

Davenports 2022



Lynne

We celebrated Christmas 2021 with the Davenports in February 2022 since Blair had covid over Christmas last year. We hope to do it the day after Christmas this year.

The year was filled with several trips. The end of February, I took a trip to Hilton Head with some old friends from the early 80s. It was fun to reminisce.

Sue and I met in Maryland to help with Karen's 2nd knee surgery in March. All went well.

In April the family met in Napa to celebrate Emily's 30th birthday. We stayed at a house that had belonged to one of the Doobie Brothers and had a good time visiting many wineries: Amizetta, Aonair, BR Cohn, Frisinger, The Wine Thief. From there, Sue and I went to Hawaii to visit Ann, who lives on the Big Island. It was my first trip to Hawaii. We saw Honolulu then stayed on a farm in Hilo, rode to the Kona side and had a great visit. The Hawaiian Hula Festival was going on so we got to see some of the Merrie Monarch Festival. Thanks to Ann and Mark for being our hosts.

It was the 50th anniversary of the Shad Festival so the family met in Grifton and went to the parade the end of April. Mom would have been happy as there were 30 of us and she was honored, which was touching.

In May some friends from New Bern went to the Sea View Inn at Pawley's Island, SC. Sue met us there and we relaxed. Boy it has changed since she and Stuart met and lived there in the early 80s.

In June I had an opportunity to go on the "Loop" with a friend of Sue's. (Great American Loop). We left from Belhaven, NC on a 36 ft Carver and were the "crew" for John for a week traveling along the Albemarle Sound and staying at marinas. He has been working on the loop over the last several years and does a piece of it at a time. It was interesting to see some of these towns by boat. Some of our stops were Dowry Creek Marina in Belhaven, Alligator Creek Marina, Columbia, Plymouth, Edenton, Albemarle Plantation and ended up in Manteo. We visited long time friends Tom and Lynette Crews and were there for a few days before returning to New Bern. Unfortunately after returning home, I tested positive for Covid a few days later. Luckily I had a mild case- this was my second time having it.

While I was gone on the loop, the contractor built my dock. This has been a long time coming, as the first contractor I hired died of covid so I had retained another one in December. Finally in June he started it.

The end of July found me in Rensselaerville for the annual MillerFest. From there, I picked up some friends who flew from New Bern into Buffalo and we went to Niagara on the Lake – the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. We had a lot of fun eating and walking and sightseeing.

August found me in Rensselaerville again for the church luncheon which we host each summer. Thankfully Annie came to help as usual. We could not do it without her.

In September, Stuart invited Blair and me to go to Maine to see his brother Robert, who is a lobster fisherman. We dug for clams and hauled some lobster in for dinner. He does the hand hauling and it was very neat to see how the lobster fishermen live.

October we had a reunion of the dorms from UNC days (Parker and Teague). It was nice to rekindle those old friendships, seeing some faces we had not seen since the late 70s.

Also in October, I took a trip to Asheville where we saw other old friends from Chapel Hill days. Sue was able to meet us there too.

The golf tournament (Craven Cancer Classic) was another huge success this year as we netted over \$50,000. Thanks to all who participated in this great event, where all the money raised stays locally to help with cancer costs for patients.

December found us all in Turks and Caicos as Allan had a family reunion/birthday bash (his 60th). We had a great time with 60 family members and friends- a nice get away in the winter. Thanks Allan!!

Believe it or not, in between all the traveling, I find time to walk, play tennis, golf, pickleball and do pilates. I have taken up Mah-Jongg and play bridge – hoping to keep those brain cells active!

All in all, it has been a great but busy year. I am also still active in real estate – going on 39 years. Our inventory is down like everyone's so not as busy a year as in the past.

Merriest of Holidays to all!

Love,
Lynne

























Blair

Another year, another *Haseley Herald* that I am very late writing. This year was a busy one! I made a resolution in January that I would not plan back to back weekends to give myself some time at home, that lasted maybe two months.

January was rough this year because we lost our sweet cat Walcott very suddenly on January 19, 2022. He was 11 years old and developed a blood clot due to an unknown heart condition. It made for a very sad start to the year and we miss him deeply. There wasn't a person that met him that didn't love him.

February and March were spent around Raleigh seeing a lot of great music! Tyler and I ventured to Greensboro to see Billy Strings at the Greensboro Coliseum and then over the next few weeks I saw Marcus King and Shakey Graves at the Ritz in Raleigh. We also went up to Boone for a weekend of fly fishing and visiting our old stomping grounds.

April started off with my friend Callie coming into town for the weekend for J Cole's Dreamville Festival that takes place in Raleigh at Dorthea Dix park. It was very cool to be able to walk down the street and see some incredible music!

