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A Message from Chairman, Buddy Bishop THE MONTH OF MAY WILL BE BUSY

I was all set to offer up an article on connecting Sun Tzu's "Art of War" to the past 100 years of American Politics. But it will have to wait while we look ahead to next month.

Now I know why they wanted me to be the Goochland Chair – While 2022 was a busy year of getting prepared, 2023 is a crazy year of elections and activity, and I'm a bit crazy... crazy enough to into step into it. Admittedly I was initially unaware! But here we go!

May 6th - the 10th Senate District Convention

I was drafted to be Ballot chair for this convention. We'll have up to three rounds of voting and everything is worked out and ready – now we just have to gather and decide on who be the Republican nominee for the 10th District State Senate seat in the November 7th general election. We'll meet at Buckingham High School. Parking could be tight at this convention, so if you're a delegate – please carpool.

I should add that if you sign up to be a delegate in the future, please always list your email and telephone number legibly so we can contact you with upcoming convention details.

10th SD



Duane Adams

Sandy Brindley

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John McGuire

May 20th - the 56th House District Convention

If you find that you like how the voting goes for the 10^{th} , you'll find the 56^{th} the same. It will be held at Cumberland High School, but otherwise we find the same essential rules, and the same "bat channel" Ballot Chair – me. Except this time, there will be as many as two rounds of voting since there are three candidates.



Kevin Bailey



Tom Garrett



Jennie Wood

I must conclude with appreciation for all that the volunteers and the obligatory committee members do. Admittedly, they are interested in getting the best advantage for the candidates they support, but realistically, the dynamics of convention planning, and implementation overrides everything. It must proceed no matter what and it must conclude with a clear candidate elected by the delegates. If you are a delegate, I would like to thank you for being the most important part of the upcoming conventions;

The ones who decide!

Who's Minding the Store?

A MESSAGE FROM JOHN D. MYERS

When Ronald Reagan was elected in 1980, we as Republicans felt our country was in good hands. Despite having a Democratic House of Representatives his entire eight years in office and a Democratic Senate for six of those eight years, he accomplished a lot on behalf of our citizens. The Speaker of the House at the time was Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neal, who was a highly partisan Democrat and who had no use for anything Republican. Even so, the Democratic party of 1981-1988 was far different from today's collection of Communist misfits.

While George H. W. Bush was not the great orator or conservative that was Reagan, he managed to move the country forward with a fully Democratic Congress from 1989 through 1992. Bush 41 had to deal with Iraq's invasion of oil-rich Kuwait, which resulted in a coalition of the U.S. with Great Britain and other allies to remove Saddam Hussein's forces from that occupied country in the first Gulf War. Again, with Bush in charge, we felt okay with our nation's leadership.

The Clinton administration of 1993-2000 started off pretty poorly for us as conservatives since early in his administration he attempted to push through a government sponsored healthcare system, known at the time as "Hillary Care", since the First Lady (is that an oxymoron?) was put in charge of the effort. Fortunately, in the 1994 mid-term elections, Republicans gained control of both houses of congress and ended that attempt at socialized medicine. Bending to pressure from the gay lobbyists, Clinton, a true draft dodger who never served a day in the military, decided to put the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy in place. In reality, he really only made official what had been unofficial for years. Other than that (and of course the Monica Lewinsky affair and the impeachment), the Clinton Administration was not nearly as bad as Democratic administrations that would come later. By the way, during Clinton's second term, the economy was booming. Credit to Clinton? No way! His term just happens to coincide with the internet revolution. A Baboon could have been president during that time and things would have gone well.

Then came George W. Bush, the 43rd President of the United States, son of Bush 41, elected in 2000. Eight months into his first term, our country was attacked by Arab terrorists who drove hijacked airplanes into both World Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon and a fourth plane intended for the Capital crashed in a Pennsylvania field. This led to our invasions of Afghanistan and a second war with Iraq. The remaining years of the Bush 43 administration was plagued by the two wars.

