" which resulted in complete loss of sight.**



**Many famous people have enjoyed visiting with Lawrence during many different campaigns – including Senator Kay Hagan and Clay Aiken.**

**Lawrence has served as Chair of the Mayor’s Committee for Persons with Disabilities in Raleigh for about 12 years.**

**He has also been singing in the Male Chorus at Popular Springs Christian Church for almost 40 years.**

**When asked about Lawrence’s political style, State Representative Rosa Gill said: “He is deliberate in making sure he has all the facts before making decisions. He is patient with others and he is a strong Democrat.”**



**Margaret and Lawrence Carter**




**Lawrence's first political hero was President Jimmy Carter. He was first attracted to Mr. Carter because both of them had the same last name.**

**Thirteenth Congressional District Chair Rhonda Bond writes: "Lawrence Carter has supported the Wake County and North Carolina Democratic Party for years through financial contributions, his work as Precinct Chair and Vice Chair, and his use of his golden voice in phone calls for the Party.**

**"His main areas of advocacy have been for the disabled population, specifically blind and visually impaired people, and for the African American people. To know Lawrence is to love and admire him!"**

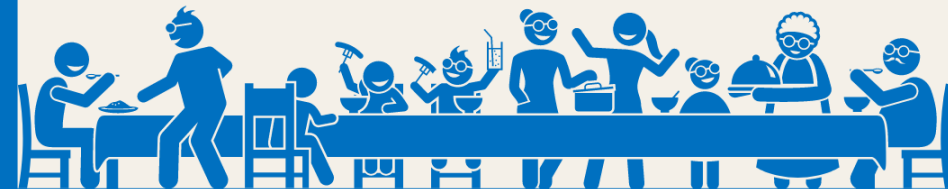
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**WCDP**   
**FAMILY REUNION**

**2 - 6 pm September 10, 2023**

**Bond Park - Cary**

**Sertoma Amphitheatre & Kiwanis Shelter**





## **UNION COUNTY DEMOCRATIC FIELD DAY!**

**The Union County Democratic Party celebrated their first Family Field Day on July 22nd. Third VC Heather Oldland said “It was great to see and meet so many Dems across the county who came out to fellowship and chat while discussing the top issues for Union County.”**



**This happy event was held at Marvin Efrid Park in Waxhaw.**



**Heather said “Union County Democratic Party plans to continue this event every year so Dems can build new relationships with people in their community. This is what a multi-cultural democracy looks like. We are better together!”**







## **SHAUNA WILLIAMS TO RECEIVE BIDEN PRESIDENTIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD!**

**Shauna Williams of Warren County will receive the prestigious 2023 Joseph R. Biden Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award during a ceremony at North Carolina Central University on September 30<sup>th</sup>. She will also receive a Presidential lapel pin, a gold medallion, and a congratulatory letter from President Biden.**

**This Democrat gives a tremendous amount of help to her husband, Warren County Democratic Party Chair Yarbrough Williams.**

**Shauna Williams – formerly Shauna Singletary – began her career with WTVD-11 in Durham in 1976, where she was the third African-American on air in television news. Afterward, she worked for 25 years at NBC Network News as an on-air reporter, producer and writer, starting at the Miami Bureau. She later worked on the Today Show, NBC Nightly News, Dateline, and with the New York Bureau, including on air for MSNBC.**

**Her assignments included three major plane crashes, Princess Diana’s funeral in London, natural disasters, and covering the President of the United States which allowed her to travel in presidential motorcades and to ride on Air Force One.**



**In 2000 this award-winning broadcast journalist married Yarbrough Williams of Warren County. She continued working for NBC as a freelance producer for 13 years after moving back to North Carolina.**

**Shauna has spent much of her life helping others. In her youth, growing up in a suburb of New York City, she first put her heart for service to work collecting donations door-to-door for children with cerebral palsy. Since then she has lent her time and talents to both Girl and Boy Scouts, sports programs, aspiring journalists, and countless other people everywhere she has lived.**

**In both United Methodist and Baptist churches, Williams has held many positions including Sunday School teacher, superintendent, trustee, usher, choir member, youth leaders, and certified lay speaker.**

**In Warren County Williams is President of the board of Trustees for the Warren County Community Center, Treasurer of the Warren County Political Action Council, assistant to the County Chair of the Warren County Democratic Party and a Precinct Chair.**

**Shauna received an Edward R. Murrow Award for spot news coverage, has been recognized for outstanding community service and is a VIP member of many Who's Who honor rolls.**

**She says that she is grateful for her parents and other relatives who were role models in home, church, work, life, and in the community.**