Later in April we headed to the west coast for a Napa wine tour and to celebrate Emily turning the big 3-0! We had a beautiful house for 16 of us in Sonoma that was on Flying Cloud vineyard. Our wine tour included visiting Amazetta, Aonair, Frisinger, Schramsberg, and B.R. Cohn. Amazetta was one of my favorites with an incredible view of the valley, but Schramsberg took the cake. Schramsberg was a sparkling wine vineyard founded in 1862. We toured their wine caves that had bottles and bottles on shelves built into the mountain. It was very cool!

May brought two bundles of joys to mine and Tyler's lives! Emily's coworker found four abandoned kittens under an AC unit and they needed new homes. We were still missing our sweet Walcott but knew these kittens needed a family so we decided to take two. Betts (a goofy black and white long haired boy) and Melly (a sassy siamese colored long haired girl) have brought us so much joy and entertainment since bringing them home!

At the end of May my mom hosted our college friend group for the third year at our annual Memorial Weekend get together in New Bern. It is always so fun getting to bring our gang to New Bern and venture around the town and the river.

June brought another western trip. Tyler and I headed to the mile high city for my best friend Solana and Andrew's wedding! It was Tyler's first time in Colorado so we made a week of it and stayed a couple of nights in Estes Park and got to hike in the Rocky Mountains. When we got back to Denver it was full swing wedding prep! Solana decided to do her bachelorette day the Wednesday before the wedding since everyone was already flying out to visit. We rented a boat on Lake Dylan and spent the day on the water then ventured around Denver in the evening. Thursday we had the rehearsal dinner and Friday was the wedding. It was beautiful! It was so exciting to get to stand next to Solana on her big day and celebrate her and Andrew.

July brought more traveling but this time on the east coast. My college friends and I went down to Charleston for a weekend to visit our friend Grayson's mom and have a girls reunion. I also went down to Wilmington to see a band originally from Boone called Rainbow Kitten Surprise with my old college roommate, Caitlin.

At the end of July we headed up to Rensselaerville for MillerFest 12! This was hands down the best and biggest MillerFest yet! We had around 80 people attend and the theme was Space Barn (think disco/western/space) so the outfits were out of this world. It was a whirlwind weekend as it always is with great music, beautiful weather, and plenty of fun. We are already planning and looking forward to MillerFest 13.

Early August brought sad news with the loss of my friend and mentor Teresa Huggins. Teresa led the camp that I attended and worked at for many years. She had a huge impact on my life, helping me get through the loss of my dad, and becoming the person I am today. Teresa had been battling with cancer for a few years and will be very, very missed. I went up to Clinton, NY to speak at the funeral and had a nice weekend reconnecting with old friends and sharing memories of Mama T.

The end of August brought some happy celebration when my friends and I threw our good friends Grayson and Capps an engagement party in Charlotte. Grayson is one of my best friends from college and we are excited to celebrate her and Capps more at their wedding in 2023.

For Labor Day I headed back up to Boone for the App vs UNC game and our annual Boone college reunion. It was such a fun weekend getting back to App and getting to run into a ton of people who were up for the weekend. We had a cabin that slept about 18 of us and got to have four full days back in our favorite place!

At the end of September, Emily, Shoji, Niles, Aunt Sue, Uncle Stuart, my mom and I headed way up north to Jonesport, Maine to visit Uncle Stuart's brother Robert and his wife, Jewell. Uncle Robert has been a lobster fisherman for 40+ years on Beals island, so we got to go lobster fishing with him and also went clamming. We ate so much lobster!! The sunsets were beautiful and it was neat to see what a lobster fishing town is like.

The fall brought more busy weekends but also my favorite month: October! Tyler and I kicked off October with a trip down to New Bern with our friends Sam and Claire. We love getting to come down to visit my mom and having Scottie, Kim, and the kids right across the street makes visits extra special. The next weekend we went camping at Kerr Lake with some of Emily's friends. We went kayaking and spent the evening playing music by the fire.

In October I also got a promotion and started a new role at my company. I am now working as a Consumer Marketing Associate which is a more creative role than the role I was in before and gives me the chance to work directly with some of our clients. My new role did not officially start full time until December 1, so in October and November I was doing my old job and part of my new job. It made for a very busy but exciting fall!

At the end of October, I celebrated turning 27 in Savannah, Georgia with Emily as we headed down to Florida for a Halloween music festival called Hulaween. Niles, Sam, Claire and Tina Singe joined us and we had a blast! The festival was put on by the band String Cheese Incident and featured some incredible funk music. We camped in the Suwannee Music Park which was on a lake and had a beautiful set up and scenery.

