

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

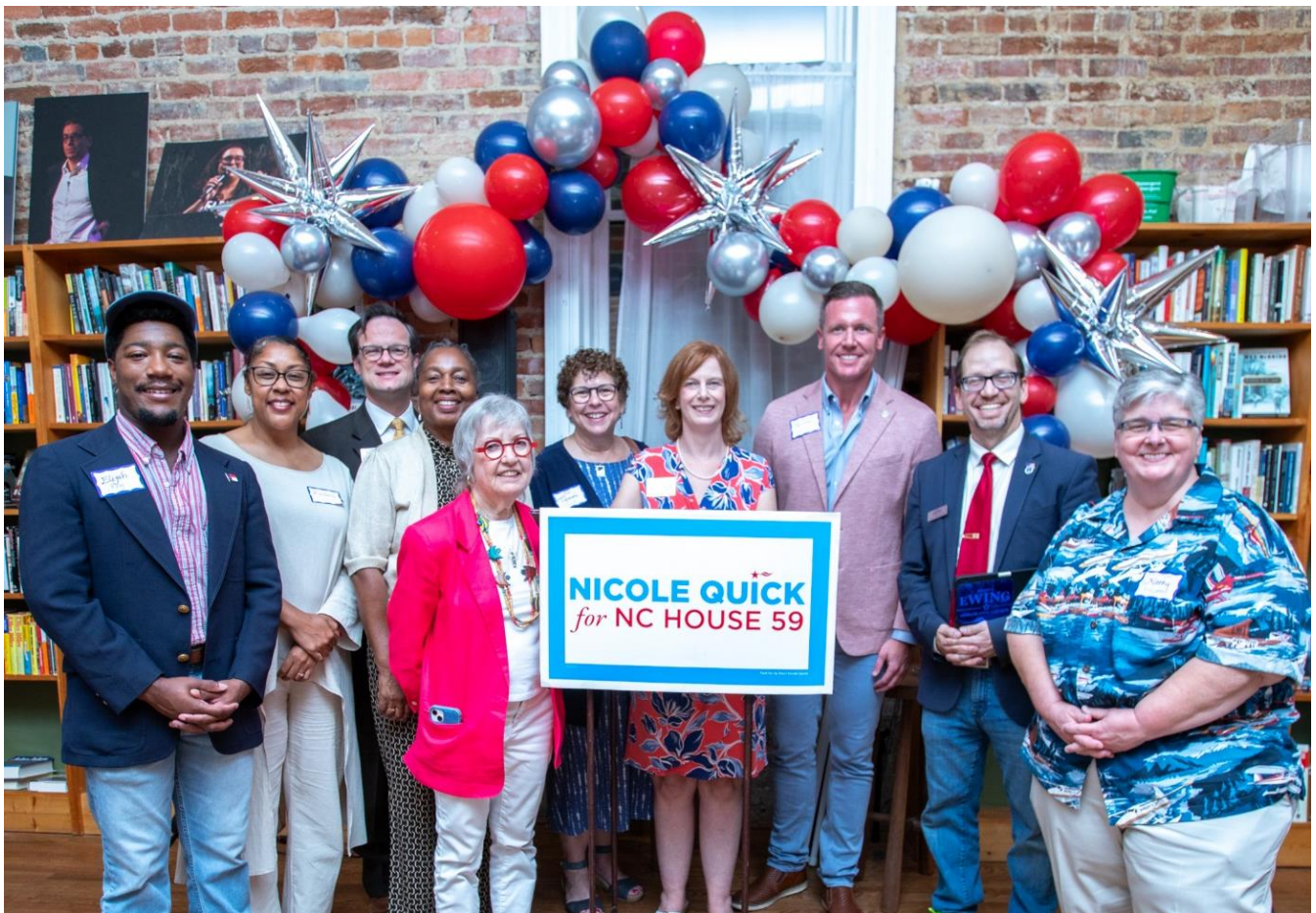
September 18, 2023

YOUTH FEATURE:

DANIEL PATTERSON!

SPECIAL FEATURE:

THE WAYNE GOODWIN FAMILY!



GUILFORD DEMOCRATS!

(Details on subsequent pages)



101 YEARS - PITT COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

101 Years! On September 8th more than 100 Pitt County Democrats held the 101st Annual Pierce-Spillman Fellowship Dinner on the beautiful lawn of the home of Dr. Joanne Matthews and Mr. Allen Mitchell. The food was extraordinary and the guests enjoyed fellowshiping under a dozen tents.