**She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Duke University where she was on the Dean's List and in Who's Who, and earned a Master's Degree in Journalism from Columbia University.**

**Shauna and Yarbrough have five children, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. In addition to being a Nana, she loves to travel, cook, and read. She is currently writing several books and will soon add "author" to her list of accomplishments.**

**A requirement to receive this presidential award is to have contributed more than 4,000 hours of lifetime service.**



## **GUILFORD “SERVICE TO OTHERS COMMITTEE” DOES IT AGAIN!**

**The SERVICE TO OTHERS COMMITTEE of the Guilford County Democratic Party brought the clothes, shoes, handbags, canned goods, produce, toiletries, books for kids, and toys to the Peace and Unity Community Day at Shekinah Glory Church in High Point.**

**All activities were free including free food, clothes, health checks, and health screenings. The Church served hot dogs and hamburgers.**

**Shown in the picture above are: Craig Turner, Committee Chair Mitzi Turner, Linda Margo, Avi Dintenfass, Graham Dodge, Beverly Bard, Tisha Junious & Linda Stokes.**



**Not shown above are Judge Brian Tomlin, Karen Smith-Gratto, Avery Grotto, and Keenan Griffey.**

**The members shared the Democratic message with everyone who came. Mitzi says: “It was a great event and enjoyed by all.”**



**Avery Harrison and  
Teen Dems President  
Keenan Griffey**

**High Point City  
Councilman  
Tyrone Johnson,  
Dories Patrick,  
High Point City  
Councilman  
Michael Holmes  
and wife.**



**Church Gospel Singers**



**Serving hot dogs & hamburgers**



**A community family**



**Both donors and recipients enjoyed this happy Democratic occasion.**



## **NEW RAGING GRANNIES!**

**On August 1<sup>st</sup> a new branch of the Raging Grannies serenaded the Guilford County people who were assembled at a Town Hall meeting in High Point.**

**Two of the new members were steadfast High Point Democrats. On the left is Beverley Bard who is uncontested for the Democratic nomination for Ward 5 City Council seat.**

**On the right is Susan Andreatta. One sign says "Trust Women!"**



## **SPECIAL FEATURE: HENDERSON COUNTY PARTY CHAIR MICHELLE ANTALEC!**

**By Elizabeth Jennings and Megan Cockman**

**Growing up in Louisiana, Henderson County Party Chair Michelle Antalec remembers canvassing and working the New Orleans voting polls with her grandmother. “Being active in politics has always been my passion,” she said. “It feels comfortable and it’s so good to be directly involved again.”**

**Michelle knew she would study political science in college. She did an undergraduate degree at Millsaps College and served as a Senate intern during her junior year. During her studies, she discovered she also liked business and went on to get a master’s degree in finance from Louisiana State University. She spent her career in risk management moving to Flat Rock when she married her husband, Michael Bell, in 2014.**

**“Over the years, I had stayed somewhat active in political activities, doing phone banking for Obama and other things,” she said. “When I moved to Flat Rock, I was asked to be Precinct Chair, and that’s how I became involved with the Henderson County Democratic Party. I was Precinct Chair three times and served as First Vice Chair under Cindy Ellis. Earlier this year I was able to stop working full time and I had also built up a knowledge of North Carolina after living here for nine years, so I finally had enough time and resources to consider being County Chair. She was elected at the County Convention in April.**



**As Chair Michelle facilitates, organizes, administers and serves as Number One Cheerleader. “I want to continue the trend Cindy did so well of improving voter turnout and providing support to candidates. We are really trying to have no uncontested seats this year, but my most important function is to empower our Get Out The Vote efforts”**

