

What's News

A Newsletter from the Conservatives on Main Street, Winnebago GOP

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Elections, and Having to Do With



Everyone in Winnebago County
votes in this race:

**Winnebago County Circuit Court
Judge, Branch I**

Michael Rust

School Board Races:

Neenah vote for 3:

Chari Long

Jeb Pfeifle

Roxanne Schwandt-Knutson

Oshkosh vote for 1: **Tim Hess**

Winneconne vote for 1: **Dean Ackmann**

Municipal Races:

Neenah Alderman

District 1: **Mark Ellis***

District 3: **William Pollnow**

Oshkosh Common Council vote for only 2:

Jacob Floam

Tom Asuma

*Conservative leaning candidates, have not been interviewed by the Winnebago GOP Campaign Committee

Vote YES on both Referendum Questions

Question 1: Use of private funds in election administration.

Shall section 7 (1) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that private donations and grants may not be applied for, accepted, expended, or used in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum?

Translation: A "Yes" vote outlaws Zuckerbucks in Wisconsin elections.

Question 2: Election officials.

Shall section 7 (2) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums?

Translation: A "YES" vote requires our elections to be administered and run only by individuals lawfully designated to run them.

Winnebago County Republican Party

Recommends the following

Conservative Candidates to Consider

VOTE on TUESDAY, APRIL 2

or Early In Person Voting starts March 19, ends March 29

Winnebago County Board of Supervisors by district

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Rachael Dowling | 19 - Josh Belville* |
| 2 - Jake Ackmann* | 20 - Erich Vlach* |
| 3 - Open Seat | 21 - John Hinz* |
| 4 - Jeff Lutz | 22 - No Recommendation |
| 5 - Kay Horan | 23 - No Recommendation |
| 6 - Jason Kraayvanger* | 24 - Sarah Nelson |
| 7 - Betsy Ellenberger* | 25 - Scott Perzentka |
| 8 - No Recommendation | 26 - Conley Hanson* |
| 9 - Donald Nussbaum* | 27 - No Recommendation |
| 10 - Bryan Stafford | 28 - Nate Gustafson |
| 11 - Tim Paterson | 29 - George Bureau |
| 12 - Maribeth Gabert* | 30 - Chuck Farrey* |
| 13 - No Recommendation | 31 - Ralph Harrison |
| 14 - Tom Swan | 32 - Frank Frassetto |
| 15 - Michael Robinson* | 33 - Thomas Eagan* |
| 16 - Christian Mueller* | 34 - Tim O'Brien |
| 17 - Open seat | 35 - No Recommendation |
| 18 - No Recommendation | 36 - Howie Miller |

Go to MyVote.WI.gov

- To see who is on your ballot
- To register to vote
- To find your polling location
- To request an absentee ballot

REFERENDUM NOTES:

These CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS are not subject to review by Wisconsin courts, and not subject to veto by Governor Evers. They address the issues of the 2020 election in which Mark Zuckerberg money was used to hire independent consultants to run elections and safeguard ballots in Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Racine, Kenosha AND 20 other Wisconsin cities.* In the case of Green Bay, a key to the secure ballot storage area was surrendered to outside consultants on condition that Green Bay's election officials were not allowed to have a key themselves.

*You can find a summary of the all-pervasive nature of Zuckerbucks and a complete list of Wisconsin cities that accepted Zuckerbucks in the 2020 elections at this web address:

<https://thefga.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Zuckerbucks-Infiltrated-Wisconsin-Election.pdf>

Where do I vote?
Am I registered to vote at my current address?
What will be on my ballot?

[Click here for answers to frequently asked election questions.](#)

What county district do I live in?

https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/sites/default/files/uploaded-files/2022_supervisory_district_plan_0.pdf

If you are interested in running for local political office, please contact campaign@winnebagogop.org call us at 920-303-9270 or stop in at 738 North Main Street for more information and to contribute to the conservative future of our country. Come talk it through with us.

Gov't Goings-On (partial listing only)

Winnebago County

- The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is moving forward on adding another police dog to its team to replace one of the county's K9s that is nearing retirement. The Judiciary and Public Safety Committee voted last week to accept a donation of \$17,000 from Thomas and Penny Harenburg for an additional K9 unit, equipment, and training. The resolution will go to the Personnel and Finance Committee on March 7 and County Board March 19 for a final vote. In a memo submitted at the meeting, Sheriff John Matz wrote that the Harenburgs previously donated \$17,500 to purchase a police canine in 2015 and \$14,700 for another in 2022. **NOTE: The board did act to accept the proposal.**

<https://oshkoshherald.com/2024/02/13/february-14-2024-oshkosh-herald/>

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- The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors for the second time in three months approved a resolution that will restrict the county's authority to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. The approved resolution was introduced by the Legislative Committee and establishes that the county does not intend to support nor impose its own lockdowns, vaccine or mask mandates related to COVID-19 or its variants.

The resolution sent back to committee was submitted by District 26 Supervisor Conley Hanson and District 6 Supervisor Brian Defferding and sought to limit the county's ability to take steps to prevent the spread of any communicable disease. The county would no longer create or enforce any blanket or universal mandates and would encourage residents to make their own health care decisions.

https://oshkoshherald.com/2024/03/05/march-6-2024-oshkosh-herald/#flipbook-df_28034/3/

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- The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors was expected to vote at this week's meeting on a proposal to ban minors from accessing controversial books in the county's libraries. But that resolution and a companion were both withdrawn by their sponsors. The resolution, introduced by District 32 Supervisor Shanah Zastera and District 29 Supervisor George Bureau, would require libraries to create a secure adult-only section and a minor section. Youth would be required to show "proper authorization" to check out materials not specifically in the minor section of the library. At the

Neenah Public Library, parents or guardians also have the right to decide what material is appropriate for their children. For those under age 16, the policy notes the library will restrict a child's ability to check out materials if specifically asked to do so by a parent or legal guardian. The resolution would have required public libraries to comply within six months by preventing minors from accessing materials considered "obscene, sexually explicit or graphic" or lose all funding from the county. An additional resolution on the agenda submitted by Zastera and Bureau would prevent libraries in the county from using any funds for or in association with the American Library Association.

<https://neenahnewsnow.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/March-1-2024-Neenah-News.pdf>
page 8. **NOTE: Although not connected in any legal sense, see Oshkosh School Board.**

Neenah Joint School District

- Two meetings were scheduled to help improve the Neenah Joint School District's communication plan and strategies. Parents, staff and community members were invited to a virtual meeting at 1 p.m. Monday and in-person meeting in the district office board room at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The district is seeking input about its communication efforts, including: What information or topics you are not currently receiving that you would like to receive? What specific communication channels you prefer or find most effective? What aspects of communication could be improved? What barriers prevent you from engaging with current communications? The link to the virtual meeting will be on the homepage of the district website at the time of the meeting. A form will also be available to submit feedback.