In the picture on the left above are Carolyn Sievers and Pitt County Party Chair Molly Holdeman. They made the pictures in this article.

On the right is Greenville City Council candidate Portia Willis who was one of many municipal candidates who spoke at the event.



Faye Bordeaux, featured speaker Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, hosts Allan Mitchell and Dr. Joanne Matthews with Staci Streeter-Moye



District Attorney Faris Dixon, Donna Whitley, County Chair Molly Holdeman, her mother Ann Henley, Laura Baxley from the Orange County County to County program, Elaine Marshall, former County Chair Jim Young (Laura's Dad)



County Chair Molly Holdeman introduced NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams who spoke on "Five Things You Have Never Heard At A Democratic Meeting."



L: Sheriff Paula Dance & Attorney General candidate Charles Ingram
R: Clerk of Court Sara Beth Rhodes & Commissioner Mary Perkins-Williams



State Representative Wesley Harris who is running for State Treasurer



Winterville Town Council Member Veronica Roberson



Former State Representative Marian McLawhorn read the fascinating history of the Pierce-Spillman Fellowship to the crowd.

It was formed in 1922 when 41 Caucasian men held a barbeque dinner on the banks of the Pamlico River. It has been held every year since with the exception of two COVID years.

Several decades later Caucasian women were invited to start attending.

Later African American Democrats were invited to start coming and this year the dinner was held on the lawn of an African American family's home.

This is an organization that is within the Pitt County Democratic Party. County Party Chair Molly Holdeman was elected President of the Fellowship for the next two years.

**Jack Rose,
Judge Mario Perez,
and Jane Rose**





UNC YOUNG DEMOCRATS ORGANIZE ANTI-VIOLENCE RALLY!

In only a few hours the Young Democrats of UNC organized a rally against gun violence on their Chapel Hill campus. State Chair Anderson Clayton helped them get nationally known anti-gun violence leader David Hogg to fly to Chapel Hill to speak.

In the picture above David is wearing the blue "March For Our Lives" shirt standing behind Chair Clayton. Hundreds of students turned out for the rally.





DEMOCRATIC ARTIST IFFAT ALLAM!

Durham Democrat Iffat Allam is a talented artist. In the pictures above she is holding a work which she recently completed. To view her artworks, please contact Secretary Melvin Williams at melvin535@gmail.com or 910-590-4542.

Iffat likes to make personal paintings which capture the various aspects of the lives of her friends and relatives.

She has an entire wall in her home which is covered with her paintings of flowers, landscapes, and other features of nature.

When this publication asked where she studied art, the surprising answer was that she is “self taught.”

Many, many Democrats became friends of Iffat during the four years from 2017 to 2021 when her daughter, Nida Allam, was Third Vice Chair of the State Democratic Party.

Nida is now a Durham County Commissioner and she was appointed by State Chair Anderson Clayton to the position of At-Large Member of the Executive Council of the NCDP.

Iffat has two other talented daughters. She and her husband, Abdul, are strong supporters of the careers of all three daughters.

Iffat’s life has been enriched by learning to paint and to continuing to develop her painting skills!



DUPLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNITY DAY & FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023, AT KENANSVILLE PARK
501 SOUTH MAIN STREET, KENANSVILLE, N.C. 28349
10:00 AM - 4:30 PM



CHARLES INGRAM



other special guest

**Come out for
fun, laughter, & music**

MEET THE MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

YARD-SALE VENDORS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

FOOD TRUCKS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CHECKS

ELECTION, VOTER REGISTRATION
AND VOTER ID ASSISTANCE

FAITH-BASED SERVICES

This Community Day is just the beginning of our unified efforts to build a strong positive environment where all neighbors can acknowledge the ways in which they help us move forward and encourage everyone to get behind meaningful community actions.

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COLORFUL GUILFORD RALLY!



Guilford Democrats know how to decorate, don't they? Speakers at a recent Guilford County rally are shown in the top picture above.

From the left they are NCDP Third Vice Chair Elijah King, NCDP Second Vice Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy, Judge Bill Davis, Guilford County School Board Vice Chair Bettye Jenkins, Greensboro City Councilwoman Nancy Hoffman, Greensboro City Councilwoman Tammi Thurm, State House candidate Nicole Quick, State Senator Michael Garrett, Sean Ewing of Mebane, and Guilford County Party Chair Katie Kilpatrick.



HENDERSON DEMS MARCH IN APPLE PARADE!

Once again Henderson County Democrats filled the sunny streets of Hendersonville as they marched in the NC Apple Festival Parade on Sept. 2nd.

