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If you thought 2023 was rough, look at 2024!

GCRC CHAIR BUDDY BISHOP

2023 election night results were Stupendous in Goochland!

It didn't go as well as it should have in Virginia. For some reason, turnout among Virginia Republicans wasn't as good as it needed to be. We didn't **keep the House and flip the Senate**. We lost both. That means that early voting insanity is going to stay insane.

Goochland Republicans are looking at six elections in 2024.

The March 5th Presidential Primary.

Early in person voting starts January 19th.

A Mass meeting in Goochland

The GCRC will be reconstituted, and a committee chairman will be elected. Delegates to the 5th district convention will be elected.

The Mass Meeting is to occur sometime between February 1st and April 1st However, it can't be scheduled until the 5th CD issues their call.

5th Congressional District Convention - date to be determined.

Virginia State Convention to occur May 31st to June 2nd

RPV chairman is elected National Committee Man and National Committee Woman

A June 18th primary for US Senate

Early in person voting starts May 3rd.

Finally, the November 5th general election

Early in person voting starts September 20th.



Patriots Voice Newsletter Reboot

NEWSLETTER STAFF REPORTER

With all the stuff we're facing for work and activity in 2024, the Patriots Voice Newsletter is up for revision. Instead of Monthly, we will be moving it to a quarterly edition. It will be more news oriented and less opinion. Our targeted publishing dates are March, June, September, and December.

Goochland Revolution 2.0 Election Results Part I

NEWSLETTER STAFF REPORTER

Contested Races

Commonwealth's Attorney

John L. Lumpkins	6787	54.68%
David M. "Mike" Caudill	5587	45.01%
Write-In	38	0.31%

D1 School Board

Lucy Meredith Moses	1134	58.67%
Sandra P. Barefoot Reid	788	40.77%
Write-In	11	0.57%

D2 School Board

K. M. Wirsing	1048	52.80%
Karen Horn	924	46.55%
Write-In	13	0.65%

D3 School Board

Angela Small Allen	1266	58.91%
J. Adam Alford	877	40.81%
Write-In	6	0.26%

D4 School Board

Michelle Faith Maxwell	1699	58.43%
Stephanie A. W. Maynard	1197	41.16%
Write-In	12	0.41%

D1 Board of Supervisor

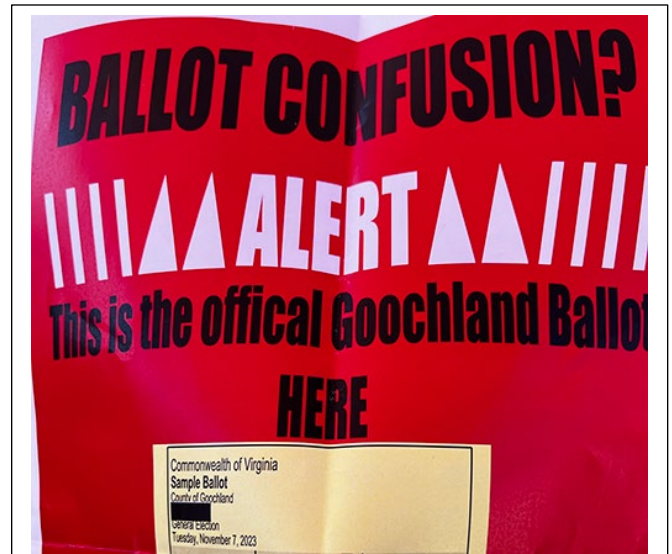
Jonathan Christy	1263	66.54%
Elisha A. Kiser	623	32.82%
Write-In	12	0.63%

D4 Board of Supervisor

Charlie B. Vaughters	1696	56.14%
Steven William Schawaroch	1315	43.53%
Write-In	10	0.33%

House of Delegates 57th District

David L. Owen	3802	65.96%
Susanna S. Gibson	1945	33.74%
Write-In	17	0.29%



A very definitive set of races,
It's why we say:
“We Won – Everything”

The commonwealth's attorney race was the bell-weather. Or so we thought. Our concern was that people who turned out to vote for John Lumpkins opponent would not be voting for our School Board and Board of Supervisors candidates.

In retrospect it appears that each candidate sincerely engaged Republican voters in their own right.

