

# GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

MARCH 4, 2024



## ELAINE MARSHALL PRESENTS JOHN LEWIS AWARDS TO ELIJAH & TIA!

**A major highlight of the 2024 Young Democrats State Convention occurred when Secretary of State Elaine Marshall presented the first-ever John Lewis Awards to NCDP Third Vice Chair Elijah King of Durham and to NC State student Tia Meredith of Randolph County.**

**These awards were created by the National Association of Secretaries of State and they recognize those 25 years or younger who have demonstrated leadership abilities, have a passion for social justice and are motivated to improve the quality of life in their community.**



**Tia and her parents, Jim and Beverly Meredith, with Secretary Marshall**



**Durham County Commissioner Nimasheena Burns congratulated Elijah.**



## **STEVE & LOUISE COGGINGS HOST MAJOR FUNDRAISER ON FIGURE 8 ISLAND!**

**Those amazing Democrats, Steve and Louise Coggings, hosted a joint fundraiser at their Figure Eight Island home in New Hanover County on February 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Half the money raised went to the State Democratic Party and half went to the New Hanover County Democratic Party.**

**In the picture above readers can see many of the candidates and officials who attended this happy event.**



**New Hanover County's State Senate candidate, Dr. David Hill, is challenging a GOP incumbent. He is a highly respected pediatrician.**

**Lt. Governor candidate Rachel Hunt addressed the crowd. State Party Chair Anderson Clayton and New Hanover Chair Jill Hopman are standing behind her.**



**State Auditor Jessica Holmes was born and grew up in the Maple Hill community in neighboring Pender County and she loves coming back to southeastern NC.**



## **DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF JACKSON COUNTY!**

**This year the monthly meeting of the Democratic Women of Jackson County coincided with the first day of Early Voting.**

**After a review of the ballot and candidates, the Democratic Women traveled to the Board of Elections office to vote, stopping first for this picture.**

**Several ladies are holding posters for their new program, Champions for Democracy. Many folks will be hearing about this new program because it is going statewide!**

**Jane Koenig sent this article and picture.**



# JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS ANNUAL CONVENTION AND

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16  
5-7:30PM**

# **CHILI COOK-OFF**

JACKSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING  
100 COUNTY SERVICES PARK, SYLVA

**\$10.00**  
suggested donation

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**Let the  
COOKING  
begin!**



**(Be Sure To See SEC Pictures Ahead)**



## **CHEROKEE COUNTY OPENS NEW HEADQUARTERS!**

**County Chair Diane Snyder and the Democrats of Cherokee County opened their new County Headquarters on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The Headquarters is in Andrews, NC. Plans were made to hold weekly events at the Headquarters this year and invite all people to stop in and discuss issues that are important.**

**From left to right in the picture above are: Joe Zang, HD-120 candidate Nancy Curtis, Catherine Yost, Kenneth Moore, Bonnie Moore and Philip Snyder.**

**The opening celebration was followed by the annual Party Precinct Meeting. Legislative candidate Nancy Curtis addressed the group.**

**Attendees met in cluster groups and elected Precinct Officers and Delegates to the County Convention which will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The members discussed advancing resolutions to the upcoming conventions, electing Delegates to the National Convention in Chicago, and collecting Sustaining Funds for the State Party.**

**Democrats from all over the state should have great admiration for the brave Democrats in Cherokee County where the Republican ticket received 77% of the votes in the 2020 general election. Cherokee Democrats are standing up and promoting the Democratic message!**



**It is inspiring to see all this Democratic activity in Cherokee County – North Carolina's most far western county!**



**Cherokee County Chair Diane Snyder's email address is:  
DCSnyder16@gmail.com**

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**Quinn Ray**

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Every Week**

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on Instagram, YouTube, Apple Podcasts,  
Spotify, and Facebook**



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## **RICHMOND COUNTY PRECINCT MEETING!**

**Ninth Congressional District Party Chair Nigel Bristow reports that Richmond County Democrats gathered for a harmonious Precinct Meeting at the National Guard Armory in Rockingham on February 17<sup>th</sup>. They elected Delegates to their upcoming County Convention.**



**Chair Kevin Clark**



**Vice Chair Linda Ross**



**NCDP Regional Organizing Director Daniel Franch spoke to the crowd and motivated them to continue building their organization.**



**County Commissioner candidate Cassandra Dee Dee Wall**



**Perry Parks who was very active in the NCDP's SEC for many years talks with County Chair Clark**



## **THE BOOMING SENIOR DEMOCRATS OF DURHAM COUNTY!**

**About 45 enthusiastic people attended the February meeting of the Senior Democrats of Durham at the Shannon Road Library. The club has 38 members.**