The years from Reagan through Bush 43 were not awful years for our country. Reacting to terrorist threats (keep in mind that Reagan had our military forces to invade the tropical island of Grenada to remove the Cubans and had to bomb Libya) was natural for Presidents in order to preserve our Republic.

Presidents do not do their jobs alone. The Executive branch of government is very large, and the President must appoint leaders of the various Departments and agencies. Reagan, Bush 41, Bush 43 and even Clinton to a certain degree, did appoint responsible, qualified people to help run our country. None were the America hating, Communist inspired, ill qualified, fecesfor-brains bunch now occupying the positions of responsibility that affect our country and our lives.

Let's start at the top.



The Commode-in-Chief (not a misspelling). Joseph R. Biden

Joe is a career politician. He was elected to public office shortly after law school, so he has no experience whatsoever outside of government. He has never had a job that was not paid from taxpayer dollars. Like the other Commie President under which he served as Vice President, prior to being elected to the highest office in the land, he had never run as much as a lemonade stand. That's right — no executive experience whatsoever (no, being a U.S. Senator or a Vice President is not having an executive position). As I have said many times before, I have no formal training in the behavioral sciences, but it would take a blind person not to recognize that Joe Biden is not mentally competent enough to be as much as a dog walker. The guy cannot get through a sentence without a gaff or outright lie. Want proof? Just watch his interviews on TV. Put this guy's brain in a Jay bird and it will fly backward.

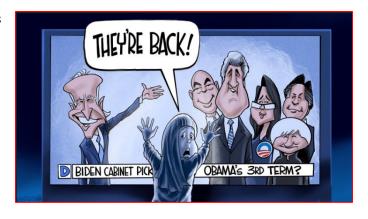
Vice President - Kamala Harris

Yet another person in charge of our welfare who has drank from the public trough her entire career. She began working in the Alameda County CA District Attorney's office, moved up to the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and then elected San Francisco District Attorney in 2010. Became a skank (see John's soon-to-be written glossary of terms) for then-San

Francisco Mayor Willie Brown who was married (neither denies the affair). Harris was elected to the U.S. Senate from California in 2016. Can you think of anything positive and significant she did in the Senate? Neither can I. This woman does not have enough smarts to pour pee out of a boot with instructions printed on the bottom of the heel.

Secretary of State - Anthony Blinken

Blinken Served in various positions during the Clinton and Obama administrations as Deputy National Security Advisor, and National Security Advisor. He helped craft U.S. policy on Afghanistan, Iraq and the nuclear policy of Iran. How did those things work out for us?



Attorney General - Merrick Garland

Garland is a Harvard Law School graduate. I think we are awash in these guys. He served on the U.S. Court of Appeals. He was nominated by Barack Obama to fill the seat on the Supreme Court after Ruth Traitor (oops, I meant Bader) Ginsburg passed away. Garland was not nominated because of his commitment to the U.S. Constitution. He was nominated for the same reason all Democratic President presidents nominate S.C. Justices – to do the bidding of the Democratic Party. The only thing I can say good about then Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) was that he would not consider moving forward with any possibility of confirmation.

Secretary of the Treasury - Janet Yellen

While Mrs. Yellen has good experience, such as being a former Chair of the Federal Reserve and head of the Council of Economic Advisors, she has shown poor judgment in her efforts manage money supply and to curb inflation.

Secretary of Defense - Lloyd Austin

Austin is a retired four-star General in the U.S. Army. As Defense Secretary, he has only worsened the woke agenda that now permeates our military. Several thousand soldiers, sailors and marines were forced out of service simply for not wanting to take the COVID-19 vaccine. While I was given certain vaccines when I was in the Navy, all were well proven by the time not to have serious medical consequences. I respect everyone's decision on whether or not to take the COVID-19 vaccine, but it should not be a condition for employment, especially in the military. The COVID vaccine did not go through the rigorous series of clinical trials required of other drugs. Austin should have stood up for his servicemen. He is just another stooge for the Democratic Party.

