

ELECTIONS 2024

Candidates for NC Senate District 9

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Two candidates are running for a chance to represent District 9 in the N.C. Senate, which covers Bladen, Duplin, Jones, Pender and Sampson counties. New Democratic candidate Jamie Campbell Bowles is challenging Republican incumbent Brent Jackson.

Jackson is finishing his seventh term in office, according to the North Carolina General Assembly. The StarNews reached out to him multiple times via phone and email, but he did not return his questionnaire before publication.

In-person early voting begins on Thursday, Oct. 17 and ends at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2. Absentee ballots must be requested by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, and those ballots must be returned to the voter's local board of elections office by 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024.

Jamie Campbell Bowles

Age: 60
Occupation: Full-time psychiatric nurse
Family: I take care of my 86 year old mother and have twin sons who are 21 years old.
Education: BSN from UNCW in 2019
Political affiliation: Democrat



Bowles

What do you believe are the most important issues facing those in your district?

Bowles: I feel that the most important issues facing our district is struggling to survive. It feels impossible to keep up with the high cost of housing, childcare, healthcare, as well as the cost of our day-to-day needs.

What projects do you hope to secure state funding for in your district?

Bowles: These are a few areas that I want to get funding for: better access to Mental Health services, more funding for schools/education, better health care in our rural areas and funding for a task force to battle the Opioid crisis in our area.

What is your stance on abortion?

Bowles: As a nurse, I know that abortion is a medical procedure that is necessary in many instances. As a woman, I feel that it is a very personal decision and that government should not be in the doctor's office with us. A decision such as that should be left to the person/people involved.

How will you make sure your constituents feel heard and represented?

Bowles: I will always be accessible to anyone who wants to reach out to me. I plan to have manned office hours to answer calls regarding any needs and concerns. Use of social media, town halls and printed newsletters for those who do not use social media platforms.

What experience or qualities do you have that set you apart from your opponent?

Bowles: I have been a nurse for thirty-eight years. As a nurse, I have spent the majority of my life tending to the medical and emotional needs of my patients and their families. During these years, I have seen the struggles of my community, my neighbors, and of my own family. I also come from a long line of farmers, educators, and medical professionals that have shared their experiences, interests and concerns with me. All of these experiences lead me to where I am today, wanting to be a voice for the people.

Parton, Walmart team up to assist Helene victims

Marcus K. Dowling and Devarrick Turner
Nashville Tennessean
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Dolly Parton's vast charity is helping Americans impacted by Hurricane Helene.

The eastern Tennessee native announced a partnership with Walmart to assist with relief efforts after the storm killed hundreds, destroyed homes and left millions without power in Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Parton is donating \$1 million to the Mountain Ways Foundation, a nonprofit providing immediate assistance to flood victims. In addition, Parton's eastern Tennessee businesses including Dollywood, as well as the Dollywood Foundation, are combining efforts and have pledged to match her donation with a \$1 million contribution of their own.

"They're active and already making a difference in Tennessee. So for me, it made complete sense. No time to wait," Dollywood President Eugene Naughton said of Mountain Ways. "They're feeding about 2,000 people a day, and I felt like we could scale them up and really go out under their nonprofit umbrella and get to work."

Parton announced her charity partnership at the Walmart Supercenter in Newport, Tennessee. She used to go to the dentist in Newport as a child, she recalled.

"I just want you to know that I am totally with you because I am part of you. I love you," Parton told over 250 community members in the parking lot. "I look around and I think, these are my mountains, these are my valleys, these are my rivers flowing like a stream. These are my people. These mountain-colored rainbows, these are my people, and this is my home."

Parton said she couldn't believe the devastation Helene caused in the region where she grew up. She sang a rendition of her classic song "Jolene":

*"Helene, Helene, Helene, you came in here and broke us all apart,
"Helene, Helene, Helene, we're all*



Dolly Parton visits Newport, Tenn., on Oct. 4 to announce a \$1 million donation to help Hurricane Helene victims. BRIANNA PACIORKA/KNOXVILLE NEWS SENTINEL

here to mend these broken hearts."

During the event, Walmart U.S. President and CEO John Furner announced that the company, including Sam's Club and the Walmart Foundation, would increase its earlier hurricane relief commitment from \$6 million to \$10 million.

Dollywood made other donations as well, including working with sponsorship partner Coca-Cola to donate a semitruck of water in Cocke County, Tennessee; donating 60,000 reusable masks, 30,000 disposable protective garments and 2.5 million disposable masks for cleanup; and providing utensils for the thousands of meals Mountain Ways is distributing. The theme park is a drop-off location for those wishing to provide items for the cleanup.

"This beautiful region, which we all love so much, has an extreme challenge ahead," Naughton said. "We know the spirit of the people in this region will help them overcome what faces them in the days ahead."

Parton has a long record of giving back, including contributing to relief efforts in Tennessee after natural disasters.

"I just go wherever my heart leads me," Parton told the Knoxville News Sentinel earlier this year. "If I feel that certain kind of tugging, knowing that I should do this or do that, I just go."

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Timberlake cancels show in New Jersey after suffering injury

Justin Timberlake is apologizing to fans for canceling a concert in New Jersey due to an unknown injury.

The singer addressed the cancellation of his Newark, New Jersey, concert



Timberlake

on Tuesday in an Instagram post.

"I'm so sorry to postpone tonight's show," Timberlake wrote on Instagram. "I have an injury that is preventing me from performing. I'm so

disappointed to not see you all – but I'm working to reschedule ASAP." He told fans he would "make it up to you and give you the show y'all deserve."

The "Say Something" crooner is currently on his mammoth Forget Tomorrow World Tour, and is set to perform on Friday at Wells Fargo Center in Philadel-

phia.

Last month, the "Mirrors" hitmaker pleaded guilty to a lesser charge following his June arrest in the Hamptons for driving while intoxicated. The Grammy winner pleaded guilty to driving while ability impaired, a noncriminal traffic violation.

Obituaries


| TODAY'S DEATH NOTICES | | | | | | |
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| Name | Age | Town, State | Passed | Arrangements | Service Time | Service Location |
| Bullerdick, Charlene | 75 | Ocean Isle Beach | Oct 08 | Coastal Cremations-Carolina Shores | -- | - |
| Clifton, Suzanne | 81 | Wilmington | Oct 05 | Wilmington Funeral & Cremation | -- | - |
| *Sullivan, Judge | 96 | - | Sep 27 | Andrews Mortuary | Oct 11 3:00pm | New Hope Presbyterian Church |
| *Additional information in display obituaries Obituaries appear in print and online at starnewsonline.com/obituaries | | | | | | |



Judge Sullivan

Kirby Sullivan, 96, formerly of Southport and Leland, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2024, in Florida. Services Friday, Oct 11, 2024, at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Winnabow, NC, with visitation at 2:30pm, service at 3pm and interment to follow in the church cemetery. For full obituary details go to: www.andrews-mortuary.com





Even if you know
what's coming,

you're never
prepared
for how it
feels.

~Natalie Standiford