Also at the end of October, Tyler and I celebrated our 6 year anniversary. In November we took a trip up to the mountains to celebrate our anniversary and birthdays, visit some vineyards, and fly fish. The area we were in is near Stone Mountain State Park and has beautiful hiking along with about eight wineries. We only made it to about three but we plan to return to visit the others.

Thanksgiving quickly came and brought more travel as Tyler and I did our first dual Thanksgiving. We started our Thanksgiving adventure in Blowing Rock, NC for Thanksgiving lunch with his family and then ventured across the state to spend the rest of the weekend with my family in New Bern. It was a lot of miles on I-40 but worth it to get to spend time with both families.

Now onto the finale that we will all have in our *Haseley Herald* news...the big Turks and Caicos trip! There is no better way to end the year than with 60 family members on a beautiful island. A big thank you to Uncle Allan for sharing his birthday celebration with all of us! It was my first time in the Caribbean and it sure lived up to the hype. We stayed at the Beaches resort in Providenciales and had an amazing weekend in the sun, playing games, and catching up with family members we don't get to see as often. It was so fun to have such a big reunion and we are very appreciative!!

I can't believe how quickly this year has gone by. Some other music highlights from the year were seeing Maren Morris with Emily, Flume, Umphrey's McGee, Phish, Billy Strings (again) and a whole lot of Something Spicy!!

I guess it is true that time flies when you are having fun, so it is important to always strive to be more present and enjoy each moment.

Happy Holidays!
Blair Davenport























Anna

Scottie, Kim, Reese, Colleen, and Everett

Hi Everyone,

Hard to believe 2022 is over, I hope you all had a great year. We had a number of changes in the Davenport world this year.

Kim went back to work for the first time in almost 20 years. She took a part time job with Craven County Clerk of Courts and in October was offered a full-time position which she accepted. She also experienced her first election day while employed in an office with an elected official. Lexanne Huffman, who some of you may know, was elected Clerk of Court in November and officially took over the position in early December. Kim's really enjoyed the work so far and it's been fascinating to hear all of her stories about court when she comes home.

We also took a quick trip up to Blowing Rock to try our hand at snowboarding and do some sledding as well. Everett and I quickly learned we are NOT snowboarders, at least not naturals. Sledding was definitely more our speed. It was fun to see the snow for a bit but then to get outta dodge and back to our coastal climate.

Everett was busy this year with golf, lacrosse, and basketball. He has really fallen in love with lacrosse and after we all finally figured out the rules of the game it was fun for us to watch him. He plays for the New Bern Bruins and will join them again in the spring for his second season. Seeing him start to love (and hate) the game of golf, pretty much a requirement for any golfer to have some feeling of both I guess, has been a lot of fun for me. He is a part of the New Bern Junior Golf Academy which has them start with the short game and then progress further back as they master the shorter distances. I'm really glad to see that junior golf has grown quite a bit since I was younger. He will be going to middle school next year joining Colleen at Epiphany.

Colleen is in her sophomore year at Epiphany and has really started to settle in and is enjoying her time there. She has been on several college visits with the school and it's been great to hear her stories from those trips and how it continues to challenge her. She still loves anything art and her talents continue to amaze me. She's so creative and I'm always excited to see what she will come up with next. She also took driver's ed this year which again I can't believe I'm saying. She's excited to get her permit in January and then that sweet freedom of a license this summer.

Reese graduated from high school in June, which is really hard to believe. In October she enrolled at the Alexander Paul Institute of Hair Design to pursue her dream of becoming a cosmetologist. We moved her into her first apartment in October which was a lot of fun for all of us. It's an 11 month program and she has been doing fantastic. She has really worked hard and it's been great to see her in her element. We are so excited she has found her passion and is so happy doing it.

One of the reasons we were so excited about moving to New Bern was the opportunity to be on the water more and we have definitely taken advantage of it. Lynne's dock was, finally, finished after a long nine months of "starting next week" so it's been great to just walk across the street and be on the water. We have caught red drum, striper, trout you name it, so awesome to have such an awesome fishery right out of our backdoor. It's also afforded me the opportunity to get back into golf which I didn't play much of while we were in Clayton. It's been great connecting with old friends and making new ones on the course. We couldn't be happier about our decision to move here.

I made a bit of a transition myself this year. After four years of trying, we decided to close Pinpoint. It was a bittersweet moment as we had put a lot of blood sweat and tears into it but it was time. In

January we had five employees and we wanted to stay together. After shopping ourselves around a bit and receiving several offers we decided to join Shopmonkey in May of this year to start their innovation lab. After four days my partner took over as CTO and I became VP of Engineering which was not expected. It has been challenging but Shopmonkey is a great company with a lot of opportunity. We have taken on the huge task of completely rebuilding the product along with the engineering team. It's been a great move for us and I'm excited to see what 2023 holds.