Secretary of Transportation - Pete Buttigieg

Buttigieg is a former mayor of South Bend, IN. He was unknown on the national scene until 2019 when he announced he was ready to be the President of the United States. A former Naval Officer, who cohabitates with another male, he went on maternity leave soon after having been appointed by Biden as Secretary of Transportation (see, the Dems are correct, it seems men really can have babies). Shouldn't the person who is in charge of our nation's complex transportation system have some knowledge and experience in that area? Well, no if you are a Democrat. Pete Buttigieg is absolutely not qualified for this position. So where is his expertise in transportation? I know. I think that he has probably been on a bus, train, airplane, or automobile at some time in his life. That makes him as qualified as perhaps, 99% of all Americans. Back when gasoline prices had climbed upward of \$4 per gallon in 2021, Buttigieg's answer was that we should all buy electric cars. I'll hold discussion on that topic for another time.

Secretary of Energy - Jennifer Granholm

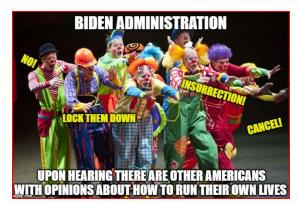
Granholm is a former two-term governor of Michigan, a CNN political commentator and a talk show host. She is also a Harvard Law School graduate (see, I told you they are as abundant as weeds). So what is her expertise in energy? About equal to that of Hunter Biden.

Secretary of Labor - Marty Walsh

Walsh is a former mayor of Boston and Union Boss. Isn't this sort of like having the fox guard the hen house? Think he can tell us where Jimmy Hoffa is?

Secretary of Health and Human Services - Xavier Becerra

A former California attorney general and congressman, is a far-left zealot who has no medical training, staunch supporter of abortion rights and advocate for "Medicare for all". Enough said!



Secretary of Housing and Urban Development - Marcia Fudge

She is a former member of Congress from Ohio, and lobbied for this position. She served on the Committee on House Administration and the Agriculture and Labor committees, none of which are related to what the HUD Department supposedly does.

Secretary of Education - Miguel Cardona

At least this guy did once did something related to education. He was once an elementary school teacher and principal and Connecticut's education secretary. He was backed by the unions and Latino activists.

Secretary of the Interior - Deb Haaland

Haaland is a former member of congress from New Mexico. She was an activist against the Dakota Access Pipeline, supports Biden's moratorium on drilling for oil and gas on federal lands, and want to force green energy policies. Sound like a friend of ours?

Secretary of Agriculture – Tom Vilsack

This former governor of lowa at least has some knowledge of farming. However, he wants to push climate friendly agricultural practices. Has climate friendly anything been successful?

Secretary of Commerce - Gina Raimondo

Ms. Raimondo is yet another Harvard (and Yale) Law School graduate. She was the first female governor of Rhode Island and did have a business background. As the state's former treasurer, she reduced pension benefits of public employees, supposedly to save a troubled pension plan. She supported Michael Bloomberg during the Democratic Primary process but switched her support to Biden after Bloomberg dropped out.

Secretary of Veteran Affairs - Denis McDonough

A non-veteran is running the Department of Veteran Affairs. Enough said!

Secretary of Homeland Security - Alejandro Mayorkas

If you have been paying attention to what is going on at our Southern and Northern borders, this man's background is totally irrelevant. He is the most incompetent person on this team of scum bags.

Now if you had the choices to make for the President's Cabinet, it is unlikely that you would have selected any of these people. Most of them are ill qualified for their jobs, and the others are barely qualified. But qualifications were not at the top of Biden's priority list. His guilt from his past racially discriminatory actions guided his choices. Not because he all of a sudden became compassionate about minorities, but for his image. Biden's choice for his Vice President was Kamala Harris, a (partially) black woman. His cabinet includes one black male, one black female, one Native American, one Mexican, a Puerto Rican, a gay white guy and a few white men and women. Did he forget a Muslim? The EPA administrator is Black, the Director of the OMB Director is black, and the Director of National Intelligence is a woman. If you don't believe Biden is trying to rid himself of guilt, consider his first (and I pray his last) Supreme Court nominee. Bypassing any attempts to

determine the best person, he decided up front that it would be a black woman. So we got Katanji Brown Jackson, another liberal in the spirit of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Jackson, in her Supreme Court interview, when asked to define a female, responded with "I am not a biologist." The Senator interviewing her at the time should have asked. "Do you have children?" She would have responded "yes." Then he should have asked "Did you consult a biologist to determine if you or your husband should carry the children inside your body for nine months?" Lost opportunity (I should have volunteered to be the interviewer). And as for Biden's current Press Secretary, he scored a "woke" and affirmative action trifecta. Karine Jean-Pierre is black, female, and gay. Oh, and stupid!