The potential confusion of who is and who isn't a conservative Republican simply didn't work overall in Goochland.

Think “Official” vs “Offical”

Goochland Revolution 2.0 Election Results Part II

NEWSLETTER STAFF REPORTER

Uncontested Races

D5 School Board

M. Ellen Robinson	2646	94.23%
Write-In	162	5.77%

Sheriff

Steven Ned Creasey	10594	92.19%
Write-In	897	7.81%

Clerk of Court

Amanda Sullivan Adams	10224	91.73%
Write-In	922	8.27%

Treasurer

Pamela E. Duncan	10388	95.75%
Write-In	461	4.25%

D2 Board of Supervisor

Neil G. Spoonhower	1608	92.31%
Write-In	134	7.69%

D3 Board of Supervisor

Thomas William Winfree	1674	89.81%
Write-In	190	10.19%

House of Delegates 56th District

Thomas A. "Tom" Garrett, Jr.	5341	87.72%
Write-In	748	12.28%

Senate District 10

John J. McGuire III	9731	87.22%
Write-In	1426	12.78%



Note: The totals shown in part I and part II are Goochland County only votes.

The interesting component of uncontested races is simply the sheer number of them in Goochland County that were endorsed or nominated by the GCRC.

Typically elected republicans who are doing their job aren't worth the contest it seems.

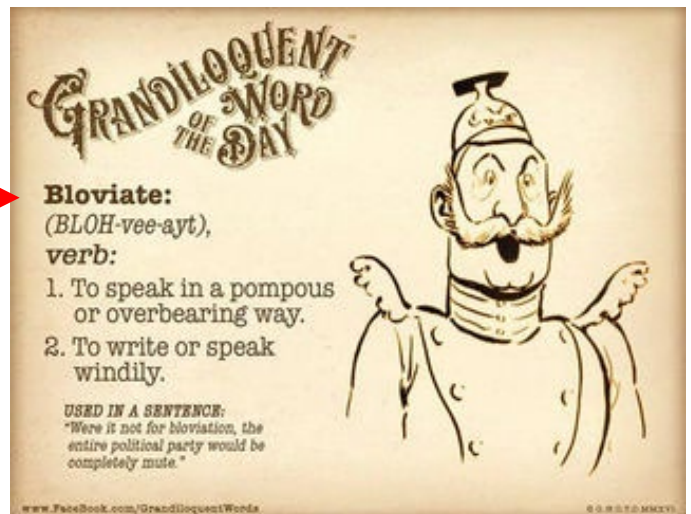
WAY TO GO Steven, Neil, Amanda, and Pam !!

Welcome to the winners circle for Ellen Robinson and Tom Winfree !!

Write-ins are an interesting component to this story. They typically represent a protest stance of some sort. In larger percentages for a known candidate, they indicate an emerging voter disillusion.

Look who won in this write-in category! Tea Leaves??!!

Hint the # is 12.78 % in Goochland alone.



No Confidence Resolution for John McGuire

THE SHARK HAS BEEN JUMPED AND WE ALL CLEARLY SEE IT

“Nobody works harder than John McGuire”

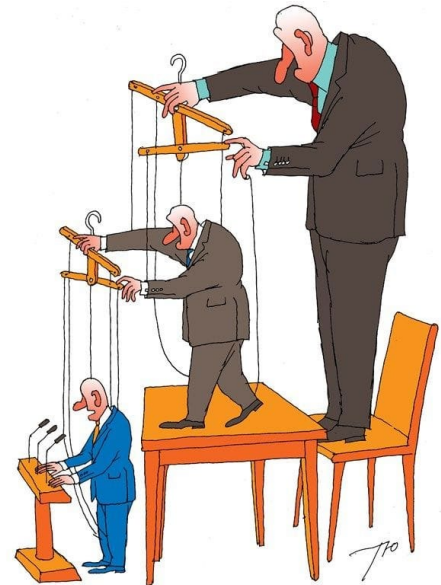
We’ve all heard it said for some time now.

Now his handlers and consultants are using his hard work ability to try to take down one of the rarest true conservatives in the entire country. Our own Bob Good, one of the Great Eight of America. The projection rhetoric being tossed about like so many slimy cookies is almost stunning.