<https://neenahnewsnow.com/2024/03/14/march-15-2024-neenah-news/>

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NOTE: Information only. This is not a timely news article. Please contact NJSD for more information.

School board meetings are open to the public and begin at 6:00 pm on the third Tuesday of every month. You can also attend by zoom: <https://neenah-k12-wi.zoom.us/j/87027567480#success>

City of Oshkosh

- Oshkosh could soon be operating without a mayor. A new plan from the current holder of the office calls for the title to be changed to council president and elected by the seven members of the Common Council instead of directly by residents. Mayor Matt Mugerauer wants people to know he is not the top official in Oshkosh and does not directly speak for Oshkosh – those titles belong to City Manager Mark Rohloff. The city operates a manager-council form of government. The topic was not on the agenda as a resolution or action item last month; it was a discussion that will continue as the council deliberates on the options.

He noted that other cities such as Appleton, Neenah, Green Bay, Madison and Milwaukee have mayors dedicated fully to the city. Mugerauer compared the city to a corporation, saying Rohloff is chief executive of the company running the daily operations and the council is like the board of directors. "He executes the vision that we put forth and handles the day-to-day operations," Mugerauer said of Rohloff's role.

<https://oshkoshherald.com/2024/02/06/february-7-2024-oshkosh-herald/>

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- The vehicle registration fee (VRF) is part of the city's plan to eliminate special assessments for road and street work by establishing the fee and raising utility rates, between 0.25% and 0.50%, to cover annual costs. City staff reported the cost would be \$3.75 million – \$1.5 million coming from the VRF

and \$2.25 million from utilities. The council approved a VRF of \$35 at the Feb. 27 meeting with a single opposing vote from member Paul Esslinger. He said there were many inequities with the new plan, including people that own multiple cars and residents that have already received a special assessment.

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Oshkosh Area School District

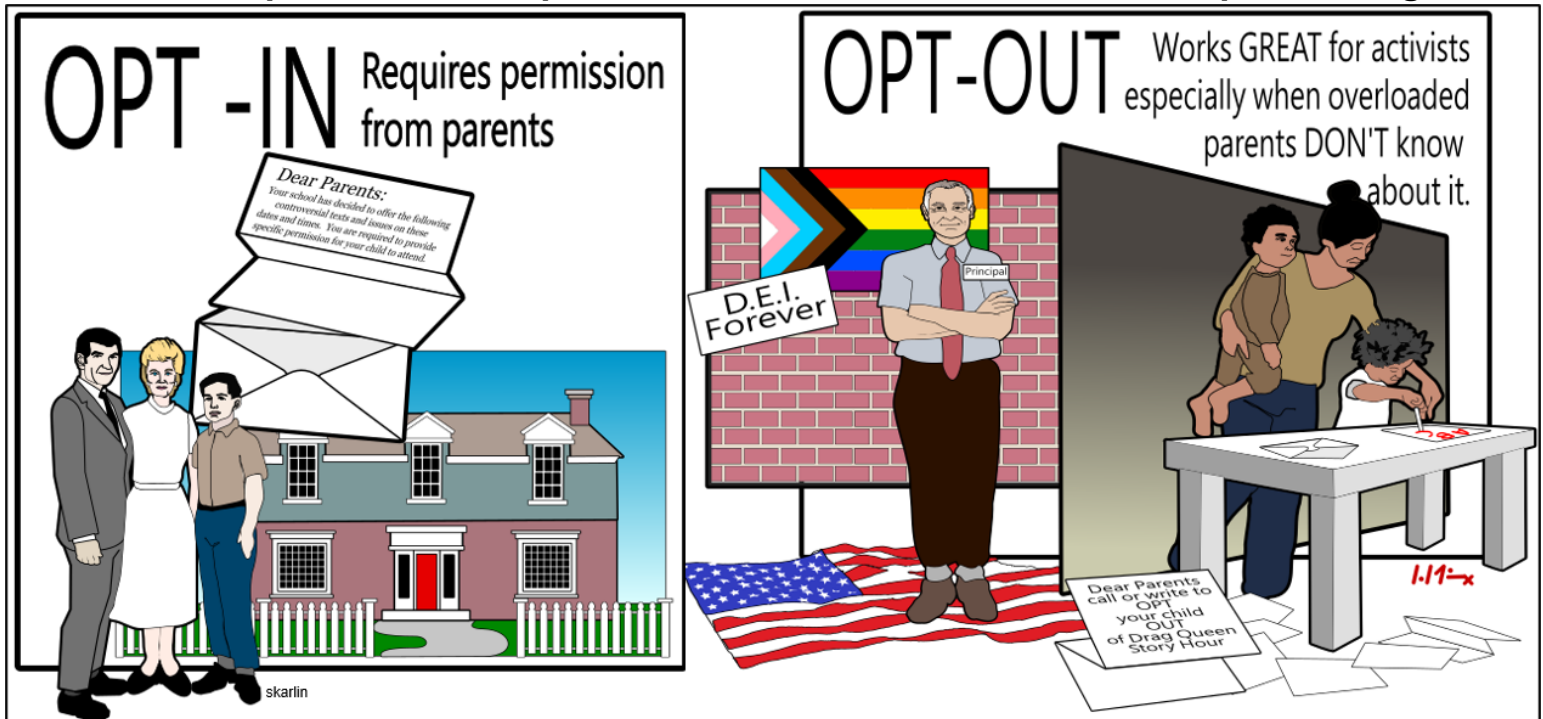
- A new report shows how Oshkosh students have been progressing through the school year on math and reading scores. The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education set benchmarks for students in grades three through eight and heard a recent update on where students are related to those goals based on a midyear report. Last year the board heard a report that showed students were struggling in math and reading. Part of the dip in scores was attributed to students being out of the classroom for COVID and has led to the district putting together action plans for bettering scores.

https://oshkoshherald.com/2024/03/05/march-6-2024-oshkosh-herald/#flipbook-df_28034/5/

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Editor's Note: Does anyone else remember when OASD determined to shut the schools down for COVID and go straight ZOOM? Remember we were told that our administrators and school staff would make it a seamless transition. Do you also remember that at the end of the summer, the data showed that 70% of students never logged in ONCE to the mandatory zoom sessions? After 70% of the students missed about 1/3 of the school year, does anyone else remember that it was determined that the only fair thing to do was to graduate and / or advance all students one grade in spite of the obvious lack of classes and knowledge caused by that gap in the so-called MANDATORY 180-day school schedule in Wisconsin? Well, I do.