So, who among these people do you trust to make good decisions on behalf of our country and our citizens? Who among then would you have selected to serve on the President's cabinet? Who has accomplished anything positive for our country? Who's minding the store?

John D. Myers Proud to be a commonsense conservative.

2023 Goochland Primary Season Updates

The mass meeting originally planned for May 12th has been cancelled

The people named below have been nominated as Republicans or Endorsed by the Republican Party as local Goochland candidates in the 2023 general election on November 7th, 2023.



Board of Supervisors Republican Nominees

District 1 - Jonathan Christy
District 2 - Neil Spoonhower

District 3 - Tom Winfree

District 4 - Charlie Vaughters

Board of Supervisors Republican Endorsed

District 5 – Jonathan Lyle

Constitutional Officers Republican Nominee

Goochland Treasurer - Pam Duncan

School Board Republican Endorsed

District I - Meredith Moses

District 2 - Karen Wirsing

District 3 - Angela Allen

District 5 - Ellen Robinson

Constitutional Officers Republican Endorsed

Goochland Sheriff - Steven Creasey

Goochland Clerk of Court - Amanda Adams

Goochland Commonwealth's Attorney - John Lumpkins

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 6th is the date for the 10th Senate district convention. Registration has concluded. If you're a delegate to the May 6th 10th Senate District Convention, make every effort to attend. Your candidate needs you!
- May 20th is the date for <u>the 56th Legislative District Convention</u>. Registration has concluded.
 If you're a delegate to the May 20th 56th Legislative District Convention, make every effort to attend. Your candidate needs you!
- June 17 is the date for **the 3**rd **annual GCRC Grand Ol' Picnic** at Rassawek Vineyard Be on the lookout for ticket information and event features. This has been our best fundraising event and really helps us help our candidates with their campaign expenses. It is open to anyone, not only GCRC members. So feel free to invite your friends and families!
- If anyone wants to volunteer to help out with any of the above, please email EC@goochland.gop

REMEMBER TO BE CURRENT WITH YOUR GCRC MEMBERSHIP DUES!

- The GCRC now has the largest membership in recent memory Your membership is encouraged.
- GCRC membership lasts two years. 2nd year membership dues are now due!

Click here to remit payment if this applies to you.

Hint – if you became a member in 2022 or early 2023, the link above applies to you.

Events Calendar Highlights

Always check for updates and additions on our website! https://goochland.gop/events/

May 2 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Goochland Board of Supervisors Meeting

1800 Sandy Hook Road

May 4 @ 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Goochland Planning and Commission Meeting

1800 Sandy Hook Road

May 6 @ 10:30 am - 5:00 pm 10th Senate District Convention

Buckingham County High School 78 Knights Road, Buckingham, VA, United States

May 8 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Goochland County Electoral Board Meeting

Goochland Office of the General Registrar 1876 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, VA, United States

May 9 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Goochland County School Board Meeting

Goochland County Administration Building - Room 250 1800 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, VA, United States

May 17 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Goochland Economic Development Authority Meeting

1800 Sandy Hook Road

May 17 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Goochland County Republican Committee Meeting

Goochland County Administration Building Room 250 1800 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, VA, United States Cancelled to focus on Conventions.

May 20 @ 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm 56th House Legislative District Convention

Cumberland High School 15 School Road, Cumberland, VA, United States

June 1 @ 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Goochland Planning Commission Meeting

1800 Sandy Hook Road

June 6 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Goochland Board of Supervisors Meeting

1800 Sandy Hook Road

June 12 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Goochland County Electoral Board Meeting

Goochland Office of the General Registrar 1876 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, VA, United States

June 13 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Goochland County School Board Meeting

Goochland County Administration Building - Room 250 1800 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, VA, United States

June 17 Grand Old Picnic! Save the Date! More Details to Follow!