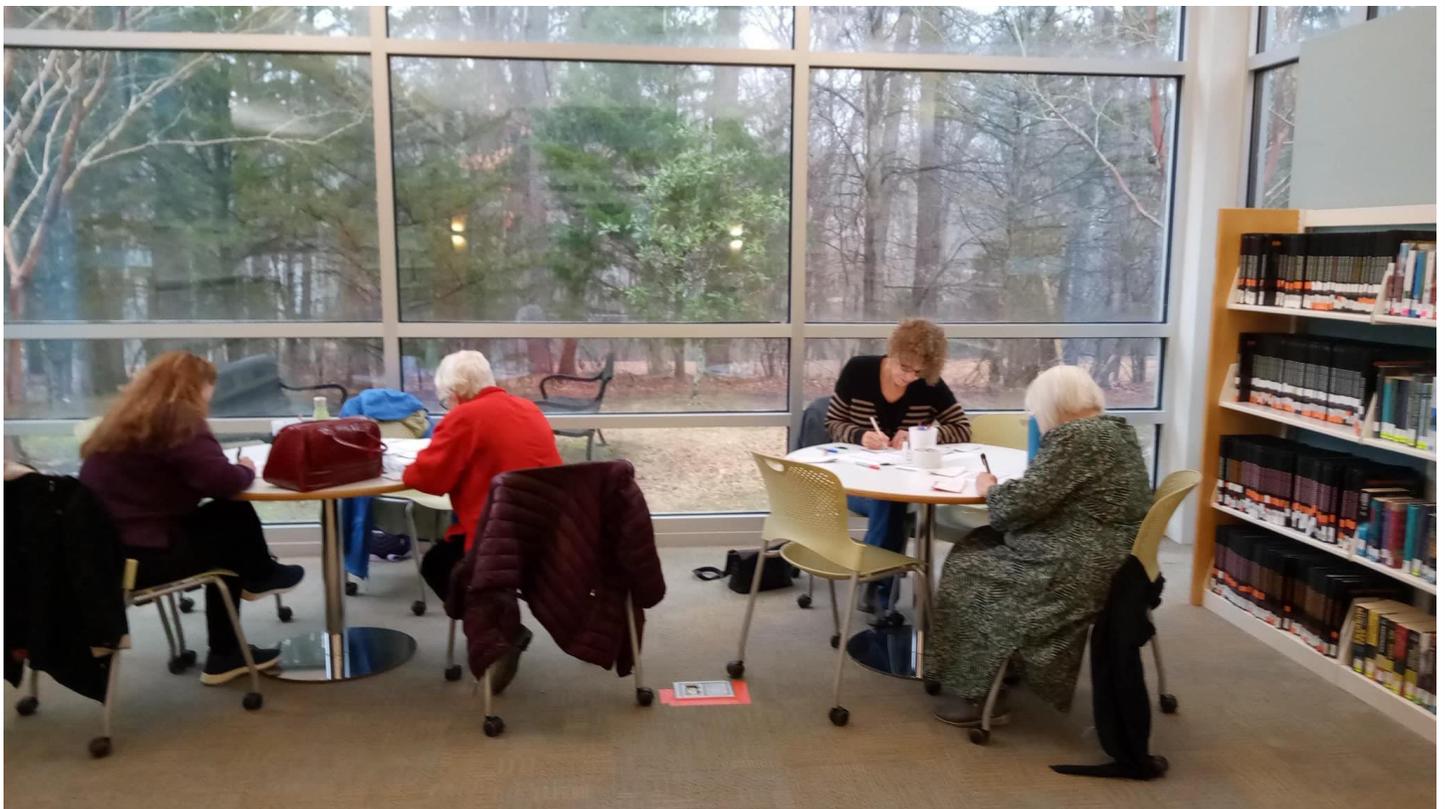
**The featured speaker was the Durham County Party's first fulltime paid Organizing Director Jonathan Riley who is wearing the checked shirt in the top right section of the picture above.**



**Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Bundy, President Brenda Pollard  
and Vice President Natalie Rand**



**Left: The organization's African American Director, Malcolm Mangum, designed this tee shirt with its wise message. Right: Ann Deupree is heading up the club's postcard projects.**



**The Durham Senior Dems have already written and mailed hundreds of postcards this year!**



## LENOIR COUNTY DAY OF ACTION!



**Lenoir County Democrats staged a busy Day of Action on February 10<sup>th</sup> as they gathered at their County Headquarters in Kinston. In the picture on the left NCDP Second Vice Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy joined Kinston City Councilman Chris Suggs and Lenoir County Party Chair Jimmy Creech for this picture before they headed out to canvass in Precinct 3.**



