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Understanding the real problem with the School Board

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Understanding the heart of an issue requires a considered look past surface impressions. This is true for our local school board's recent predicament with how they manage student bathrooms. Historically, school systems have grappled with various challenges, from negotiating student lifestyles and social trends to confronting contemporary issues like bullying and dress codes. These instances and varied others are not novel, they have punctuated every era of American youth and demanded tailored administrative responses as time went on.

However, the crux of the issue at hand lies not in these tangible Social and cultural challenges, but in the board's approach towards communication with parents and community members. The crux of the matter lies in transparency, or the lack thereof.

As many in Goochland know, this issue came into stark relief when Angela Allen posed a simple, yet poignant question on Facebook: "Is this our communities' expectation?". She was referring to a controversial issue of male and female students going into each other's bathrooms. This is a new social and emerging cultural challenge and is not a point or position I'm interested in making here. The subsequent censure of Angela raised eyebrows and perhaps communicated a message the board hadn't intended. This wasn't a critique solely targeted at Angela. I suggest it includes the parents who were unhappy with the mismatch between the board's declared and actual approaches.

The matter, at its core, revolves around open dialogue and honesty. Branding the expression of legitimate safety concerns as complacency with serious issues such as violence, hate, racism, and transphobia isn't a productive response. Instead, it suggests a calculated shift of blame. Similarly,

failing to inform ahead of time both Angela and the new interim superintendent about the censure, only to subtly introduce it during the New Business section of the agenda after most of the meetings attendees had departed, reflects a deliberate lack of transparency.

The criticism should not be directed solely at Angela Allen for allegedly tarnishing the board's reputation. It seems more fitting to consider how the board's actions might have impacted on its own standing while trying to undermine hers. It is not my intention to besmirch the school board, yet it seems clear that their reputation has taken a hit.

Reflecting on the past, the case-by-case approach seemed fine to some at first. However, a more discerning view now suggests that such an approach may pave the way for undesirable incidents. The best way to regain public confidence is by establishing a comprehensive policy with significant input from local parents, rather than solely relying on the "edu-speak" and "wisdom" of the Department of Education.

Governor Youngkin's election win of the Governor's mansion stands as a pertinent example. His victory can be attributed to a resounding call from parents who felt marginalized by former Governor McAuliffe's implication that they shouldn't have a say in the curriculum taught to their children. This mobilized an otherwise likely passive electorate, and I expect we will participate and witness a similar trend this Fall, where the majority of the voters have every incentive to replace up to 80% of the school board in the upcoming November election.

In conclusion, the school board's approach to recent issues has sparked a call for change, a call for transparency. Though a resolution addressing these concerns wasn't passed by the board, in fact the resolution of censure they passed did the opposite, A positive resolution in support of Angela Allen was taken up by the Goochland County Republican Committee in their May business meeting and passed unanimously. As we move forward, it is my hope and intention that with Angela being joined by Karen Wirsing D2, Ellen Robinson D5, Meredith Moses D1, and Michelle Maxwell D4, we can collectively rebuild and re-establish a transparent, accountable school board that values and respects all the voices of its community.

Following on the next page is the full text of the Resolution passed by the GCRC on May 19th.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ANGELA S. ALLEN, DISTRICT 2

The Goochland County Republican Committee, in its capacity as an advocate for transparent governance, principled leadership, and the free exchange of ideas (hereinafter referred to as 'the GCRC'), recognizes and values the role of the Goochland County School Board (hereinafter referred to as 'the Board') in shaping the future of our community's youth.

WHEREAS, Angela S. Allen, the current District 2 School Board Member, has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to administrative excellence and transparent public communication, faithfully serving the parents, taxpayers, and students of Goochland County,

**I Support
Angela**

WHEREAS, Angela S. Allen, has worked tirelessly to ensure that every stakeholder is privy to necessary information about the operations and policies of the schools, fostering a culture of transparency and accountability,

WHEREAS, Angela S. Allen, has shown utmost dedication to the safety, privacy, and overall well-being of the students, placing their interests at the forefront of her service,

WHEREAS, Angela S. Allen, has shown the courage to question and challenge the status quo when necessary, embodying the spirit of a responsible leader and public servant,

WHEREAS, Angela S. Allen, in her commitment to public service, seeks to engage the community in a necessary conversation concerning school practices,

WHEREAS, this resolution, rather than being seen as an attempt to impugn the reputation of the Board, should be viewed as a call for clarity, transparency, and community engagement,

THEREFORE, let it be known that the GCRC stands in full support of Angela S. Allen, recognizing her dedication, commitment, and service to the Goochland County School Board and the community at large. We assert our confidence in her leadership and applaud her for her fearless commitment to transparency, accountability, and the well-being of our students.