John wants us to think Bob is a RINO! HA! Well, Puppet Master McCarthy is the RINO and McGuire is dancing under those strings. It’s become as laughable and embarrassing as are his 2nd grade level and unchanging “speeches”.

Our election night celebration in Goochland was an event of two things:
#1 The jubilation of winning everything and;
#2 the incredulous irritation and outright organic anger from Goochland voters at McGuire’s pending broken promise to fulfill his uncontested Senate term.

The day he announced for the 5th District Congressional seat, the Goochland County Republican Committee responded with this:



No Confidence Resolution regarding John McGuire Approved November 15, 2023

Whereas John McGuire has announced his intention to run for the 5th District Congressional seat and has not yet been seated as a State Senator;

Whereas John McGuire was elected to serve as Virginia State Senate District 10 with the promise to fulfill his term;

Whereas it has become evident that John McGuire’s convention race was characterized by his personal ambitions and not by a desire to improve the welfare of the people he was elected to represent;

Whereas John McGuire has failed to honor his commitment and has broken his promise, thereby undermining the trust placed in him by the electorate;

Whereas the candidates who ran against John McGuire in the convention race were all viable and capable individuals, demonstrating that there were alternative choices for the constituents;

Whereas the electorate has been misled and betrayed, as it is now apparent that John McGuire’s intentions were primarily self-serving rather than driven by a genuine desire for public service;

Whereas John McGuire has had ample opportunities to rectify his actions, including warnings from constituents and a significant number of write-in votes in the most recent election;

Whereas John McGuire received fewer votes than candidates in three local county wide races, highlighting his dwindling support among the electorate; and

Whereas John McGuire failed to provide meaningful support to local Republican candidates in our county, except for the Democrat-endorsed candidate, thereby jeopardizing the success of Republican candidates in our county and the 57th House district race;

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Goochland County Republican Committee, hereby express our vote of no confidence in John McGuire's ability to represent our interests and fulfill the promises he made during his campaign;

Be it further resolved that we call upon John McGuire to reconsider his actions, recommit to the principles of integrity and public service, and take immediate steps to restore the trust of the electorate; and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed to the relevant parties, including John McGuire, and all the unit chairs in the 5th congressional district, and any appropriate governing bodies.

[Update - Fluvanna County Republicans did a very similar thing at their 11/30/2023 unit meeting!](#)

Bob Good working for us in DC

REP. GOOD FIGHTS BIDEN'S RADICAL CLIMATE ARMY

<https://good.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-good-fights-bidens-radical-climate-army>



DATE – November 3rd, 2023

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Bob Good (VA-05) is fighting back against President Biden's radical environmental agenda by introducing his *No American Climate Corps Act* which would defund the proposed 20,000-person climatecorps.

"Americans are struggling to make ends meet because of Bidenomics. Instead of recognizing that family budgets are already stretched thin by sky-high energy prices, President Biden is focused on deploying a climate army that will increase regulatory burdens on business owners and drive inflation across the economy even higher. My bill will fight Biden's climate extremism and continue our work towards the goal of American energy independence," **said Congressman Good.**

REP. GOOD WANTS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO VETERAN BENEFIT PROGRAMS

<https://good.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-good-wants-improve-access-veteran-benefit-programs>

DATE – November 8th, 2023

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Bob Good (R-VA) has introduced the *Veterans Education is Timeless Act of 2023* to update eligibility dates for six Veterans and Survivors Education programs to enable veterans and their dependents to use these educational benefits regardless of age or timing.

"Our veterans and their families have made tremendous sacrifices for our country, and they deserve to have access to the educational benefits promised to them, no matter when they choose to use

them,” **said Congressman Good.** “These programs ease the transition to civilian life by providing vital educational assistance to veterans and their families and help them achieve their career and educational goals.”

Currently, most veterans education benefits have a 10- or 15-year delimiting date, meaning that after the deadline for the benefit passes, the veteran is no longer able to use the benefits. For dependents, there is either a year or age limit. These arbitrary deadlines should not prevent someone from receiving a promised benefit.