June 20 @ 5:00 am - 7:00 pm Primary Election Day

June 21 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Canvass of Results - Primary Election

Goochland Office of the General Registrar 1876 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, VA, United States 9:00 AM Canvas of Results 12:00 PM Final Canvass of Results with provisional and late ballots

June 21 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Goochland Economic Development Authority Meeting 1800 Sandy Hook Road

June 21 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Goochland County Republican Committee Meeting

Goochland County Administration Building - Room 250 1800 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, VA, United States Cancelled to focus on the Grand Old Picnic!

June 24 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 5th Congressional District Business Meeting

Charley's Waterfront Cafe in Farmville 201 Mill St, Farmville, VA 23901, Farmville, VA, United States

Climate Hysteria – Robin Williams

REPUBLICANS BEWARE - CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES ARE KILLING US

In surveys of the public, the issue of climate change generally ranks very low with Republicans. I like to think this is, in part, because Republicans have enough sense to recognize the absurdity of the apocalyptic claims by the purveyors of climate change hysteria. The world is not going to explode in one giant conflagration if we don't achieve "net zero" by 2050.

Which is a good thing, because achieving net zero by 2050 in not possible, given the cost, not to mention the technological infeasibility.

But Republicans cannot afford to ignore the issue of climate change. Even if you believe that (I) the climate is not changing, (2) the climate is changing but human activity has nothing to do with it, or (3) the climate is changing and no amount of human behavior can alter it, climate change is one of the most powerful political issues of our time. —Not because of actual impacts of global warming, but because of the power it gives government officials. Just as mayors and governors and presidents did during the pandemic emergency, officials are using the climate "emergency" to impose expensive, intrusive burdens on the American people.



The policies being enacted in the name of stopping climate change are already fundamentally changing the American economy and way of life without achieving the announced goal. The Biden administration has demanded that all 2.1 million

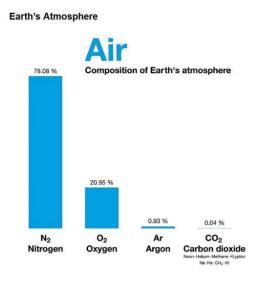
federal employees make "green" the determining factor in everything they do. It is worth reading the President's Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad to see just how all-encompassing the administration's green policies are. As the title suggests, the administration is applying its climate agenda to every corner of its authority, domestically and internationally. https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/27/executive-order-on-tackling-the-climate-crisis-at-home-and-abroad/

From NASA to the Pentagon to the NIH to the Labor Department, every policy, every action is now viewed through the prism of climate change. From banning gas stoves to regulating cattle flatulence, agencies are imposing expensive and unpopular regulatory burdens on private business and citizens. Add to that the myriad efforts to end fossil fuel production—even without a viable replacement—and you have energy costs going up, affecting every product and service in your life. The subsidies on wind and solar alone are creating burdensome expenses on homes and businesses while raising the specter of rolling blackouts and grid failures of the kind associated with third-world countries.

The frustrating thing about all these expensive government actions is that the cost-benefit ratio is totally out of whack. For example, if the global plan for forcing people into EVs were met, the CO2 savings, applied to the UN's Climate Panel model, would provide a reduction of 0.0002 degree Fahrenheit by 2100. Yet the cost would be many trillions of dollars every year. Meanwhile, building enough wind and solar farms to power New York City would require an area the size of Connecticut. (A nuclear power plant takes about one square mile.)

The increase in global warming has real consequences, but they do not form an immediate existential risk. Human ingenuity has marked the survival of the human race for thousands of years. Innovation in technology and adaption to change will continue to serve us well, if we let them. Instead of pouring trillions down the wind and solar rathole, we

should use our cheap energy sources to keep the economy strong enough to fund the development of next-generation power technology. There are lots of promising ideas in the pipeline.