When: June 17, 2023, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Where: Rassawek - 6276 River Road West
Columbia, Virginia 23038
Tickets and more info: <https://goochland.gop>

The 3rd Annual Grand old Picnic is on!
Get tickets here - <https://goochland.gop/the-3rd-annual-grand-old-picnic-tickets/>

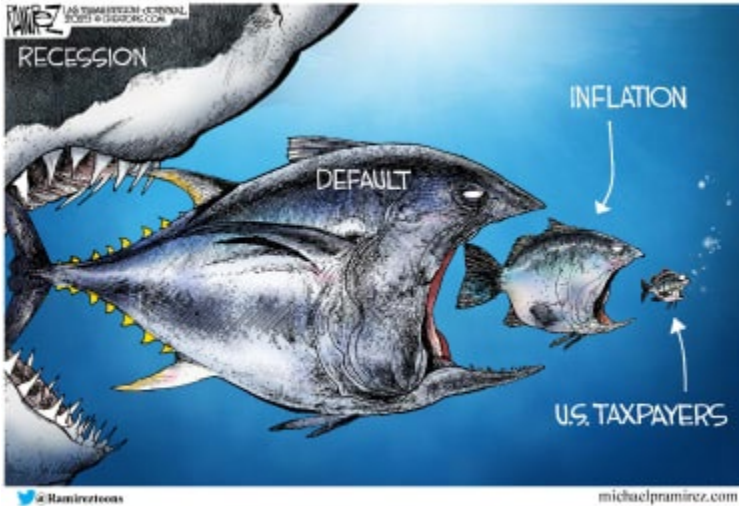
This old fashioned family oriented country picnic features:

- Nominated /Endorsed Local Candidates.
- Nominated, and Elected State and Congressional Officials
- BQ from **Smok-N-Pigz** as part of the ticket price
- Live Music by **“Whiskey Bizness”**
- Special GCRC Raffle
- A new feature called the **“Wine Pull”**
- Relaxed fellowship with Republican friends and neighbors from Goochland and beyond
- Custom Homemade pies available from The Goochland Republican Women

Insanity on Display

JOHN MYERS

Over the weekend the president and the Congress supposedly reached an agreement on raising the debt ceiling from its current 31.4 trillion dollars. How much they will raise it, and for how long to me at this point is irrelevant. The fact that our citizens will still be paying for the deadbeat debtors who don't want to repay their student loans is now small potatoes. I am not going to take time explaining all, or even some of the provisions of this monstrosity. That is not important at this time.



The amount of money for which our federal government has gone in hock is almost unbelievable. I have explained how much money one trillion dollars is in previous articles. But let's look at it another way. The interest on the national debt in 2023 will be \$663 billion. It is expected to be \$745 billion in 2024 and \$1.4 trillion by 2033. The projected interest over the next ten years will be \$10.6 trillion. These estimates almost always end up being on the low side. For a true perspective of this massive debt, we owe over \$95 thousand for every person in the U.S. or almost \$250 thousand for every taxpayer. And this does not include our government's unfounded liabilities. Are you ready to fork over a quarter of a million dollars to pay your share? By the way, the national debt may increase an additional \$4 trillion in eighteen months.

Let me make this unequivocally clear. America has extremely hard times facing us in our future. Our continued excessive spending, the many entitlements, the fraud, waste, and abuse is unsustainable. Many in Congress know this. The others are simply immune to facts. If we had a president who could actually put together a meaningful thought, he would also know. None of them want the feces to hit the fan while they are in office. They plan to be collecting their pensions at your expense while sipping exotic drinks on their private beaches when it does. So, they simply keep raising the debt ceiling until they are out of office. They do not have the guts to face this crisis themselves, so they do what they do for all tough problems, they kick the can down the road so it will be someone else's problem. This is not just stupidity; this is true insanity.

The size of the federal government is unbelievable. They have at least three times more people employed than would be required to conduct all of its many functions. It is bloated, incompetent, self-serving and perhaps even corrupt. There is no easy way out of this crisis. When the economy collapses, all the politicians will be pointing their fingers elsewhere. There will be unemployment like never before, hunger, homelessness, desperation, and despair. The misery of today will have us thinking that these were the good old days.

I simply don't see an alternative to this forecast of gloom and doom. I really cannot say it's all the Democrats fault, because during the times Republicans controlled the White House and both houses on Capitol Hill, the problem was not addressed.

I have no clue when this will all become a reality. My hope is that in ten years, if I am still alive, people will be saying "That Myers guy is an idiot. Remember back in 2023 when he predicted the country would be insolvent." That indeed would be a good day.

John D. Myers,

Not optimistic about our country with the current morons running it.
Doesn't this make you feel great?

A report on two conventions

The Senate 10th and the House 56th District conventions are now behind us.

To those who volunteered and those who registered and voted, they probably seemed as long as any other convention they may have attended in the past. But somehow something was different. Also, somehow something ever present in past conventions was missing. In fact, it was so obviously missing it's a bit unnerving.