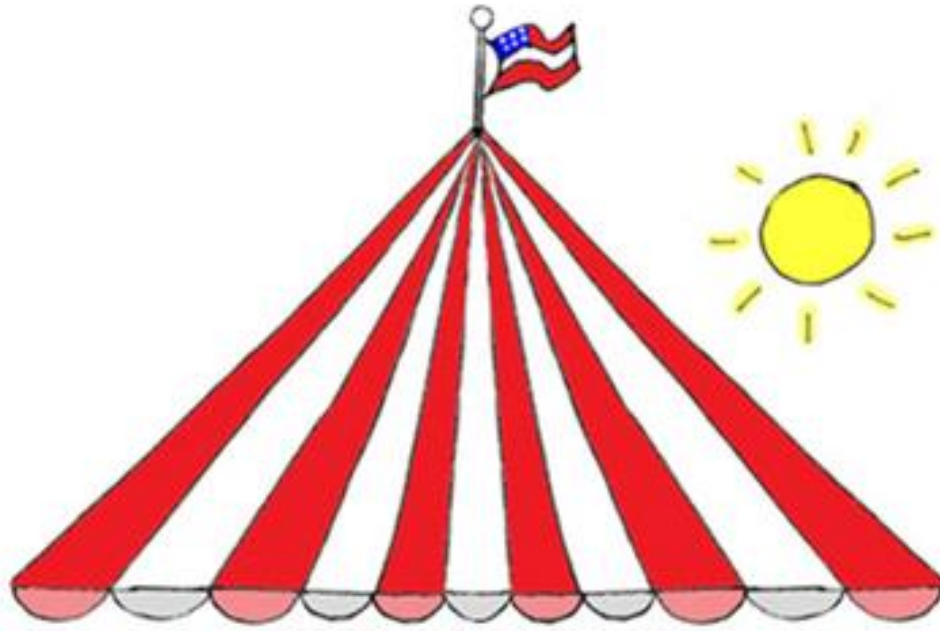
**Despite restrictive voting laws passed by the state’s Republican-controlled General Assembly earlier this year, Michelle has an upbeat attitude and sees many factors working in favor of Democrats in Henderson County.**

**“Demographics are changing as more people move into Henderson County from out of state and also from Asheville, We have a great community of Democrats and progressive unaffiliates, and when we vote, we win. We’re also working on a plan to help people get voter IDs and to help provide paper copies of IDs for absentee voters.”**

**Beyond HCDP Michell and her husband enjoy spending time with their six four-legged children: Miles Davis, Dizzy Doodle, Thai, Teddy, Ryan and Lyla. During the past year they hosted a Japanese exchange student, and Michelle is honorary Auntie and mentor to a Georgia Tech graduate student from Cameroon. In the past she has been involved in theatre and still enjoys supporting theatre productions.**

**“I feel that my main strength is that I can get along with almost anyone and connect with people, so this is a good role for me. I’m a negotiator and I know how to take feedback. I’m excited!”**





# FREEDOM FESTIVAL

**FREE FUN for  
ALL FAITHS and FAMILIES!**



**SECOND ANNUAL FREEDOM FESTIVAL!  
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY DEMOCRATS  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2023  
SILVERSTEEN PARK  
BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA**



## **POLK COUNTY DEMS ARE ON THE MAP!**

**Polk County Democrats have been very visible and have gained a lot of attention this summer. Look at the state map and find Polk County and its county seat of Columbus, NC. It is becoming a Democratic action center.**

**On June 24<sup>th</sup> more than 130 people turned out for the Polk Democrats' "Building Our Community Celebration." They served BBQ, music, & conversation.**

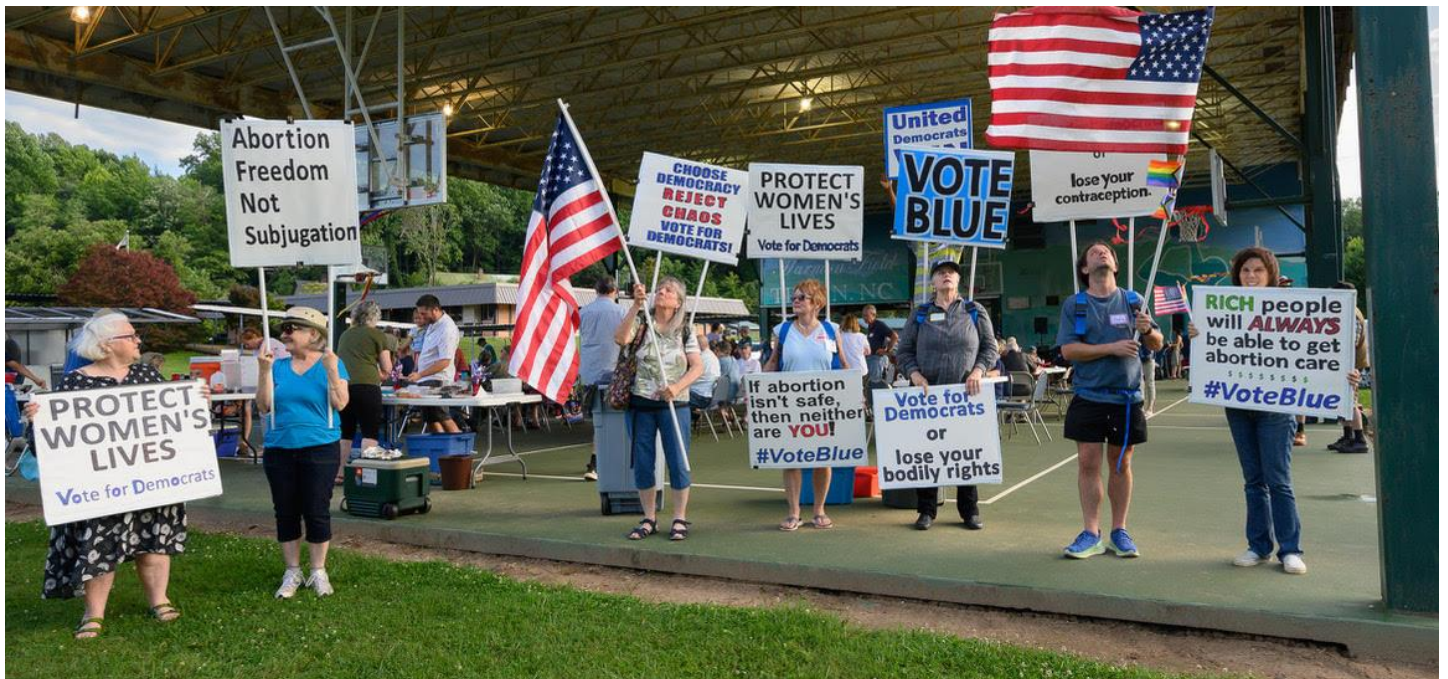
**Eight community organizations which provide important services to the county were there to share information about what they do. Yes, Polk Dems are drawing attention!**