Programs included in this bill:

- Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program (DEA)
- Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)
- Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (MGIB-AD)
- Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)
- Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Fry Scholarship

Cosponsors (x): Randy Weber (TX-14), Scott DesJarlais (TN-04), Ralph Norman (SC-05), Mike Garcia (CA-27), Jerry Carl (AL-01), Byron Donalds (FL-19). Tom Tiffany (WI-07), Mary Miller (IL-15), Clay Higgins (LA-03). Joe Wilson (SC-02). John Moolenaar (MI-02). August Pfluger (TX-11), Claudia Tenney (NY-24)

For the latest on our Congressman Bob Good - <https://good.house.gov/media/press-releases>

Goochland’s New Commonwealth’s Attorney Elect

THE HONORABLE JOHN LUMPKINS

It is an honor having been elected to serve our Goochland community as our next Commonwealth’s Attorney. I look forward to leading an office that serves our community and the region alongside our sheriff’s office and others charged with protecting and serving our community. I look forward to embracing and meeting the challenges that lie ahead.

It is also a source of pride to be serving alongside a dedicated slate of local leaders, many new to political office. Thank you for taking on the significant challenge of running for office. The generous support among our local Republicans and the success of our local GOP candidates is something for us to cherish.

To our new school board and board of supervisors, thank you for stepping up to serve. I assure you that you will learn and grow from your experience more than you can ever hope to repay. For me in my new role, I know that will continue to hold true.

I am writing this late on November 29 in my hotel room in Roanoke at the end of the first day of the annual meeting of the Virginia Association of Commonwealth’s Attorneys (VACA). This meeting is being run in conjunction with the Executive Program of the Commonwealth’s Attorneys Services Council. These two organizations are invaluable to the Commonwealth’s Attorneys across Virginia. It is encouraging to learn the depth of support I will have from across the Commonwealth.

Earlier this evening VACA gave its top annual award to a retiring CA from the western part of the Commonwealth – he is retiring after 45 years as a prosecutor. His remarks, and the remarks of others who spoke at dinner this evening, focused on the remarkable collaboration and support among the 120 CAs in the Commonwealth. Just on this first day I met and chatted in some detail with very experienced prosecutors (in small and large offices) about the work ahead. There are, as you can



imagine, lots of challenges in keeping our communities and the Commonwealth safe. You can also guess that different locales face unique challenges, and most parts of our Commonwealth face financial or funding-related challenges.

Listening to my future colleagues this afternoon in Roanoke, I was reminded of what I quickly realized in 2012 when I attended my first state school board association meeting after I began serving on the Goochland School Board – Goochland County is a special place. We live in a great community that is special for many reasons. In the context of local politics, Goochland is special because by and large our leaders (including the many volunteer leaders on the GCRC) put service over self.

Thank you for your support and prayers over this long campaign. Thank you for hanging in there for all of us who ran as GCRC-endorsed or nominated candidates – especially during these last few months where we pushed hard to achieve our goals. We had a very successful year. As I jump into this new chapter in my life and career, my commitment to you is to strive in continuing to put service over self. I am blessed to have many like-minded servant leaders around me in Goochland and in VACA who will make the journey ahead more worthy and worthwhile.

“FOUR MORE YEARS, FOUR MORE YEARS” ...Now What?

D2 SUPERVISOR NEIL SPOONHOWER



Campaigns were run, ballots have been cast, and signs have mercifully been picked up. The citizens of Goochland County clearly spoke again that there was a need for change. Not since the infamous “Goochland Revolution” in 2011 have the good people of this county spoken so loudly for a need for change, for conservative change. What’s interesting about that is that it’s usually the other side that’s pushing for change...they are the progressives so what did our citizens tell us? They wanted change for the sake of preservation. To preserve our conservative way of living and that my friends is the “Now What” that I will be working towards.

The “story” that I carry in my head for Goochland is that in 2011 we had a drowning government that needed rescue...the ship was taking on water and the county was sinking. A slate of revolutionaries jumped into the boat and started bailing for all they were worth. Not only did they patch the holes and bail the water, but they also made our county one of the best vessels in the fleet. That’s

not just metaphoric blabber, it’s factual. We’ve earned national awards and the best credit ratings of any County in the nation. After eight years of hard work and excellent leadership that team had a ship worthy of this county’s citizens.

I joined the team in 2020 with a clear message from my constituents...” Don’t screw it up”. So, nowhere to go but down.... awesome. Just freakin’ awesome. Three months in and we were in “lock down”. Our pristine budget was now anyone’s guess. We drew up new budgets, put new processes in place, leaned in to help businesses. But something happened that revealed a kink in our ship’s hull. Our very talented County Administrator was wooed away to Hanover County.