A couple of the most powerful words for our children's and parental rights



Also see [Winnebago County, item 3](#) above, and “[From the Literature,](#)” and “[Before you Go . . .](#) “ at the end of this newsletter.

Email moms4libertywinnebago@gmail.com for more information and to pitch in.

Wisconsin State Assembly and Senate

Our county Representatives: Nate Gustafson-R, Dave Murphy-R, Lori Palmeri-D, Mike Schraa-R, Lee Snodgrass-D

Our Senators: Rachael Cabral-Guevara-R, Dan Feyen-R. Find them here: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/>

- True to her word and in violation of judicial ethical standards, Supreme Court Justice Janet Protaciewicz kept her promise before her election. With no lawsuit having been formulated or filed, Janet and her liberal friends ruled that the district maps drawn by the legislature in fulfillment of state constitution guidelines were unconstitutional. The reputed focus of concern were disconnected “islands” of voters attached to a few districts in the state. This led to seven new sets of maps being drawn and proposed. The legislature adopted the Governor’s proposed maps as the best of the worst possible cases. Ironically, the governor’s maps include “islands” of voters attached to certain districts in the state. The new maps will be in effect for this fall’s elections. Based on the new district boundaries, about two dozen Republican legislators will have to compete with other republicans for their old legislative seats. **Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Elections have consequences.**

<https://rpubs.com/jdjohn215/evers-vs-previous-legis-maps>

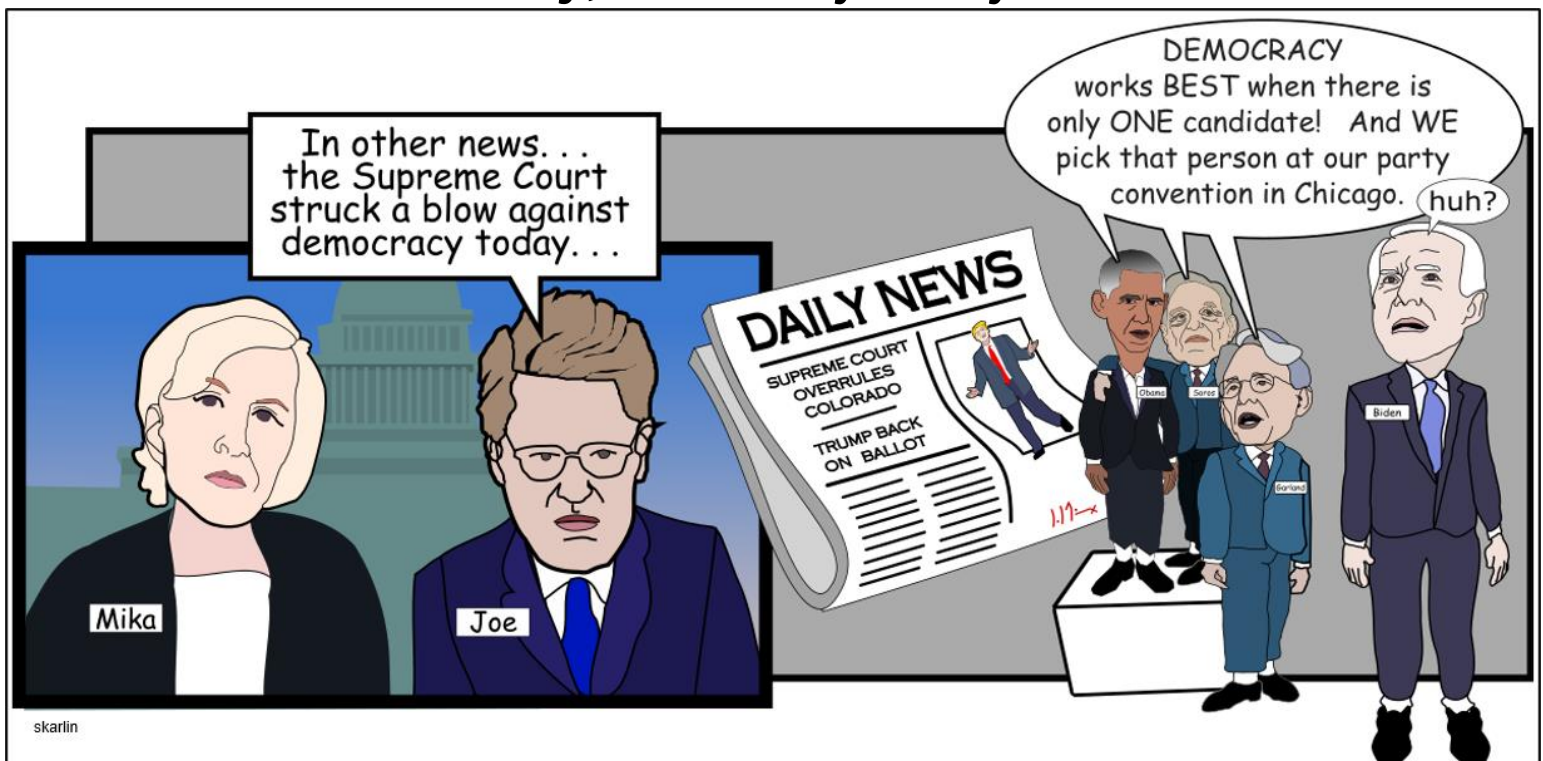
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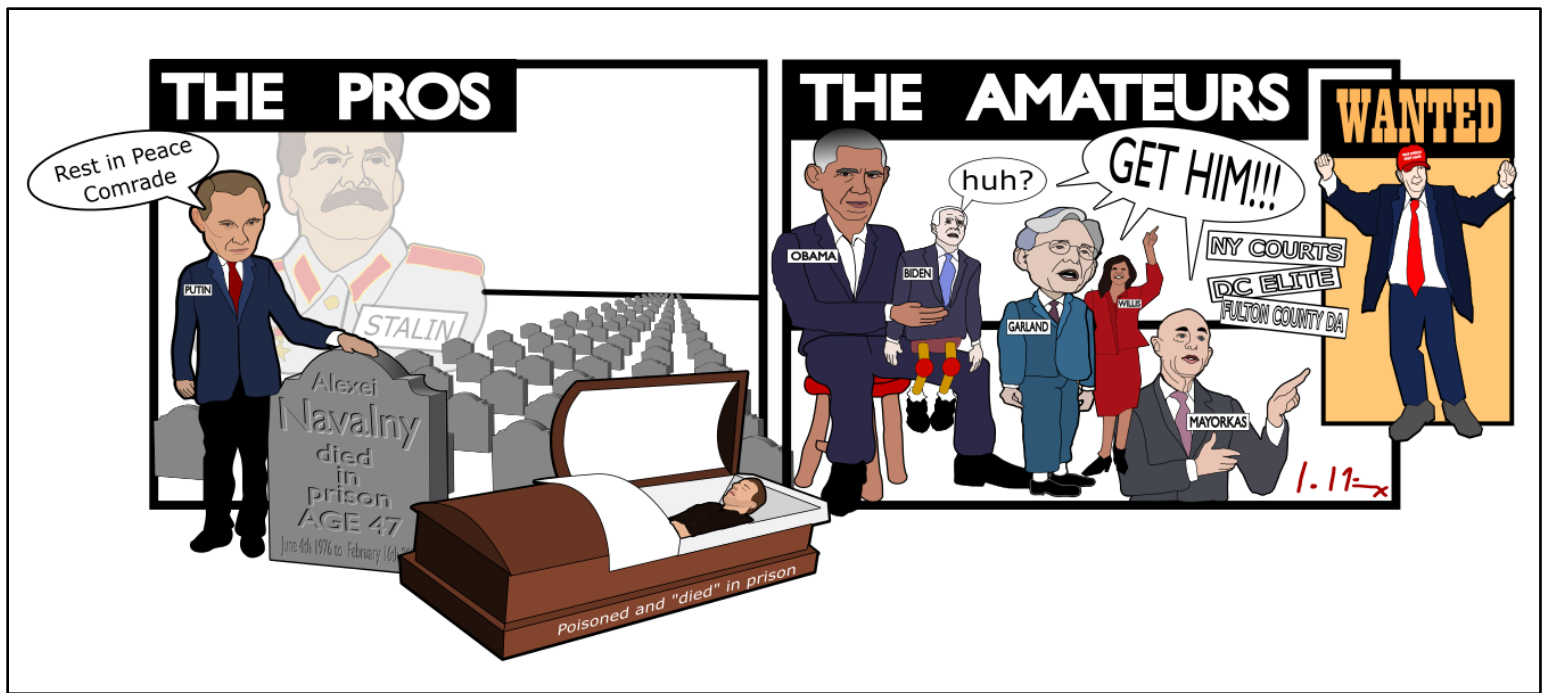
Our Representatives: Mike Gallagher-R, 8th Congressional District; Glenn Grothman-R, 6th Congressional District