**Cathy Brettman, Michelle Keyes, Linda Knippa & Ann Gleason**



More Polk Dems pictures





**POLK DEMOCRATS CREATED  
THIS ATTRACTIVE BOOTH  
AT THE COUNTY'S  
FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION!**



**POLK NC DEMS**

[www.polkncdemocrats.org](http://www.polkncdemocrats.org)



## MOORE COUNTY DEMOCRATS!



**Moore County Democrats starred in the Pinehurst Fourth of July Parade.**



**Voter education and registration was conducted at this cheerful booth.**

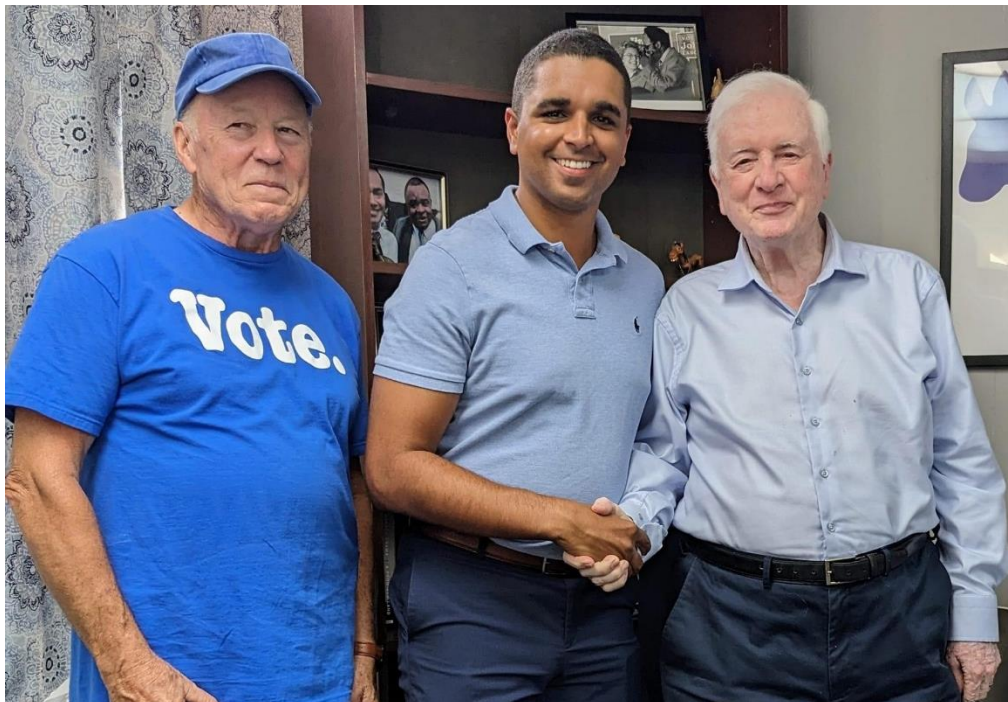


**State Party Chair Anderson Clayton addressed this perfectly placed group. Have you ever seen people more perfectly arranged?**