This year their theme was “public schools” and many of the signs contained the names of one of the county’s schools.



More apples are grown in Henderson County than in any other county in the entire state. The county is also the seventh largest apple producing county in the nation.

Isabel Cutler made these colorful pictures.



More Hendersonville Apple Festival pictures



YDHC
September
MEETING



HENDERSONVILLE, NC

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER
21ST @ 6:30 PM

**For Decades
the Eleventh District Democratic Party
Has Gathered in the Fall
for a Western Gala Banquet
and
to honor one person as
“THE MOUNTAIN DEMOCRAT OF THE YEAR”
and to present the
“LISTON B. RAMSEY AWARD”
to one Outstanding Democrat
from each county in the district.**

**Who was Liston B. Ramsey?
He was a State Representative:**

1967 – 2001

Speaker of the House:

1981 - 1989

**The 2023 Award Recipients
Are Saluted On The Following Pages!**

Liston B. Ramsey Awardees

Sam Edney wins 2023 “Mountain Democrat” Award

Sam Edney is the epitome of a true patriot and proud American. He’s made invaluable contributions to the party over the years, inside and outside of Transylvania County. He’s continued to uphold Democratic principles whether it’s been as a candidate or county chair. Sam has also been an integral part of supporting the young democrats throughout the 11th district. Sam’s work continues at the district level with an emphasis on messaging, coordinating with our elected officials, and doing the hard work behind the scenes that make the wheel of progress turn over. We cannot thank Sam enough for his dedication and hard work over the years. Please join us in congratulating Sam Edney as the Mountain Democrat of the Year!



Buncombe County Ramsey Awardee



Leslie Tighe (pronounced “Tie”)

In 2021, feeling frustrated with the political climate, Leslie decided it was time to take action. A call from Leicester cluster leader, Ken Kahn, offered her direction. Hoping to utilize her expertise in marketing, design, and communications, Ken connected her with political powerhouses Jeff Rose and Barret Phillips, whose experience proved integral for the rebranding of the Buncombe County Democratic Party. Leslie led the rebranding effort, built a new website virtually overnight, recruited volunteers to revamp other digital materials, and produced all the printed and digital materials for Buncombe Dems' Get Out The Vote effort for the 2022 midterms. Leslie’s parents, Marty & Susan, have been a profound source of inspiration, encouraging her to step up and allowing her to expand her impact by collaborating with the McDowell County party, revitalizing their brand, and establishing a compelling online presence. Witnessing the dedication and hard work of fellow Democrats in NC-11 has fueled Leslie’s drive to continue to help shape a more promising political landscape for our community.

Cherokee County Ramsey Awardee

Pat Sherrill

Pat Sherrill has been an active Democrat in both our county party and the Tri-County Democratic Women. She has served as 2nd Vice Chair at the county level and President of the Tri-County Democratic Women. As a county party Democrat, she has been a poll official, observer and has held training for poll observers. Pat helped set up and run some of our temporary headquarters as well as headed postcard campaigns. As president of Tri-County Democratic Women she has started our first large fundraiser event, our community outreach of Educational Forums and a three-county Essay Contest. Her determination, enthusiasm and efforts have enhanced our projects and we’re sure she won’t stop here.





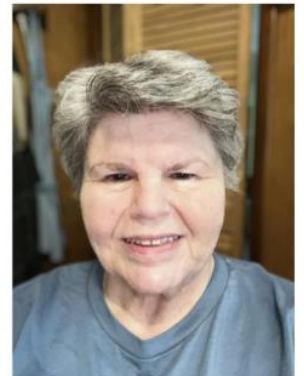
Clay County Ramsey Awardee

James Denton

James "showed up" as willing to serve with perfect skills and credentials and for the treasurer job at a time of dire need. He was appointed in the middle of a NC Board of Elections audit that spanned 4 years. He supported the acting treasurer until the audit was completed and was re-appointed! He has brought the Clay County Democratic Party into the 21st Century and we are so very grateful to him.

Haywood County Ramsey Awardees

Connie Nicholson has served the Haywood County Democratic Party in various capacities – first as a volunteer, then as an executive officer and a Precinct Chair. Most importantly, she has served as our "technology guru." As Party Secretary, she recreated our website following the unexpected death of the site administrator. Had it not been for her efforts, the party may have had to pay a website developer to get us back online. When she had to resign as Secretary due to health issues, she offered to continue as our webmaster. In 2022, she worked diligently to redesign the website and continues to maintain it on a volunteer basis. Connie's technical skills have been an invaluable resource for Haywood Democrats.