Our Senators: Tammy Baldwin-D; Ron Johnson-R

(Editor’s Note: I signed up for Tammy’s email updates for my private email address. She ignored me. Here I thought Senators represented their entire state. Go figure.)

Hey, it’s *NOT* just a joke!





What he/she said HUH? (. . . you can't make this stuff up)

- **Illegal Immigration --- what happened in 24 years?**

Bill Clinton on Immigration, 1995.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4351026/user-clip-clinton-1995-immigration-sotu>

Joe Biden on immigration 2007

[https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/biden-border-fence-2007/Joe Biden on immigration, 2020](https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/biden-border-fence-2007/Joe%20Biden%20on%20immigration,%202020)

Joe Biden on immigration 2020

FLASHBACK: Biden Tells Migrants To 'Surge to the Border' (freebeacon.com)

Joe Biden on immigration 2024

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/biden-criticizes-republicans-for-rejecting-border-deal/>

Editor's Note: The terms of Biden's bill ALLOWED a crackdown on the border if total illegal immigrants per day exceeded 5,000 for an extended period. That is 1,825,000 illegal immigrants per year. According to CBP numbers, the HIGHEST number of immigrants in any Trump year was 1,250,000. Other than that, the big question has been where has the already allotted budget for border security been spent? As we are beginning to see, Federal cash seems to be fungible and is allocated where Biden's bureaucracy wants it to go.

WASHINGTON, DC: According to a recent report, immigration judges rejected deportation proceedings against about 200,000 migrants because the Department of Homeland Security under President Biden neglected to submit the necessary documents before their court appearances.

Notably, Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) at Syracuse University issued a report on Wednesday, March 20, that stated that courts were left without authority to judge on asylum claims and manage deportation cases because the DHS failed to appear in thousands of notices before scheduled hearing dates. ['This is treason': Biden administration under fire as report claims 200K migrant deportation cases were dismissed due to lack of paperwork \(msn.com\)](#)



Voters head into the polling place at the Cleveland Park Public Library on November 8, 2022 in Washington, DC. A law passed in 2022 permits noncitizen residents to vote in D.C. local elections. (Samuel Corum/Getty Images)

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/federal-judge-dismisses-lawsuit-challenging-dc-noncitizen-voting-law>

Editor's Note: Ruh roh. The camel's nose is creeping under the tent flap.

■ United Nations

Israeli Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant says Israel has new evidence that dozens of individuals employed by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) – the controversial U.N. aid agency responsible for the welfare of millions of Palestinian refugees and their descendants – were directly involved in the atrocities carried out against Israeli civilians on Oct. 7, Fox News Digital has learned.

In an interview this week with Fox News Digital, Gallant said the country had knowledge that "dozens" of UNRWA staff were involved in the Hamas-led massacre. While he declined to give a specific figure, Gallant said it was a far greater number than the 12 employees already acknowledged – and dismissed last month – by the organization.

Calling UNRWA "Hamas with a facelift," the defense chief, who is a member of Israel's war cabinet and considered the highest ranking official after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, said that it was time for the world to "dismantle UNRWA" and create an alternative mechanism for providing aid to civilians in the war-stricken Gaza Strip.

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/israeli-defense-minister-dozens-unrwa-staff-took-part-hamas-oct-7-massacre>

A United Nations youth climate adviser has a history of social media posts that call for the destruction of capitalism, claim "terrorism" is used as a Western smear to justify its imperialism and attack White people for purportedly fueling humanity's extinction vis-à-vis the climate crisis.

The United Nations' Secretary-General António Guterres personally selected Pakistani-American Ayisha Siddiqa as one of his advisers to help "accelerat[e] the implementation of his climate action agenda," a 2023 UN announcement stated. Siddiqa was a Time Woman of the Year in 2023 who has co-founded two youth climate activist organizations.

"The Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change provides him with practical and outcome-focused advice... and concrete recommendations, with a clear focus on accelerating the

implementation of his climate action agenda. Convened under the auspices of the United Nations [as it]... works to accelerate global climate action," the announcement said. One of the criteria for candidates landing the two-year assignment was a "demonstrated commitment to the UN's values."