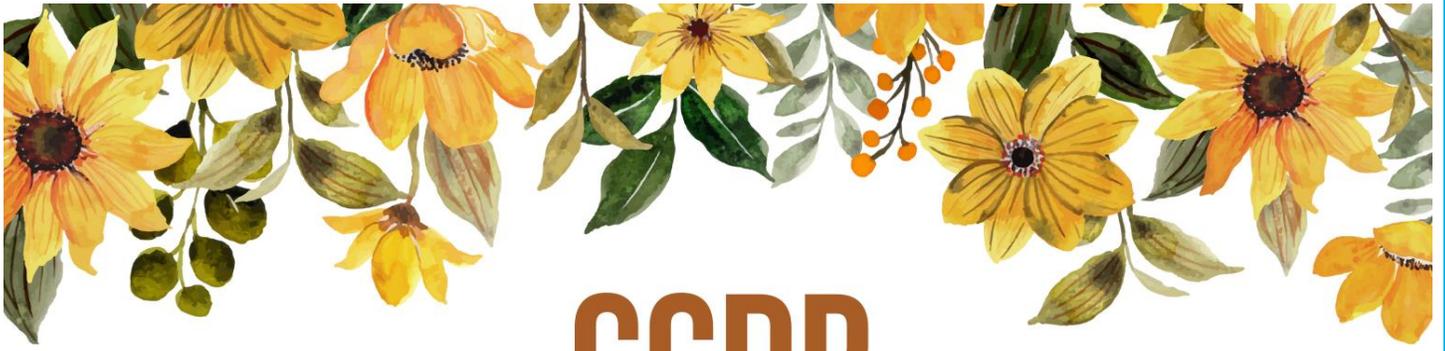
**Dr. Sarah Taber who is unopposed  
in the primary for  
Commissioner of Agriculture**



**State Senate candidate  
Charles Dudley**



**Lendell Wayne and Carla Zimmerman  
as they prepared to go out canvassing**



# CCDP Spring Gala

This ticketed event is to raise money for the 2024 election cycle, and will be held on the Morehead City Waterfront at the historic Sanitary Restaurant.

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Saturday      16      6:30-9 PM  
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## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Great menu, including heavy appetizers, prime rib, mahi, shrimp, sides, desserts, cash bar, and more.

Tickets are \$100 per person

Limited seating

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER – JESSICA HOLMES!**

## **ABOUT THIS EDITION!**

**Due to the popularity of GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS, a flood of candidate pictures and information was received in recent days.**

**If I had included all this candidate material in this edition, it would have added 45 more pages – which would have been far too much.**

**Therefore, I felt it necessary to leave all candidate promotion material out of this edition.**

**Some candidates can be seen in the various articles in this edition.**

**I congratulate all of our Democrats who offered their services to the voters. You are a blessing to our state!**

**Your Democratic Friend,  
Melvin Williams, State Secretary  
North Carolina Democratic Party**

## **YOUTH FEATURE – SOPHIE MEAD!**



**READ ABOUT THE  
WATAUGA COUNTY STUDENT  
WHO SUED THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
- AND WON!**

**CLICK HERE:**

**<https://theappalachianonline.com/meet-sophie-mead-the-student-who-sued-the-general-assembly/>**



**Former State Party Chair David Parker served as Parliamentarian**  
**PICTURES FROM THE SEC MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> IN ROCKY MOUNT!**



**From Vance County: Vice Chair Joseph Brodie, SEC Member Frances Bullock, Secretary Kathy Allen, & Chair Angela Thornton**



**State Teen Dems President Daniel Patterson with DNC's Shelia Huggins**



**Katie Eddings with Vance County Chair Angela Thornton**



**Judge Lora Cabbage with a groups of SEC Members**



**Soren Pederson and Vinod Thomas were in a runoff for a DNC position.**



**The meeting elected these six Democrats to the DNC:  
Vinod Thomas, DD Adams, John Verdejo, Jenny Marshall,  
Matt Hughes, and Shelia Huggins**



**Chuck Hubbard & Lisa Ellsworth**



**Justice Allison Riggs & Elyas Mohammed**



**Nash County Chair  
Cassandra Conover**



**Keynote Speaker: Minnesota State  
Chair Ken Martin with Brenda Pollard**



**From Mecklenburg County:**

**Front row – Eileen Paroff, Cynthia Wallace, Jan Fitzhugh,  
Second row – Lisa Ellsworth, Connie Green-Johnson, Tanya Lewis**



**Executive Director Kian Sadjadi**



**Anderson Clayton & Elyas Mohammed**



**Secretary of State Elaine Marshall  
with SEC Member Tanya Lewis**



**SEC Member DD Adams, Elijah King  
with Brenda Pollard**



**Edgecombe County Third  
Vice Chair Ryan Jones with  
Edgecombe SEC Member  
Curmilus Dancy II**



**State Party Treasurer  
Deniese Chaney**

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