Jan Jacobson is a champion of community service work. The Democratic Party is just one of several community organizations to benefit from her service. During the 2022 election cycle, she did door-to-door canvassing, wrote postcards, made phone calls, assisted with special events, and submitted Letters to the Editor of our local newspapers. As one of the most active members of the Environmental Action Community of Western North Carolina, Jan helps promote practical ways to avoid plastics and reduce plastic pollution in Haywood County. Most importantly, she practices what she preaches by maintaining a plastic free household and is always happy to talk about Environmental Action projects.

Henderson County Ramsey Awardee

Cindy Ellis has been a valuable member of the Henderson County Democratic Party for many years. In 2016, she worked to organize her precinct and was honored to serve as their Precinct Chair. She worked with several other Precinct Chairs to help them get organized and stay motivated throughout their tenure. In 2018, she served as First Vice Chair of Henderson County and was a strong team player and leader in helping the party grow. Under Cindy Ellis' leadership as Chair of HCDP, Henderson County went from R30 to R20 during the 2020 Election Cycle thanks to targeted Get Out The Vote efforts. She worked diligently to gather volunteers and was passionate about connecting with voters wherever they were at, primarily through canvassing, texting, messaging, and phone banking





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McDowell County Ramsey Awardee

Cheryl Swofford says, "I am honored to be chosen Volunteer of the Year for the McDowell County Democratic Party. It is good to be a part of a group that is devoted to making a better community, country, and world. I live near town where it was easy for me to walk over to our Democratic headquarters before the 2022 election, work the front desk, and coordinate other volunteers. Whether it's been vacuuming, event planning, making spreadsheets and schedules, revising volunteer guidelines, making Get Out the Vote phone calls, helping set up for meetings, or whatever, I've been glad to help. I especially like washing recycled plastic for re-use, as long as we still use plastic. My volunteer work for the McDowell Dems is a labor of love—except it doesn't seem like work. I enjoy meeting the many good Democrats, talking with them and working with them for the greater good."

Polk County Ramsey Awardee

Linda Knippa has been nothing short of invaluable. Since joining as a volunteer in 2018, she's made a huge positive impact on our team - both in her organizational work as well as her wonderful positive attitude. As our volunteer coordinator, she was critical in training and organizing over 100 volunteers in 2022. She single-handedly recruited many of those volunteers as well as some of our most dedicated new members and leaders. She is one of the strongest and most positive team members that we could ever hope to have. She is a pleasure to work with.



Swain County Ramsey Awardees



Roger Parsons grew up in a military family; his father was a Marine, and the family moved frequently until they settled in Swain County when Roger was 12. He attended Swain County schools and graduated from Western Carolina University. Not long after that, he went to work as a driver for UPS and continued until his retirement in 2016. At the same time, he devoted a great deal of time and energy to public service, first as a member of the County School Board where he helped get the Fine Arts Building built without any public money, saw the new Middle School finished, and helped set up the pre-school program called Bright Adventures. From there, Roger moved on to serve on the Swain County Commission, first filling a vacant seat, then winning election to a two-year term and a four-year term which expires in 2024. Roger will tell you that he got into politics to give back to his community. In these troubled times, he has stayed in politics to maintain stability, thoughtfulness, and civility in public life. His advice – "You should get into politics for the benefit of others, not yourself." Swain County Democrats are proud and

grateful that Roger has done that so successfully for all Swain County residents.

Many, many, many generations of **Hannah Smith's** family have made their home in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Hannah grew up here until her teens when her family moved to Chapel Hill. After her high school graduation and a short time in Florida, Hannah moved east and earned a degree from East Carolina University; then she moved far west for law school in New Mexico. She practiced there for some time, then the mountains called her back home to Cherokee where she was hired to work in the attorney general's office of the Eastern Band of Cherokee. She currently serves as senior associate attorney general, dealing with state and federal agencies on civil matters that affect the tribe. Hannah says she was born into Democratic politics. Her grandfather served on the Swain County Commission for many years. She remembers being around adults who talked about politics and were involved as Democrats. Now Hannah serves as Chair of the Swain County Board of Elections. "There are state laws that govern elections. My job is to keep things simple and follow the rules," she says. "I want to serve the county in the best way that I can," she says, noting, "We have a lot of talented and wise people in our community, and we should just honor that by giving back."