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/un-secretary-generals-climate-adviser-calls-white-stripped-power-revolutionary-fights>

The Israeli military revealed a network of tunnels underneath Gaza City that they said extended below the United Nations' headquarters in the region on Sunday.

The IDF escorted foreign reporters through the tunnels, entering through a shaft that pierced the surface next to a school. Israel argues that the tunnels are even more evidence that the U.N.'s mission in Gaza was compromised by Hamas terrorists.

"Everything is conducted from here. All the energy for the tunnels, which you walked through them, are powered from here," an Israeli officer told reporters during the tour. "This is one of the central commands of the intelligence. This place is one of the Hamas intelligence units, where they commanded most of the combat."

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/hamas-command-tunnel-unrwas-headquarters-gaza-israel-says>

■ **Those were just to warm you up. Here comes the good stuff you never heard about:**

On Jan. 18, 2022, officials from the Biden administration quietly sent the WHO extensive amendments without an official statement or a single press conference. These proposed amendments are written to strengthen the organization's ability to unilaterally intervene into the affairs of nations merely suspected of having a "health emergency" of possible concern to other nations. If these amendments are approved, the WHO will have the power to declare an "international health emergency," nullifying the powers of nation states.

The U.S. amendments delete a critical existing restriction in the regulations: "WHO shall consult with and attempt to obtain verification from the State Party in whose territory the event is allegedly occurring..." This enables the Director-General to declare health emergencies at will and can be used to justify ostracism and economic or financial actions against the targeted nation by other nations aligned with WHO or who wish to harm and control the accused nation.

https://www.thedesertreview.com/opinion/columnists/biden-s-amendments-hand-u-s-sovereignty-to-the-who/article_efcbf104-d20b-11ec-b257-b7c86410fc43.html

The Newark city in US's New Jersey was recently in for some embarrassment as it had to rescind a sister-city agreement with rape-accused Nithyananda's 'United States of Kailasa', within a week of inking the agreement with the 'virtual sovereign state'.

The signing ceremony for the sister-city agreement between Newark and the 'United States of Kailasa' took place at the City Hall in Newark on January 12 this year.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/newark-sister-city-scam-kailasa/>

Even the United Nations, our World Government, is right on top of the trend. I feel like we are in very good hands and much safer now, don't you?

Representatives of controversial godman Nithyananda's self-proclaimed country 'Republic of Kailasa' attended a United Nations meeting, where they demanded protection for the "supreme pontiff of Hinduism". The meeting of United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) was held in

Geneva on February 24. The photos of the meeting were posted on the official Twitter account of Nithyananda along with the information that the all-women delegation participated in discussions on "equal and inclusive representation of women in decision-making systems". Nithyananda, who left India years ago, established his ashram in a location he calls Kailasa. There is a lot of speculation as to where this place is. <https://www.ndtv.com/feature/nithyanandas-kailasa-attends-un-meet-alleges-persecution-of-its-leader-3824418>

July 4, 2023 (Editor's note: July 4th, ironically)

In September 2024, less than two months before the next U.S. presidential election, the United Nations will host a landmark "Summit of the Future," where member nations will adopt a Pact for the Future. The agreement will solidify numerous policy reforms offered by the U.N. over the past two years as part of its sweeping "Our Common Agenda" platform.

Although there are numerous radical proposals included in the agenda, perhaps none are more important than the U.N. plan for a new "emergency platform," a stunning proposal to give the U.N. significant powers in the event of future "global shocks," such as another worldwide pandemic.

The emergency platform proposal might be the biggest attempted power grab in the history of the United Nations, but as shocking as it is, it pales in comparison to the Biden administration's treatment of this extremist proposal.

Rather than assert America's independence and sovereignty, the White House has expressed its support for the emergency platform. U.S. Ambassador Chris Lu noted in at least two March 2022 speeches that the Biden administration backs the emergency platform, along with numerous other proposals included in "Our Common Agenda."

<https://thefederalist.com/2023/07/04/the-u-n-is-planning-to-seize-global-emergency-powers-with-bidens-support/>

■ More Election Interference by Foreigners

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., set off a firestorm of his own making last week as he decided to intervene in Israeli politics by telling Israel to abandon its leader right in the middle of sensitive negotiations with Hamas.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fired right back, calling it inappropriate to tell an ally and a democracy when they should hold elections and who they should vote for, especially during a war. Israel is the only democracy within the region which otherwise features everything from monarchies, theocracies, Putin puppets, and terrorist regimes. In fact, 72% in the February Economist/YouGov poll see Israel as an ally and friend, while most Americans (57%) see "Palestine" as an enemy and unfriendly.

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/schumer-taught-democrats-biden-powerful-lesson>

■ Major Quakes around the country

An article in the San Francisco Chronicle declared the city "can no longer be called a progressive city" after the success of two law-and-order ballot measures on Tuesday.

Chronicle reporters Aldo Toledo and Joe Garofoli wrote that with the city voting "yes" on ballot measures that would require drug screenings for potential welfare recipients and increase police powers in the city, progressive policies appear to no longer be popular with residents.

The first of the two ballot measures, Proposition F, requires drug screening for people receiving public benefits and would force drug addicts to go into treatment if they want to continue receiving those benefits. The second, Proposition E, would give law enforcement better surveillance tools and rein in oversight over the force, allowing looser restrictions on car chases, for example.

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/san-francisco-no-longer-called-progressive-city-newspaper-declares-law-order-measures-pass>

Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., appeared to take a victory lap over The New York Times as it reported on Democratic New York Gov. Kathy Hochul's plans to send troops to the Big Apple to crack down on crime.

Hochul announced Wednesday that she will be deploying 750 members of the National Guard to New York City's subway system to assist the New York Police Department (NYPD) with bag searches at the entrances of busy train stations.

This comes as the crime rate increased 20% during the first two months of 2024 compared to the same period last year, according to NYPD data cited by the New York Post.

"Sending in the troops to help restore law and order..." Cotton summarized the Times' reporting. Cotton was overtly referring to his 2020 op-ed published by The Times, titled "Send in the Troops," which made an argument in favor of the president deploying the military to quell the George Floyd riots that sparked havoc in cities across the country. Publication of the op-ed caused turmoil among woke staff at the paper, with several editors being pushed out.

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/sen-tom-cotton-dunks-ny-times-paper-reports-hochul-sending-troops-nyc>

Lawmakers in San Francisco, Washington D.C. and Oregon are passing new laws and ordinances to crack down on drugs and rising crime as blue bastions reverse course on liberal policies.