Our Board jumped in to help steer this ship; navigating these choppy waters and I think we did a great job. But it didn’t afford us the time to properly plan for calmer waters. Studies and plans had to be put on the back burner while we did national searches for a new Captain. I’ll also say that the world changed in a way that puts pressure on our small piece of the planet. People are abandoning their ships and wanting to stow away on ours. They are leaving the cities and moving to the country. That’s bringing tremendous growth pressure and skyrocketing home prices. And while we fulfilled our promise to bring High Speed Internet it comes at a cost. The lack of connectivity barrier to living in the country which hindered people from coming here is now gone.

What I hear over and over and what I will personally be working on is “Grow Gracefully” or put another way “Make Sure It’s Smart Growth”. I find that very similar to people telling me to “Keep It Rural”. Everybody says it, but no one has good ideas on how to do it. Over the next year I hope to work with my new Board members to have a clearly plotted course of how we preserve our lifestyle. We must move the mindset from “Planning for Change” to “Planning for Preservation”. So what does this look like?

It means a budget that’s reflective of our values. The values of supporting public safety. The values of low taxes. There may be pressure to do both of those things. We may have to make the tough decision to forego some services to support the

services our citizen's demand. It also means working with our elected school board officials and ensuring we are investing in the education that our parents demand for their children and not supporting funding unnecessary social agendas.

It also means keeping growth contained to the designated growth areas. While we need to plan for people to come here our priority should be for the people that live here.

It also means we must have that "Plan to Preserve". Developers shouldn't have to guess what type of development we want it should be clear. We must define what Goochland County is going to be in the decades to come. We will begin in January working on that plan. Staff has been working on what I call the plan to get to the "Plan" and I'm very excited about it.

I'm also excited about the next four years. It's going to be very different. I was truly blessed to serve my first term with 5 of the most exceptional, selfless, servant leaders in Susan, Ken, John, Don, and now Charlie. I take this role very seriously and I didn't "win" it, you entrusted me with it. I sincerely thank you all for that. Time to get to work.

Do You See What I See?

OUR HERO ANGELA ALLEN

Have you ever wanted to know what tomorrow holds? Curious to see into the yet unknown? While I cannot predict the future, if I were given a glimpse of the next four years of serving with Karen Wirsing, Lucy Moses, Ellen Robinson, and Michelle Maxwell, I believe it would reveal the newly elected Goochland School Board...



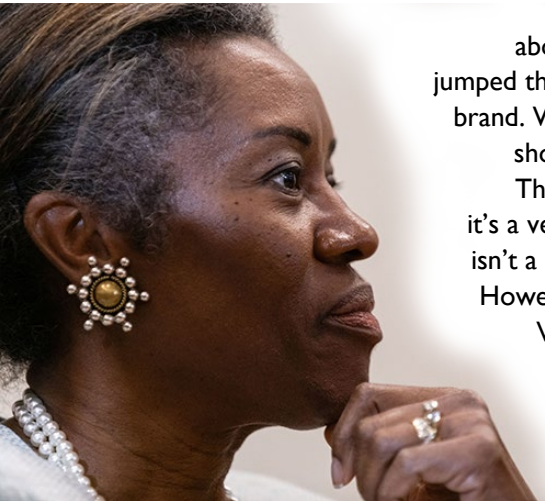
- Embracing the challenges of doing the right thing even when it's unpopular, unapologetically protecting the innocent and impressionable minds of students.
- Protecting the safety and well-being of students and staff; creating a supportive environment for students to thrive.
- Attracting, retaining, and developing professionals passionate about *educating* students.
- Stewarding with great care the fiscal resources to which we're entrusted for the benefit of students—always remembering it's the taxpayers' money.
- Governing with excellence and integrity; boldly questioning strategic recommendations and seeking guidance for the sake of deeper understanding.
- Championing policies that strengthen the bonds between our schools and families.
- Shifting the power to the people whom we're elected to represent, giving parents a seat at the *head* of the table.
- Engaging with authenticity; steadfast in our commitment to achieving higher academic standards and forging pathways of success for all students.
- Being proactive and transparent, tailoring communications to our audience, and conducting meetings for the benefit of the public.
- Unwavering in our commitment to preserving Goochland's values; ensuring that our schools reflect and celebrate all that makes our community special.
- Fostering a sense of community within our schools; where parents, educators, and citizens come together to share ideas and contribute to the success of our students.
- Analyzing data and exploring options to make the best decisions for our schools.