Transylvania County Ramsey Awardee



Scott Kitchen is the 2023 Liston B Ramsey Award winner for Transylvania County. A native of Transylvania County, Scott is a graduate of both Western Carolina University and New York University. As a former Precinct Officer, he took over the Transylvania Democratic Party's website in 2021 and transformed the TCDP website from a template with basic information to a vibrant source of information. In an effort to build continuity and control for party leadership, he created a digital operations platform for TCDP to manage communications, roles, emails across the TCDP Executive Board and Committee Leaders that will create continuity and ease for new volunteers in the years ahead. This platform allows for digital cloud based organization for record keeping so that all of the organization's documents, volunteer lists, etc are maintained. Scott continues to manage and update our

website, linking our messaging to blogs while relating to current issues. Scott has played a crucial role in building continuity for Transco Dems as well as vastly improving our digital presence.

Yancey County Ramsey Awardee

Shirlyn Edwards grew up with a father who was always active with the Yancey County Democrats. He never missed voting from the time he returned from WW2. Shirlyn registered as a Democrat in 1977, and also, has not missed voting as a Democrat. She became active participant in the party the morning after the 2016 election. She made a promise to herself that she would be more than just a voter. In the Spring of 2017 she volunteered and was elected to be the Burnsville Precinct Chair. She had no idea what to do. So she started attending the NC District 11 meetings with two other Yancey Democrats, Jim Edwards and Jack Kaeck. As a retired mathematics teacher of 31 years she felt she would be a good fit as a Yancey County commissioner. She did not become commissioner but did agree to help Yancey County as Democratic Party Treasurer. Little did any of us know how much our accounts were out of compliance. Yet she persisted to slowly find the facts, get our books in order, and encourage all of our donors to see what was needed on a recurring basis. Shirlyn hand writes personal thank you notes to each donor. As a result, we have more Democrats participating as donors and volunteers. Her work has been meticulous and invaluable.





WEST FEST – IN HAYWOOD COUNTY!

NCDP Officers Elijah King, Anderson Clayton, and Jonah Garson (above) joined Democratic stars from all over the southwestern mountains for a happy West Fest Celebration at the Waynesville home of former State Senator & former State Representative Joe Sam Queen on September 3rd.



Jerry Dilashaw, former State Party Chair Patsy Keever, and former State Senator Terry Van Duyn



Rep. Lindsey Prather, Chair Clayton, Rep. Eric Ager, Canton Mayor Zeb Smathers, and Braxton Winston



Host Joe Sam Queen



NCDP Interim Executive Director Lillian Taylor



Grayson Barnette with Doug Auer



YOUTH FEATURE: DANIEL PATTERSON!

Daniel is a Co-President of the NC Association of Teen Democrats. His fellow Co-President is Sarah Muir.

Daniel is 16 year-old sophomore at Research Triangle High School. He is happy to share pictures that were made at several Democratic events.





Daniel with State Rep. Zack Hawkins & Grayson Barnette

Already in this new school year Daniel has been elected President of the Student Body of Research Triangle High School which is a charter school.

This semester Daniel is taking Advanced Placement Environmental Science, Advanced Placement Language and Composition, and Speech and Debate.

In addition to his service on the Student Council, he is active in the Humanity First student organization which organizes food drives and in the Speech and Debate Club (which is different from the Speech and Debate academic class he is taking.)

Daniel leads the Student Ambassadors which familiarizes people with the school. He also is working as fundraising coordinator for Shelia Huggins' Durham City Council campaign.

Daniel is proud to be part of an active family which includes his parents, Daniel and Toni Patterson, and his sister, Payton, who is 17.

**Daniel with
Supreme Court
Justice
Allison Riggs**





Anderson Clayton welcomed Daniel, Sarah, Teen Dems leaders to Headquarters

When Daniel was asked to report on the activities and goals of the Teen Dems, he reported:

1 – NCATD hosted its first event in over 3 years. The Teen Dems visited the state legislature and received political organizing training from Express Lane Strategies.

2 – NCATD is hosting a menstrual drive. The drive aims to provide essential menstrual products to underprivileged teens, ensuring they have access to the necessary resources for their personal hygiene and well-being.

3 – They have significantly improved their chartering process to make it more accessible and navigable for teens.

4 – NCATD is working on launching a municipal internship program. The program's primary goal is to offer teens from across the state the chance to gain hands on experience by working on political campaigns.

When Daniel was asked to name some leaders who have inspired him, he replied: Nancy Pelosi, Barack Obama, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Statewide invitation: Write Daniel at itsdanielpatterson@gmail.com to get information about starting a Teen Dems club.