San Francisco voters passed a pair of law-and-order ballot measures on Tuesday night, including one that would require welfare recipients suspected of using drugs to undergo screenings to receive benefits. San Francisco Mayor London Breed's spokesman, Joe Arellano, told Fox News Digital directly that Proposition E was intended to reverse leftist policies.

"Over the last few years, the City's policies swung too far to the left," he said. "Now, it's time to send a message that San Francisco is closed to criminals and brazen theft will not be tolerated."

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/liberal-bastions-revolt-against-progressive-crime-policies-passing-new-laws-crack-down-drugs>

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina's public schools superintendent and some state legislators won't be returning to their positions in 2025 after primary defeats by challengers who questioned their rivals' commitment to social conservatism or a Democratic agenda.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Catherine Truitt lost Tuesday's Republican primary to Michele Morrow, a home-schooling parent and conservative activist who has accused public schools of indoctrinating students with left-leaning views on race and gender.

Truitt, in her first term as schools' chief, led the Department of Public Instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic and later recovery, and implemented a new legislature-backed plan to improve reading skills in early grades. She had reelection support from dozens of General Assembly members and North Carolina Republican U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis.

But Morrow, a nurse and former Christian missionary who ran unsuccessfully for the Wake County school board in 2022, accused Truitt of not being conservative enough. Morrow collected support from rural education leaders.

She also criticized Truitt for seeking to briefly delay the implementation of a new "Parents' Bill of Rights" so that districts would have more time to create new policies, and for continued low reading and math proficiency rates.

[North Carolina schools chief loses primary to home-schooling parent critical of 'radical agendas' \(msn.com\)](#)

Originally in Associated Press

Less than four years after George Floyd's murder sparked a mass awakening to the inequities of the criminal justice system, political leaders across the country are returning to a tough-on-crime approach. In some cases, voters and lawmakers are opting to reverse reforms passed years ago.

"It's a stunning turnabout, especially so soon after the wave of national protests against the system for being too harsh," says Adam Gelb, President and CEO of the nonpartisan think tank Council on Criminal Justice. Though the 50-year-pattern of reform and restrictions for many seem like we are headed back to highly punitive policies, Gelb said that isn't the full picture.

"I think there's very little chance that we return fully to the notion that we can arrest and punish our way to safety."

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/a-stunning-turnabout-voters-and-lawmakers-across-us-move-to-reverse-criminal-justice-reform/ar-BB1jEb2h>

Originally in USA Today

■ **Oh Canada – don't worry. It can't happen here. . . . Right? RIGHT? [See Justice Ketanji Brown](#)**

Canada's mission to start killing off the mentally ill hit a roadblock this week, but it's not because the country decided it's actually an insane proposition.

"The (health-care) system needs to be ready," Health Minister [Mark Holland announced Monday](#) as the government neared its March 17 deadline to start allowing the mentally ill to be euthanized. "It's clear from the conversations that we've had that the system is not ready and we need more time."

Across the country, politicians now agree with Holland: They're just not ready for the rubber to meet the road. They're not saying this is a flat-out bad idea. They just keep saying *not yet*.

<https://www.outkick.com/culture/canada-delays-plans-to-euthanize-people-with-mental-illness>

Canadian banks have begun freezing the accounts of people linked to the trucker protests in Canada and the federal government is promising to take more accounts offline in coming days in an attempt to clear demonstrators from Ottawa, which has been occupied for nearly a month.

On February 17, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland said in a press conference that financial institutions have started freezing accounts and canceling credit cards in accordance with the Emergencies Act, which Prime Minister Justin Trudeau invoked earlier this week.

The powers granted by the act would allow banks to target the accounts of people who have donated to crowdfunding platforms, like the fundraising campaigns on GoFundMe and GiveSendGo, that have fueled the ongoing protests, but Freeland said she would not give "specifics of whose accounts are being frozen."

<https://www.newsweek.com/banks-have-begun-freezing-accounts-linked-trucker-protest-1680649>

A Canadian law that aims to make social media platforms safer is getting flak for what some decry as government overreach.

Introduced late last month, the Online Harms Act, or Bill C-63, would allow judges to imprison adults for life if they advocate for genocide.

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/canadian-law-endorsed-trudeau-government-imprison-people-life-speech-crimes>

Editor's Note: Pretty close to punishing thought crimes here. Beware the policy that STARTS with an obvious enemy.

■ **And the CLASSIC from our newest Supreme Court Justice:**

Social media users were shocked and slightly bemused at Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's comments on the First Amendment Monday.

The Supreme Court heard *Murthy v. Missouri*, a case challenging the Biden administration's alleged coordination with Big Tech to censor certain messages.

"My biggest concern is that your view has the First Amendment hamstringing the federal government in significant ways in the most important time periods," she told the lawyer representing Louisiana, Missouri and private plaintiffs.

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/justice-jackson-ripped-worrying-first-amendment-hamstringing-government-literally-point>

Editor's Note: uhhhhh, why did you think the first amendment was even written? Imagine in 20 years if we have 5 Justices that think like this.

■ **A laugh a minute**

Outgoing Special Presidential Envoy for Climate (SPEC) John Kerry claimed that people would "feel better" about the ongoing war in Ukraine if Russia would "make a greater effort to reduce emissions."

"If Russia wanted to show good faith, they could go out and announce what their reductions are going to be and make a greater effort to reduce emissions now," Kerry said during a foreign press briefing on Tuesday in Washington, D.C., his last as the SPEC, as he departed from the position Wednesday to reportedly join President Biden's presidential re-election campaign.

"Maybe that would open up the door for people to feel better about what Russia is choosing to do at this point in time," he said.

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/john-kerry-says-people-feel-better-about-ukraine-war-russia-reduce-emissions>

■ **You go, Vlad, progressive champion of women's equality:**

Vladimir Putin just put out a message to mark International Women's Day – but did not quite seem to understand the purpose of the annual occasion.

The Russian president's video statement, released on Friday, urged women to focus on "the bearing of children, no matter what career path she chooses or what professional heights she attains."

IWD was actually created to advocate for a “gender equal world” and to “celebrate women’s achievement” everywhere – not to focus solely on motherhood.

Putin’s words are especially interesting considering Russian women played an important role in the early days of IWD, according to the campaign’s official website.

Russian women’s campaign for peace on the eve of World War 1 back in 1914 influenced the decision to make March 8 the day to honor IWD.

[Putin Marks International Women's Day By Reminding Women What They're For – Hint, It's Not Feminist \(msn.com\)](#)

Editor’s Note: Russians celebrate International Women’s Day similar to the way we celebrate Valentine’s day. On one occasion I was doing business in Russia. My meeting with Sheremetyevo Airport (Moscow’s federally run for commercial passengers) was delayed by one day because of this holiday. As we started the meeting on a Tuesday morning, I was confronted with 7 very dour and unhappy Russian bureaucrats back to work after their three-day weekend off with their wives (I can only assume).

