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From The Chairman

Well here we are just a few days from wrapping up this primary election season. So much has happened in the last 20 months. Beginning in January of 2009 we had Dave Evans announce his candidacy for the Congressional seat held by Bart Gordon. He did that at our January meeting. In December of 09 we had another candidate come forward. His name was Gary Mann and he also declared that he was running for the Bart Gordon seat. Then Bart Gordon announced that he would not seek re-election and that really opened the flood gates of candidates. In January of 2010 we had State Senator Jim Tracy speak at our monthly meeting, then Lou Ann Zelenik spoke at our February meeting. In April State Senator Diane Black spoke to us, and in May we had Ryan Williams and Bill Cody each seeking the State Representative position. In July we had two speakers- Kerry Roberts and Dave Evans. So as you can see we had many guest speakers, and we probably had a half dozen meet and greets at the headquarters. You can see that the Putnam County Republican Party has been very active during this primary season.

In June we had the Congressional Candidate Forum at the Drama Center that included all candidates for the congressional seat, we had just a little over two hundred for that evening. Then just last night- July 27th we had the Gubernatorial forum at the Drama Center. Only one candidate showed up - Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey, and we had just under 200 attendees. It turned out to be a great evening and the Lt. Gov. Did a great job. Lt. Governor Ramsey said that he thought that this primary on August the 5th will really determine who the next Governor will be. Let's be sure to get out and vote and see that we have the right man for the job.. Early voting numbers indicate that Republicans have had over 1700 early voters verses 1400 for the Democrats. I'm hoping that is a good sign of things to come. Let's keep up the good work and continue to support your candidate. I'm excited about our possibilities in the November election.

I just want to thank all of you who have helped man the Headquarters, and those who have made donations. This has allowed us to keep it open daily and serve the public. Let's keep up the good work Putnam County Republicans.

Thank You

Curtis Shinsky



Don't forget Saturday, August 28, 2010, 6:00 P.M...Putnam County Republican Party Reagan Dinner. Tickets \$25 each or \$40 per couple.



I was invited to write an article about my re-election as State Executive man. Most republican voters know me. And I do appreciate all the votes I get. But today is Flag Day 2010 and I would like to write about something more important.

During the Summer of 1946, my mother and I were on a troopship passing through Pearl Harbor. I was too young to realize what I was seeing. But as I stood by the rail on deck I saw the wreck of a huge ship with smoke or fumes or vapors rising. Even at my young age, the ship made an impression on me.

As I grew older, I learned more about the wreck by reading articles and seeing photographs. (Mostly from the Navy Times). By the mid 1950's, the wreckage had been cut down below the surface of the lagoon so it was no longer visible. A concrete platform was constructed over the wreck and dedicated as a war memorial. I had learned by this age that wreck was the USS Arizona (BB-39) a battleship of the United States Navy which died on December 7, 1941.

By 1962 I was attending the Naval Academy. As part of my Naval education, I learned that the Arizona still receives honors as a U.S. Naval Ship and still contained a crew of 1200 sailors and marines entombed within. I did not visit the memorial of the Arizona until 1983 where I stood on that concrete deck with tears in my eyes remembering the first time I saw the Arizona.

These were tears for the 1200 men under my feet;

tears for the World War II Sailors and Marines I grew up around;

tears for the prosperous and free country which these veterans gave us; tears for the future our children and grandchildren will not have and;

tears for the guilt over the loss of our freedom because of unfit political leaders.

Mike Callahan

Executive Committeeman, 15th Senatorial District



PUTNAM REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

By Renee Mayher

The newly formed Putnam Republican Women's Club is now chartered as a member in good standing of the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. Recently, the charter was presented to Renee' B. Mayher, PRWC President at "Ladies Day on the Hill", at the Tennessee State Capitol in Nashville by National President, Susan Lynch and State President, Susan Witcher. Other local club members attending were Ronda Rader, State Executive Committeewoman, Rachel "Rusty" Welch, Claudette Steakley, Pat Shinsky, Temporary Secretary, and Cindy Beckwith, Treasurer.

Primary purposes of the club includes, promoting an informed public through political education, fostering loyalty to the Republican Party and promoting it's conservative values and candidates.

Current officers are: Renee' B. Mayher - President

Hope Gianni - Vice President

Pat Shinsky - Secretary

Cindy Beckwith - Treasurer

At present, monthly meetings are being held. Conservative women who are willing to work as a cohesive team for the betterment of our county, state and country are encouraged to get involved.