SPECIAL FEATURE:

THE WAYNE GOODWIN FAMILY!

Here is an update on former NC Democratic Party Chair Wayne Goodwin and his family.

Daughter Madison is a 2023 graduate of Appalachian State University with honors in Elementary Education. Recently she was excited to return to second grade – this time as a co-teacher and not a student! At Hunter Elementary Magnet School in Raleigh she teaches alongside educators who taught her many years ago.

Earlier this month she appeared as the special guest on the “Into the Pipeline” podcast of Public Schools First, expressing her views about public education. Next year she will have her own class. By then she will have also earned her Master’s Degree.

Jackson Goodwin, now a tenth grader at Enloe Magnet High School is seen above sporting Democratic blue. These days he has his driver permit and is laser-focused on driving Wayne around, completing his school work (including writing and delivering speeches in his class), resuming activity in the Enloe Teen Democrats Club, working out at the gym, and preparing for a Fall tennis tourney.



Wayne, our former State Party Chair who remains passionate about public service, continues to make positive pro-customer changes as our Department of Motor Vehicle Commissioner. He has added more hours, more staff, newer technology, and more online options to help all customers.

Stay tuned for more about Wayne. If you'd like to contact him, his personal email address is gwaynegoodwin@gmail.com or follow him on Twitter/X, [@WayneGoodwinNC](https://twitter.com/WayneGoodwinNC).



Not to be left out, Coco still thinks he is a person and is seen here displaying his own Democratic blue, perhaps looking to launch the Democratic Dogs Caucus.



CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEMS!

The Senior Democrats of Cumberland County set up a tent with lots of refreshments at the Umoji Festival in Fayetteville. This festival celebrates African history.



The African American Caucus of the Cumberland County Democratic Party hosted the first Fayetteville Mayoral Candidate Forum. The non-partisan forum allowed candidates to address why they wanted to serve as mayor of the 4-time All American City. AAC President Adam Bayah served as Moderator of the forum.



FRANKLIN COUNTY LGBTQ+ CAUCUS ORGANIZED!

The happy Democrats above met at the Franklin County Democratic Party Headquarters in Louisburg to establish a LGBTQ+ Caucus on.

From the left in the picture above are: County Party Third Vice Chair Ryan Wegener, Michael Tinkham, Wesley Wheless, Terry Knight, Hilary Campbell, Franklin County Party Chair Gary Evans, Tania Kelly, Franklin County LGBTQ+ Caucus President Andrea Woodin, Rob Woodin, Ian Shields, Akiima Shields, Cassidy Young, Tammy Cook, Ron Penny, Penny McGee who is Treasurer of both the County Party and of the County's Democratic Women, State Chair of the LGBTQ+ Caucus of North Carolina Tyler Beall, Angela Brinkley, and Dewey Botts.



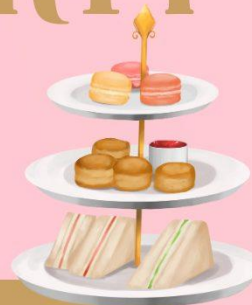
DUPLIN YOUNG

Daniel Franch, Chair of the State YDs Rural Caucus, and Duplin Democratic Party Third Vice Chair Langston Pollock spent five hours recently setting up a schedule of activities which will lead to chartering the county's Young Democrats. They planned a targeted virtual phone bank of 98 eligible young people to call to come to an organizational meeting.



**Democratic Women of
Columbus County**

AFTERNOON TEA PARTY



OCTOBER 21, 2023

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

**BEATTY EVENT CENTER
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\$40

- selection of a wide range of teas & refreshments*
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- tea lesson*
- hear from special guests & candidates*



**Hostess:
Shannon Daniels**



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**Dr. Kimberly Hardy
NCDP 2nd Vice Chair**

**Judge Allison Riggs
NC Court of Appeals**





MITCHELL, AVERY, & YANCEY DEMS PICNIC!

Pulling together: The Democratic parties of Mitchell, Avery, & Yancey held a joint picnic on August 26th. The picnic was held at Riverside Park in Spruce Pine.

Eddie Gouge, Chair of the hosting Mitchell County Democrats, was Master of Ceremonies. Frank Hughes is Chair of the Avery County Party and Jonny Dayton is the Yancey County Party Chair.



**State Treasurer candidate Wesley Harris, Mitchell County Chair Eddie Gouge
Commissioner of Labor candidate Braxton Winston, NCDP Chair Anderson
Clayton, and Lt. Governor candidate Ben Clark**

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