- Promoting educational programs that align with Goochland’s values and cater to the unique needs of students.
- Collaborating with positive intent and honesty; working together to overcome seemingly impossible obstacles.
- Advocating for common sense practices in our schools, holding students accountable for their choices, and restoring confidence in public education.
- Serving with courage, carrying out some of our most meaningful and rewarding work.
- Leading with humility, conducting ourselves with dignity, and honoring our oaths of office.

With eyes wide open, our recently elected School Board members embody the values we hold dear, promising a bright future for Goochland students. With the support of the GCRC and our families, I’m confident this vision will become a reality! You can see it now, can’t you?

Buddy has one more story about the elusive “Unity”

GCRC CHAIR BUDDY BISHOP



I got a phone call on November 29th from Lt. Governor Winsome Sears about her efforts to do the work of promoting Republicanism. As I always do, I jumped the conversation with the question of unity around the conservative Republican brand. Winsome commented that “We all believe the same things, and that is why we should work together and unify”.

That is so obviously true, and it has been important to me and others. However, it’s a very high-level view. The reality closer to the ground – at least in Goochland - isn’t a matter of shared ideology, it’s a different matter altogether.

However, to me this was a timely item as we discussed how Frederick County Virginia had an exacerbated situation with candidates who were not nominated or endorsed Republicans still overtly claiming that they were the and/or a Republican. My term is RICO – “Republican In Claim Only”. Yes, RICO is a hijack of the original abbreviation of “Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations”. I think it’s especially poignant due to how the Republican Party’s Brand was hijacked as well. I shared with her some info that I got

from RPV Chairman Rich Anderson. The brand hijacking was all across the state, but the worst was in Frederick County / Winchester and Goochland County.

The common thread: Republican Brand Hijacking always has support from democrats.

The group in Frederick County known as “Frederick First” were much better organized than the single race hijack attempt in Goochland. Frederick First had candidates who stood in opposition to every Republican candidate and even managed to take the Opequon district.

When Winsome Sears isn’t in Richmond, she is in Winchester. She knew fully about the struggle for the Republican Brand. When I asked her about how best to deal with this phenomenon, her paraphrased summary response was to “Campaign Better”. I believe that was done, both here in Goochland and in Frederick County. The ones most severely impacted are voters themselves who aren’t typically following election details but do trust and seek to vote Republican. When they’re told one thing and learn another, that breach is not easily if ever healed.

The call from Winsome was essentially a fundraising effort to support the effort to find and recruit conservative Republicans. I support that and I encourage you too as well.

A link to donate to her PAC can be found here: <https://www.winsomesears.com/>

In our phone call, she asked me if I had caught her on Bill Maher’s “Real Time” show.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8lwRQDQr4s&t=1s> (Worth watching!)

I said that Bill Mahr is not someone I look to for entertainment or useful information. She had a different take on this. “Buddy, making an appearance on shows like that is a way to reach people who are conservative, but don’t yet know it.”

That got my attention and I understand the potential. We have things like the **Walk Away Movement**, and very recently Mark Fisher the co-founder of the BLM’s Rhode Island chapter announced on FOX that he is backing Trump because

Donald J Trump is responsible for creating the most prosperity for minority voters in American history.

I'm sure Winsome is running for Governor and I love that may indeed happen. I understand the importance of "working together" and "being unified". I see Winsome as fully able to make the most inroads to that outcome on the level she operates.

I also know something else. We have a challenge to consider: The challenge of who we are as individuals and as a local republican party.

For certainty the "We" in the phrase: "We must work together" needs to be carefully looked at. Republican brand hijacking and deviating from a primary selection process can only cause grief. Without Republican wins in Goochland, things would be much worse. So, in a strategic and unincumbered approach we'll also work to gain the perspective that Winsome Sears is espousing.