What happened to the complaints? Oh, granted there likely were some. And granted again, they were likely warranted.

The folks that represented the effort for Goochland; Buddy Bishop holding the Chair for Ballotting and Susan Lascolette who worked on the Credentials Committee for the 10th and chaired the same effort in the 56th had one intention beyond doing the best job they could: Make the experience with the delegates in mind first.

But, this is a Goochland Newsletter, so we'll focus on the volunteers from our County. The members of our committee like Meredith Moses, Terry and Constance Arnette, Debbie Griffith, Robin Williams, Sheila McGovern who helped made it work and flow accuately. There were many dozens from all over who helped out and did tremendous work. For the purposes of this brief article, we focus on one Goochland Committee member who stood way out: **Rick Grizzell**.

Rick took the intuitive initiative to suggest, act and accomplish things that were critical and unforeseen. His role was "Assistant" and "Runner" for the Balloting committee. Time and time again in both conventions, Rick was at the ready and made it work. If you were one who had no complaints about the balloting process, we recognize him the best and main reason why!

Senate 10th

Adams	Brindley	Dyer	McGuire
26%	2%	10%	61%

House 56th

Baily round 1	Garrett round 1	Wood round 1
39.03%	36.60%	24.37%
Bailey round 2		Garrett round 2
41.60%		58.58%



Bob Good Working for Us in DC

HOUSE PASSES REP. GOOD'S RESOLUTION TO STOP PRESIDENT BIDEN'S STUDENT LOAN TRANSFER SCHEME



The House voted to pass Congressman Bob Good's (VA-05) Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution to overturn President Biden's unlawful student loan transfer scheme by a vote of 218 to 203.

"President Biden's student loan transfer scheme shifts hundreds of billions of dollars of payments from student loan borrowers onto the backs of the American people," **said Good**. "I am proud to lead the fight against President Biden's reckless, unilateral, and unauthorized action that would unfairly penalize those who worked hard to pay off their loans or who never took them out in the first place. I am pleased that my Republican colleagues overwhelmingly supported my legislation on the House Floor."

VIRGINIA REP. BOB GOOD AMONG REPUBLICANS NOT SUPPORTING DEBT DEAL



HOUSE SPEAKER KEVIN MCCARTHY IS TRYING TO SELL THE DEBT LIMIT DEAL TO HIS CONFERENCE, BUT REP. BOB GOOD ISN'T BUYING. THE VIRGINIA REPUBLICAN SAYS THE AGREEMENT STRUCK WITH THE WHITE HOUSE KEEPS SPENDING FLAT, AS OPPOSED TO THE CUTS GOOD'S FREEDOM CAUCUS SOUGHT. "NO REPUBLICAN SHOULD SUPPORT IT," GOOD SAID.

John Lumpkins Speaks at the Memorial Day Celebration in Goochland

Memorial Day in a small town like Goochland is a special occasion.

This year, 2023, it was a bit rainy as it sometimes is on Memorial Day in Goochland County. It was a surprise and pleasure to see and hear our GCRC committee member and Republican Endorsed candidate for Commonwealth Attorney John Lumpkins address those gathered. As he commented: "May we live our lives in such a way as to be worthy of their sacrifice"

You can watch an edited review of the day and the speech on the GCRC YouTube Channel:

Goochland Court House
May 29th, 2023
Memorial Day Address
by John Lumpkins

<https://youtu.be/IX9IcDUENgQ>

Events Calendar Highlights

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

Thursday, June 1 @ 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm

[Goochland Planning Commission Meeting](#)

1800 Sandy Hook Road

Tuesday, June 6 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

[Goochland Board of Supervisors Meeting](#)

1800 Sandy Hook Road

Monday, 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

Monday, June 12 @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

[Goochland County Board of Supervisors Planning Commission Joint Session](#)

1800 Sandy Hook Road

Tuesday, 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

Thursday, June 15 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

[Goochland County Board of Supervisors Courthouse Village Plan](#)

1800 Sandy Hook Road

Saturday, June 17 @ 11:00 am – 3:00 pm [Grand Old Picnic!](#)

Hilltop Barn - Rassawek Vineyard 6276 River Road West, Columbia, VA, United States

The purpose is to raise awareness and funds for all our local Republican candidates who have stepped up to carry the conservative banner in Goochland County for the next four years.

Tuesday, June 20 @ 5:00 am - 7:00 pm [Primary Election Day](#)
Goochland Districts 402, 501, and 502

Wednesday, 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 Canvass of Results 12:00 PM Final Canvass of Results with provisional and late ballots

Wednesday, June 21 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

[Goochland Economic Development Authority Meeting](#)

1800 Sandy Hook Road

Wednesday, 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

Saturday, 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

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