Republicans can't afford to simply laugh at the ridiculous claims of the climate activists, nor can we dismiss the reality that the climate is changing (whether in a natural cycle or due to human activity). The stakes, in terms of the damaging policies being enacted, are too high.

I have often found that persuading a skeptic begins by saying, "You're right." We need to tell the climate activists, "You're right. The climate is changing. BUT we think there is a better path to decarbonization."

Use what we've got now—cheap, reliable fossil fuels—to keep our economy strong and put money and effort into technology and adaptation.

Hello Goochland Democrats!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR NEWSLETTER

There was an inquiry about the percentage vote increase for Dems since the change in the absentee ballot policy.

Pre-covid-19 and before the changes for mail-in absentee ballots, the last presidential election was 2016. Goochland population was 22,665 and the number of ballots cast for the democrat candidate was 4,889. As a percentage of the population this is 21.57%. In 2020 the population was 24,431 and the number of ballots cast for the democrat candidate was 6,685, which is 27.36% of the population. So a 5.79 delta, which is an increase of 26.84% when measuring the actual ballots cast as a percentage of the population.

In the same analysis for the same race, ballots cast for the republican candidate as a percentage of population was 36.86% of the population in 2016 and 40.79% in 2020. This being a 3.93 delta, an increase of 10% from 2016 to 2020.

Most recent election results show that the trend for Dems mail-in absentee votes is exactly opposite of the rest of the voting results. For example, in the 2022 Election for our Congressman, the overall percentages were 63% R and 37% D. Within that, for the absentee mail-ins the percentages were opposite; 67% D and 33% R.

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Similarly, in our latest gubernatorial election, in Goochland overall, the final results were 66.87% R and 33.74 D. The mail-in ballots were 35.11% R and 64.26% D, almost the exact inverse.

Absentee mail-in ballots have benefited Democrats in Goochland in the sense that they have taken maximum advantage of the opportunity. Stating this fact is not a slight, but a compliment. Democrats in Goochland have clearly done a better job of using mail-in ballots to get their voters on the record. This should be an incentive for Republicans to make sure out GOTV efforts include taking maximum advantage of this opportunity.

See the chart from VPAP on the next page.

Goochland County

14 of 14 precincts reporting 0 estimated early votes outstanding

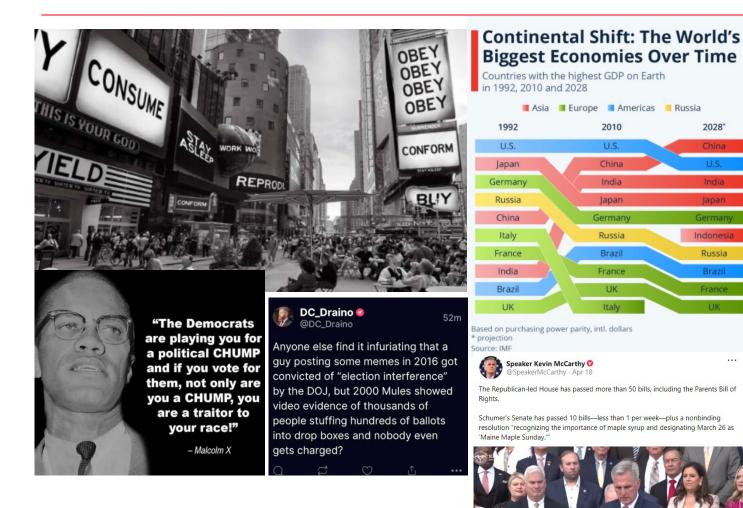
| Blanding | 52 | 0.36% |
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| McAuliffe McAuliffe | 4,910 | 33.74% |
| Youngkin | 9,585 | 65.87% |

▲ Precincts

Early Voting (In-person) ✓



| McAuliffe | 604 | 64.26% |
|-----------|-----|--------|
| Youngkin | 330 | 35.11% |
| Blanding | 6 | 0.64% |



Congressman Bob Good's Recent Social Media Posts



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