Ist Vice Chair Jim Herring is committed to this and always has been. He has some great lines and lessons about it as well. One of them is "Working together is hard when we extend a hand and all we get in return is a finger". He reminded me of Ronald Reagan saying, "The person who agrees with you 80 percent of the time is a friend and an ally – not a 20 percent traitor". Jim also described a photograph of Gerald Ford approaching a bright window with his back to the camera. It was taken after he pardoned Richard Nixon. For the sake of the Country, he set aside his political career and did the right thing.

I'm pondering these things collectively and at this point it looks like the things that bind them are commitment to principle, positive strategy, and timing. 2024 is the year when we'll see either the Republic go fully over the edge or "We the People" pull it back up. I want to try to be part of that. I want you too as well.

A Dual Facade: Frederick First - A Tactic of Political Deception

NEWSLETTER STAFF REPORTER

Information source: Articles and Letters to the editor of the [The Winchester Star](#)

In the picturesque landscapes of Frederick County, Virginia, a political drama unfolds, one that mirrors the complexities and strategic maneuverings often reserved for national politics. At the heart of this narrative is Frederick First, a group that presents itself as a beacon of non-partisanship and community-focused governance. However, beneath this veneer, a deeper analysis and growing public sentiment suggest something more intricate, perhaps even duplicitous.

Throughout the 2023 election season in Virginia, a tactic of political deception emerged, not as an anomaly, but as a calculated strategy. This strategy found a clear manifestation in Frederick First's approach to local politics. The group, initially perceived as a refreshing alternative to the divisive partisan politics plaguing the nation, has increasingly come under scrutiny. Allegations of opportunism, conflicts of interest, and a lack of transparency have been leveled against them by concerned citizens and commentators alike.

Mollie Brannon, a resident of Frederick County, in her Open Forum piece, labels Frederick First candidates as 'opportunists', highlighting their deep ties to the construction and development industry. This connection raises questions about potential conflicts of interest in county development decisions. Similarly, Robert Gallalee's letter expresses apprehension about the group's alleged favoritism and backroom deal-making, a concern that finds echoes in the writings of Linda Whitacre. Whitacre underscores the interconnected self-interests of the Frederick First candidates, painting a picture of a group potentially governed more by personal gain than by public service.

The recurring theme in these critiques is the suspicion of Frederick First's true political alignment. While they assert their independence and non-partisanship, their actions, as observed by the electorate, suggest a closer alignment with certain political ideologies and interests. This apparent duality raises questions about the integrity of the political process and the authenticity of the candidates representing this group.

This scenario in Frederick County is not an isolated case but a reflection of a broader tactic employed across Virginia. Candidates, not officially endorsed or nominated by their parties, present themselves under the guise of one political



affiliation, while their actions and alliances suggest otherwise. This approach not only misleads voters but also disrupts the primary process designed to select candidates who genuinely represent their party's values and agendas.

The situation with Frederick First and similar groups and efforts across the state highlights the need for introspection and reform within political parties. It emphasizes the importance of the role of State Central Committees in governing party affairs and ensuring the selection of candidates who truly embody the party's principles and commitments.

In conclusion, the unfolding story of Frederick First in Frederick County serves as a cautionary tale of the complexities and potential pitfalls in local politics. It reminds us that political integrity and transparency are indispensable, and the pursuit of these virtues must be relentless. As voters and citizens, the onus falls upon us to scrutinize, question, and demand accountability from those who seek to represent us. Only through such vigilance can we hope to foster a political environment that is both honest and truly representative of the people's will.

Events Calendar Highlights

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

December 5 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

[Goochland County Board of Supervisors](#)

Goochland County Administration Building 1800 Sandy Hook Rd, Goochland, VA, United States

Meeting in Room 250 – The Board Room Afternoon meeting time to be determined, if needed.** 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting **Specific times for afternoon meetings will be set and publicized at least 7 days before the meeting.