I asked them as a group, “How was International Women’s Day?”

The senior of the group scanned each of the three, unsmiling faces to either side of him and then turned to me and said, “We suffered no losses.”

Editor’s PS to Editor’s note: Such is life in Russia.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“There is no greater indictment of judges than the fact that honest people are afraid to go into court while criminals swagger out its revolving doors.”

Read more of Dr. Sowell’s thoughts on social justice here:

<https://www.hoover.org/research/consequences-matter-thomas-sowell-social-justice-fallacies>

See more quotes from Thomass Sowell here:

https://www.azquotes.com/author/13901-Thomas_Sowell



Thomas Sowell, 1930 --

From The Literature

Quotes from literature and books that reflect on our current world.

Editor’s Note: I had determined to include an excerpt here from *Haunted*, a book currently on the shelf in Oshkosh Area Schools. However, I reconsidered because I realized that I may be liable for jail time for contributing to the delinquency of a minor under Wisconsin law for publishing what is now available in school libraries. You see, school administrators are exempt from those laws by statute. Instead, here is a one-sentence summary of one scene. “A group of 13-15-year-old boys and girls molest and humiliate a transgender by poking, prodding, and bullying “Matilda” because of the results of his / her transgender surgery and reconstruction.”

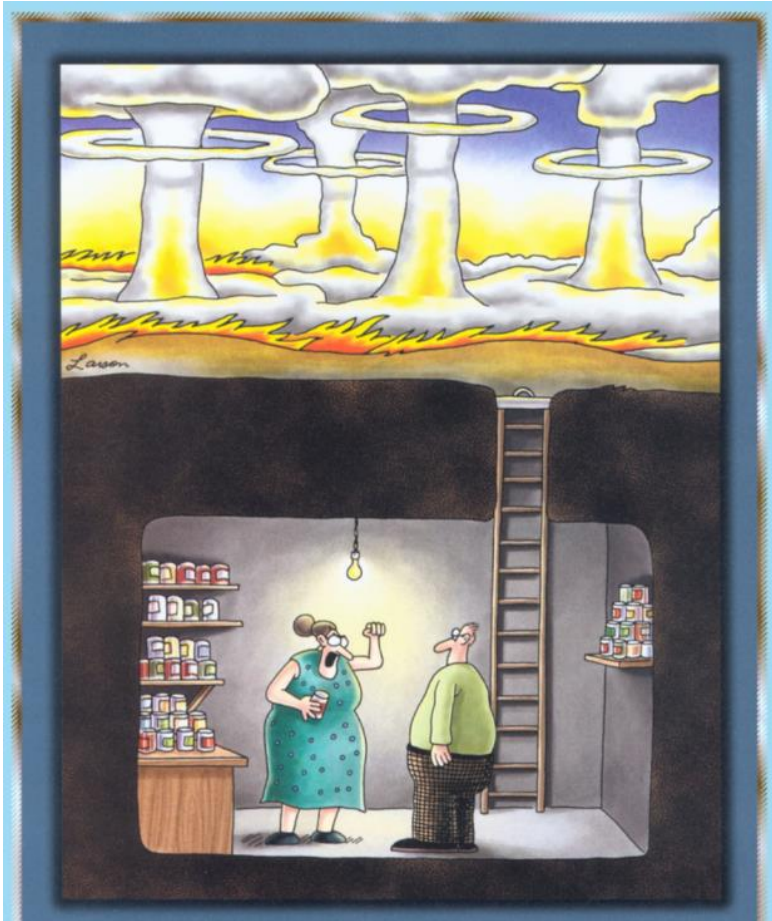
[If you are over 21, click here for a full summary and the excerpt from the book.](#)

Good news, Bad news

First the bad news: The area around Chernobyl, Ukraine, site of the world’s worst nuclear accident in 1986, is still excessively high in radiation, and thus is a highly restricted area.

Now the good news: Scientists have collected and studied worms currently living in the area. They are thriving after having developed high immunity to nuclear radiation. Darwinism works. Our descendants have a sporting chance.

Just do it right. Darwin’s final exam requires a qualification test ----- credit to the Far Side:



How many times did I say it, Harold? How many times? "Make sure that bomb shelter has got a can opener --- not much good without a can opener," I said.

Letters to the Editor

Thoughts? Opinions? Complaints? Compliments?
communications@winnebagogop.org

"Mama K" replied to a group email sent March 20, to our Winnebago GOP mailing list, subject line: Follow up to our visit to the Oshkosh School Board:

"I commend you for bringing this to the attention of the school board. I was hoping to get there. I honestly can say you have to keep fighting to protect children but BECAUSE they are all liberals but one, you will get nowhere. We live in a corrupt generation that isn't going to come back to any sort of morality until God brings the shaking. These people actually believe having sex at 13 is ok? The people want this!! This city wants this...this is how they voted. Protect YOUR children. That is most important!!!! Those who accept sin and rebellious ideals have chosen the fate of their family. This is a grave time. The TRUTH needs to be fought for and spoken in every arena.

I personally have removed my children from school and homeschool now. Even the Christian and Catholic schools in OSHKOSH adopt progressive programs and ideals. I have looked into most of them. I pray for mothers, and I pray for the innocent children. I most importantly pray for the children who are being led astray and aren't protected. I never heard of Moms4liberty before these emails and then I just randomly heard in my car one day. Someone on the radio called Moms4liberty a far right extremist group but I think you're normal. I just read in my son's 5th grade history book that the Women in America during and around the 1880's wanted to ban alcohol and Moms were trying to shut down bars. They would go bar to bar trying to get people to sign contracts that they would quit drinking because they saw drinking as a demoralizing habit. They were concerned about their communities and that if a father was in a saloon his family was suffering in some way, and they didn't want any families in the community to suffer.

Anyway, Thank you."

Editor's Note: I encourage Mama K and others that think like her to add your voice to the effort.

OPEN BOOK POP QUIZ:

Email your answers to Communications@winnebagogop.org. **We have lowered the bar: Reply with TWO correct answers** to win \$10 worth of merchandise of your choice from Winnebago GOP Headquarters. Answers may or may not be found in the current newsletter. May or may not award a prize to more than one winner. Judgment of the editor is final.