We wrapped up the year with a trip to Turks and Caicos for the Haseley family reunion with a lot of you. What an amazing trip. It was great to see people we hadn't seen in so many years. From sunsets on the beach, to lounging by the pool and even crowning the Family Feud champs it was a trip we will never forget. Thanks again, Allan and Kelly! I headed straight to Orlando for nine total days on the road so it was great being back home for the holidays. Kim and I will be heading to Hawaii with Shopmonkey in February which will be a first for both of us; we can't wait!

Well, that's about it from the Davenport's, I'm sure I'm the last one sending in my news...sorry Karen! Hope everyone has a great 2023.

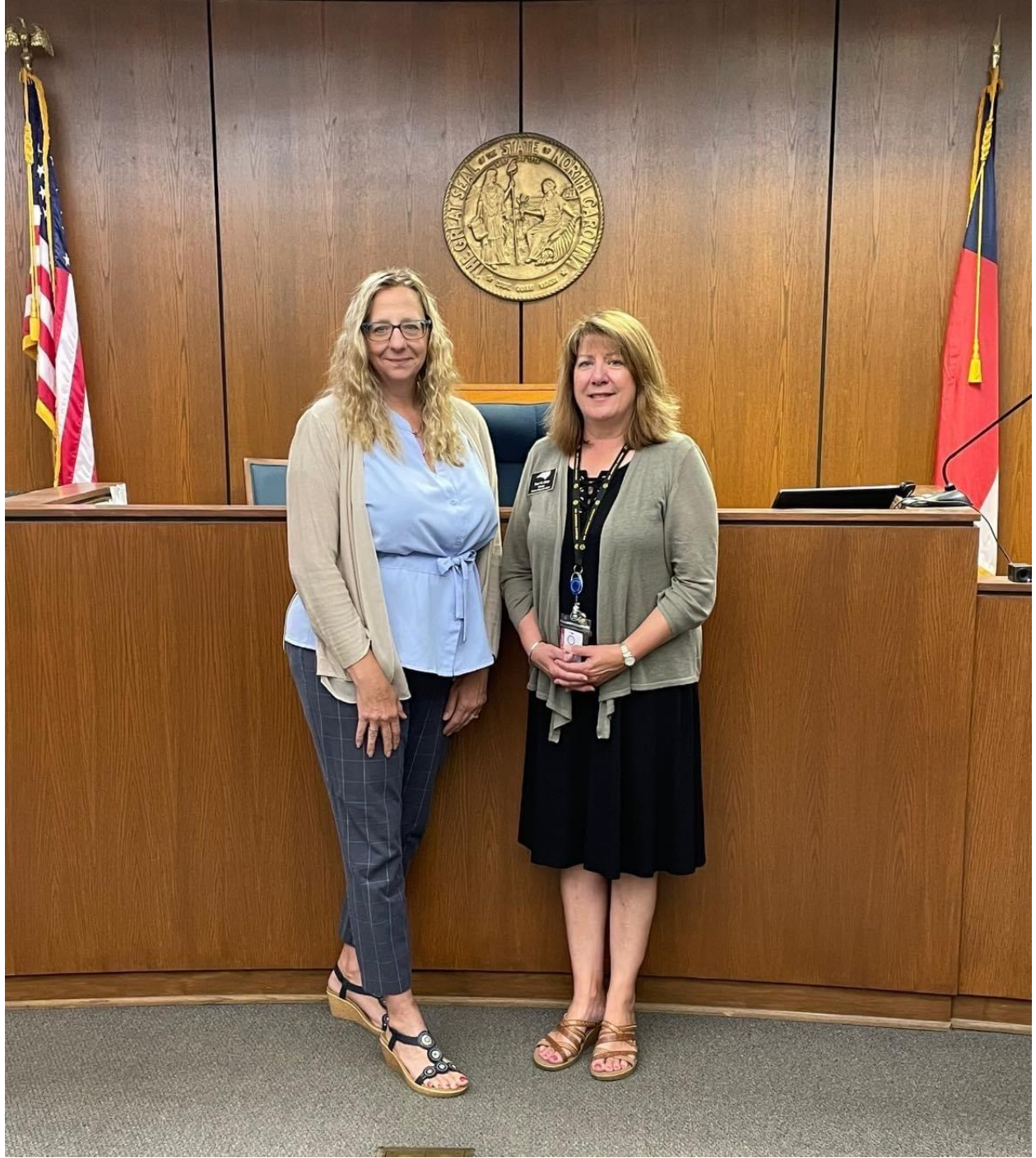
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