Saturday, December 9, 2023

10:30am: SCC Executive Committee Meeting / 12:00pm: SCC General Meeting

Delta Hotel - 555 E Canal St, Richmond 23219

- Click [HERE](#) for the General SCC Meeting Official Call (or see below)
 - Click [HERE](#) for proposed Party Plan Amendment #1 (Ryer)
 - Click [HERE](#) for proposed Party Plan Amendment #2 (Nunnenkamp)
 - Click [HERE](#) for the 2024 Draft Budget (*This will download an excel spreadsheet*)
 - Click [HERE](#) for the September 2023 Meeting Minutes
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December 11 @ 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

December 12 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

[Goochland County School Board](#)

Goochland County Administration Building 1800 Sandy Hook Rd, Goochland, VA, United States

The School Board meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM in room 250 of the County Administration Building. For the latest updates, check their calendar here: <https://www.goochlandschools.org/events>

December 14 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

[GCRC December Event](#)

Sports Page 36 Broad Street Rd., Manakin-Sabot, VA, United States

The Goochland County Republican Committee will gather as a Republican Community on December 14th, 2023 for fellowship and with friendship at Sports Page as they acknowledge and celebrate keeping Goochland Red



In conclusion - Out with the Trash!

THE INCOMPARABLE JOHN MYERS

On Election Day a few weeks ago, our Goochland County Republican- nominated and endorsed candidates were all victorious. Congratulations to them all. Special kudos to David Owen who won against an opponent so tough and so determined to win that she displayed her “special talents” online for all to see. Unfortunately, statewide and nationally, Republicans did not fare nearly as well. While we have no control over elections outside of Goochland County, we made a pact among ourselves a few years ago to keep Goochland Republican. Thanks to all the volunteers that made it possible with this great election cycle.

We were successful here because the majority of us worked together as a team. The Republican Party, including the Goochland County Republican Committee exists to get Republicans elected. We are intended to consist of like-minded people who share the same values and beliefs. We are supposed to act as a cohesive unit which works in the best interests of our county, state and nation. However, somewhere along the way, we have become a fragmented group of individuals, all who do not necessarily share the same values and beliefs. There was absolute confusion to many Republican voters in regard to the Commonwealth’s Attorney contest. Exactly who was, and who was not, the Republican? It is not possible for someone to not file for our nomination nor endorsement, quit our committee, accept the endorsement of our opposition party, and still be a Republican. It simply does not work that way. Republican Party of Virginia Chairman Rich Anderson agreed with that and sent out an email to that effect.

The malicious mischief surrounding this was created by a group of individuals, whose trouble making activities were already well known. Four years ago, our soon-to-be FORMER Commonwealth’s Attorney decided that he was tired of hearing complaints from the Sheriff at the time regarding his failure to prosecute cases. His solution to that pesky problem was to select a Sheriff of his own, who would be more willing to tolerate his lack of motivation to do the job to which he was elected. And so it was. Backed by a group, to which I will refer to as the MC Fan Cult, and comprised by many of those in our midst, they supported the handpicked puppet of the CA. The Sheriff at the time decided that he would not seek re-election, so our endorsed candidate became his target. Of course, the loser candidate minion of the CA lost the election, by almost a 75% to 25% margin, which should have sent a message to the Cult. No such luck!

The very next year, the Cult was up to their nefarious actions again. In response to the Chairman calling them out after a GCRC meeting prior to the 2019 election in which they attempted to deny new members to the GCRC (because they thought the new members would be aligned with our duly endorsed candidate for Sheriff), the Cult geniuses decided to run their own candidate for GCRC Chairman. The person they chose had never been a Republican before, had not voted before 2018, and we have been told by several people she may not be completely sane. On Facebook, she had posted that she was a witch and a heathen woman. She lied on Facebook by saying the Chairman had said derogatory things about her on his campaign letter. This is who the Cult thought should be put in charge of the Goochland County Republican Committee. That whole fiasco was presumably orchestrated by the DA and his underlings.

Now here in 2023 the group of ethics-absent traitors again sided against a GCRC endorsed candidate. Without shame, they stood outside of all of our precincts and told people their guy was the Republican candidate for Commonwealth’s Attorney. In which universe could that be true?

If you have an injured limb which has become infected, poisoning your body and cannot be cured, the doctors will amputate it. You don’t keep trying to use it for the rest of your life. If one of the four tires on your car has a blowout, you don’t drive around on it year after year, you replace it. If the heating system in your home goes bad, and your family is freezing, you don’t put off replacing it forever. If the trash in the kitchen begins to smell, you don’t ignore it, you throw it out. And so it is with our committee. We need to dispose of the trash. If you think we have heard the last of the Cult, you are sadly mistaken. They are like a fungus which lives and grows until it is treated. These people do not share our values and our vision for Goochland, Virginia or America.

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