## **WILSON COUNTY OPENS NEW HEADQUARTERS!**

**An ardent crowd turned up at 1502-A Nash Street in Wilson for the Grand Opening of the new Wilson County Democratic Party Headquarters. Many people had worked to help get the Headquarters ready and to donate to make it possible.**



**Immediate Past County Chair Jim Hawley and current Chair Dante Pittman with Governor Jim Hunt**



**Chair Dante Pittman, Lucy Russell, Governor Jim Hunt & Mrs. Carolyn Hunt  
Dante says Governor and Mrs. Hunt gave great support to funding  
and organizing this new headquarters.**



**Former State Representative Linda Cooper-Suggs greets Chair Pittman.**





## **WILSON COUNTY LGBTQPLUS COOKOUT!**

**The LGBTQ Plus & Allied Dems Caucus of Wilson County had a cookout on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Thomas Farmer. FORTY-FIVE Dems attended. They were from ages 7 to 77.**

**A spokesperson said: “The food was fantastic and the growing sense of community and solidarity among this active group is building a base for the work ahead.” Their next meeting will be at 10:00AM on August 19<sup>th</sup>.**





**Above: State LBGTQ Plus Caucus President Tyler Beall addressed the members.**



**Terry Shackelford and Thomas Farmer are Co-Presidents of the Wilson Chapter.**



**More Pictures From The Wilson LGBTQ Plus event**





## **WAKE PRECINCT 19-09 CLEANS UP!**

**The Democrats of Precinct 19-09 participated in *Clean It Up* activities from June 20<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> using Anti-Litter Kits (grabbers, vests, bags) supplied by the Wake County 86it Campaign. Standing in the picture to the left are Regina Hill, Margaret Bess, and Michelle Medley. Seated is Kristine Chalifoux.**



**Marena Groll**



**Kevin Groll**



**Sigman Zeleke**

**This Wake precinct is in the town of Rolesville and extends out to Wake Forest. Marena Groll has been a national leader in the drive to get the ERA Amendment passed for many years. She was elected Precinct Chair Wednesday night.**



**Valarie Grosso and Dan Grosso have been active Democrats for years. It will be great to see the Democratic sign beside this highway.**



## **CUMBERLAND DEMOCRATIC WOMEN!**

**The Democratic Women of Cumberland set up this beautifully-decorated tent at the Fayetteville Pride celebration. Congratulations to Devon Hall who staffed the booth all day long!**



**Rowan County  
Democratic Party**

# **Family Fun Fest!!**

**Saturday, August 12th  
2-5PM**

**Granite Civic Park,  
202 Peeler Street, in  
Granite Quarry.**

## **FREE FOOD!!**

**Joe Fowler's famous barbecue, hot dogs and trimmings, famous 50/50 raffles, games, speakers, and fellowship.**

**This event is free and all donations will be graciously accepted.**

**Come out for a fun Saturday!**



# FOOD! FUN! DRINKS! MUSIC!

SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>  
6-8PM

THE CURRITUCK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS  
HOSTING A MEET AND GREET IN THE EAST AND WEST MOYOCK PRECINT. JOIN  
US TO MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED.

- ✓ ENJOY FOOD AND DRINKS!
- ✓ CONNECT WITH NEIGHBORS!
- ✓ OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER!

CALL OR TEXT  
206-960-9106 TO  
RSVP AND RECEIVE  
THE LOCATION

 @CURRITUCKDEMS

## CURRITUCK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY!

# Back to School Drive & Fun Day

- Backpacks & supplies to HQ by Wednesday, August 23
- Fun Day is Saturday, August 26, 11:00 til 3:00
- Sullivan Park
- Face painting & 3-legged races



**HENDERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS!**



# AT BRUNSWICK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY HEADQUARTERS!



## Looking for a good job?

- \* Learn how to get the skills needed for a well-paying career in the trades
- \* Attend the forum for a chance to win a **FREE voucher\*** for a workforce/trades class at BCC

*\*Must be present to win.*

## Workforce Development Forum

*free & open to the public*

Hosted by the Brunswick County Democratic Party  
featuring Brunswick Community College

**When: Saturday, August 12, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**Where: 1420 Old Ocean Highway, Bolivia**

*Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for complimentary coffee & donuts*

**Guided Tour of BCC's Myong & Paul Jensen Workforce  
Development Center (across the street): 12 - 1 p.m.**

\* **Special Guest Speaker:** Bettina Davidson, Director of Workforce & Trades Education, BCC

\* Hear from other speakers in the trades and employers in need of qualified workers



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