1. Prior to October 7, 2023, who administered government services in the Gaza Strip and since when?
 2. Where do the highest-ranking leaders of HAMAS live?
3. How many Palestinian refugees has Egypt, which borders the Gaza Strip, taken in since 10/7/23?
4. In 2012 who told Dmitry Medvedev that he would have more flexibility to deal with the Russians after his next and final election?
 5. What is RICO?

Answers to January's pop quiz:

1. Who was harmed (who filed charges) in the New York / Trump fraud case?
Answer: Noone pressed charges. The only complainant was New York's Attorney General Felicia James who campaigned on the promise to **"GET DONALD TRUMP."**
2. In what year did Donald Trump assault E. Jean Carroll in a dressing room at Bergdorf-Goodman's?
Answer: Noone knows. Neither she nor her witnesses could remember.
3. Who has a copy of all the testimony and evidence gathered in the Jan 6 select committee hearings from the previous congress?
Answer: Noone. The video recordings of the testimony were destroyed by the committee as the Republicans were taking control of the house in 2022. Only transcripts written by Democratic staff were turned over.
 4. During what years was New York a slave state?
Answer: In spite of New York's current efforts to pay reparations to descendants of former slaves, **New York was never a slave state.**
 5. During what years was California a slave state?
Answer: In spite of California's current efforts to pay reparations to descendants of former slaves, **California was never a slave state.**

Before you go a few thoughts

--adapted, modified, and lengthened from an email sent out March 20th --

Wednesday, March 13, I attended both an Oshkosh Area School District Board meeting and pre-meeting listening session. I was one individual of a group of about 7 or 8 that went to the meeting to talk about pornographic books that are available with no control and no restrictions in the Oshkosh school libraries. The backstory is that Moms4Liberty had approached OASD with complaints about a specific 7 books in October. The complaints were summarily rejected over the next two months because the books "all complied with OASD library book policies."

[Click here to access](#)

a summary of one comment made at the board meeting, the rating process by which one book was approved by the board for our early teens, and an excerpt from that book. You must be 21 or older to read

the excerpt from the book. While reading the excerpt, keep in mind that the book and its content is considered “age-appropriate” because the transgender student at the center of the scene and the kids molesting him / her are ages 13-15, the target age group for the book.

The most important parts of this story are that 1) Many liberals from the community knew there would be presentations, and 2) While liberal after liberal testified in favor of the status quo, many of the faces of the board members, seated at the front, showed happiness and glee with the statements of their supporting choir. There were wide eyes, smiling faces, and nodding heads on the board while liberals belittled the “Moms4Liberty” group about the non-existent call for book banning, and derided the fact that this material could land a person in jail for contributing to the delinquency of a minor if read aloud to a minor child. It seemed well orchestrated to me.

While the board should continue to be bombarded through their own policy procedures, the lesson I took from this meeting is that to make a difference on this issue, and certainly with so many other issues as well. The school board must be moved by the voters to a more conservative majority. The current board has an overwhelming liberal majority. The makeup of the board must be **changed and maintained** to have a lasting impact on school board policies. The ramparts are erected. Neither the book policy that is at the heart of this matter, 2522, nor its interpretation to the advantage of the liberals will ever be shaken when the board consists of the current liberal majority.

There is only one conservative on the board as it stands now. She is lonely there, and probably humanely bullied. I have told her privately several times that we will try to get her some reinforcements. There is also one gentleman on the board that falsely claimed to be a conservative several years ago to gain Winnebago GOP support, and then promptly showed his true colors once installed on the board.

To have a lasting impact on school board policies, the school board’s liberal majority must be displaced. A conservative majority must be elected, installed, and maintained in its place.

How can we make this happen? We rank and file conservatives must ALL find our large or small way to contribute to what is the long-term goal. What can you contribute?

1. YOUR INFORMED VOTE. **(see below for a helpful hint*).**
2. INFORM OTHER LIKE-MINDED THINKERS ABOUT THE CANDIDATES, THE ISSUES, AND THE VOTE.
 - a. Make pre-election phone calls to encourage and inform voters. Even a few hours of your time per election can make a difference.
 - b. Assist conservative candidates with door knocking and literature dissemination. We have “friendlies” lists to make the most use of door knockers’ time. Again, a few hours can make a difference. Door knocking kills it in local elections.
3. WRITE AND SEND INFORMATIVE POSTCARDS. Cards and coordination provided by local GOP headquarters.
4. SIGN UP TO BE AN ELECTION SUPERVISOR / POLL WORKER.
5. BECOME A MEMBER OF WINNEBAGO GOP. The small annual fee supports our all-volunteer local efforts and even gets you into an event or two throughout the year.
 - a. Great way to meet people with similar ideas and values.
6. VOLUNTEER FOR BOOTH DUTY AT FARMER’S MARKET, STATE FAIR AND OTHER GATHERINGS.
 - a. Great way to meet people with similar ideas and values.

7. DONATE A FEW BUCKS A FEW TIMES A YEAR. Purchase of our political swag serves the same purpose.

Finally,

8. RUN FOR LOCAL OFFICE. THIS IS THE FOCUS OF EVERYTHING WE DO.

- a. We offer coaching.
- b. We offer guidance and assistance.

What is happening now? In the Oshkosh Area School District, there are three open seats and three very liberal incumbents in the race to be decided April 2. There is only ONE conservative leaning candidate. See our voter guide on page 2 of this newsletter. In last year's non-partisan election, we had TWO conservative leaning candidates for OASD. Both made it through the primary, but only one made it to the board --- to become the ONLY conservative thinker on the board. Wouldn't it have been great if we had THREE candidates this year? We could possibly swing the board. It bears repeating: **RUN FOR LOCAL OFFICE.** These are lay positions to which your skills, experience, and common sense can be applied.

*I promised you a voting tip up above. Using the Oshkosh school board election as an example, there are three open seats, so voters are allowed to vote for three candidates – one for each open seat. Best case scenario, if you vote for the conservative and two others to use all your votes, you have voted FOR the conservative ONCE, but voted AGAINST the conservative TWICE. Hint: The conservative stands a better chance if you VOTE for the conservative ONCE and no one else in that race. Aren't we clever? :)

Also happening now: A couple years ago, Neenah school board was in a somewhat similar situation. Over the last couple years, we have had some success on the Neenah school board with several conservatives making it onto the board. This year, THREE new conservative candidates got through the primary in Neenah. See our voter guide on page 2. If they get on the board, the board will have FLIPPED to a conservative majority. You Neenah readers know what you must do.

And then, the work really starts in Neenah on the school board.

Click this link to see what is on your ballot
<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Whats-On-My-Ballot>

Feel free to share this with your friends and neighbors if you think it will encourage them to think, act and vote more conservatively than they might otherwise.

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