For information call Renee' at 931-528-0150.



WHAT IS A PRECINCT COMMITTEE?

We all know that the key to good government is having a government that listens to the people. As we look across the country we know many conservative folks that choose not to get involved for one reason or another.

I believe that a good way to reconnect the people with their government is at the district and precinct level. To accomplish this we don't have to "re-invent the wheel". This is an old idea that has worked successfully in several other counties.

Here are some of the basics. Each precinct is entitled to a committee that consists of a chairman and other officers that are responsible for knowing the voters. The precinct chairman also presides over the election of delegates. The registered republican voters of each precinct are responsible to elect delegates and alternate delegates that vote for the executive committee at the bi-annual Republican Party reorganization.

The reason this type of county party organization works so well is:

1. Active members of the Republican Party known to the community are elected to determine the executive committee.
2. The chairman, officers and delegates must campaign in their' precinct to get elected. This results in those individuals being directly connected to the community.
3. The precinct committee can be responsible for maintaining voter lists, keeping track of new voters, getting republicans to the polls, recruiting and training volunteers, answering questions and be a local advocate for the Republican Party.
4. All precincts of the county are fairly represented based on the number of Republican Voters.
5. This type of party organization helps to reduce infighting and cronyism that occurs in many larger counties.
6. The precinct committee is responsible for recruiting candidates. This is the key to getting qualified Republicans on the ballot.

The Eagle Forum calls the precinct committeeman "The most powerful office in the world."

Alan Rader

Candidate for State Executive Committeeman



BE AN INFORMED VOTER

Voters have the responsibility of knowing the ballot when they go to the polls to cast an informed vote. The key word is "informed." Even if they are asked, it is illegal for any employee of the Election Commission to tell any voter how to vote. As Ms. Steidl, Administrator of Elections, said, "The ballot speaks for itself." Voters have the responsibility to ask for either a Republican or Democrat ballot in a Primary election. It's the law. Enough said.

A sample ballot was printed in the Herald Citizen on Sunday, July 11, 2010 for the August 5, 2010 election. A sample ballot will also be posted at each polling precinct. Read the ballot and be informed before you vote.

In the May 4 County primary some angry voters berated Election Commission employees because they (voters) wanted to cross over and vote for either a Democrat or Republican candidate when they (voters) had requested a ballot for the opposite party. Most were those who requested a Republican ballot yet wanted to vote for certain Democrats for County offices because no Republicans were listed for most County offices. These voters became irate when informed that, in a Primary election, crossing over is not permitted. To be an informed voter, one should consult the sample ballot carried in the Cookeville media or access the Putnam County Election Commission's website for a five-page list of each and every candidate running for office in Putnam County or the four municipalities in Putnam County. The Election Commission's website does not carry a sample ballot but correct information on the August 5th State primaries plus the Putnam County General Election.

The Putnam County Election website is: www.PutnamCo.org/election. For further information call the Putnam County Election Commission at 931-526-2566. The Commission is located at 705 County Services Drive.

Remember, you as a voter have a duty both to the rest of us and more importantly to yourself and the candidates to be an informed voter

Steve Moore

Headquarters Coordinator

Submitted by Paula Tyler July ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

United We Stand

Do you define what kind of Republican you are? Do you call yourself a conservative with out saying the word Republican? Are you a Reagan conservative or a moderate Republican, a social liberal, but fiscal conservative, are you a “Right Winger”. A Christian Conservative? Can you call yourself a Republican and still define who you are and what your beliefs are?

There are many Republicans that say the Republican Party has left them behind. That in their eagerness to gain votes and membership, they left the principles of the Republican Party behind and became centralist Republicans. Another name they are called is RINOS (Republicans In Name Only). These Republicans are the ones that call for “comprehensive Immigration” instead of Comprehensive border security and immigration enforcement. These Republicans may vote for bigger Government control over Americans lives by voting for Disclosure Acts, Finance Reform and all manner of over regulating, taxing and Big Government! They are more apt to cross the aisle and vote with the Democrats instead of crossing the aisle and trying to bring a few democrats to our side of an argument.

On the other side of the coin is the belief that the Republican Party has become too rigid, too unbending, and too conservative. These Right wing or Christian Conservatives are crazy pro-lifers, clinging to God and Guns.

I unapologetically believe in God, Freedom, individualism, and responsibility. I believe that all People are born equal and that free enterprise and individual initiative equal growth and prosperity both individually and for our country. I believe that all life is sacred and MUST be protected. I believe that a strong armed forces as well as an armed nation keeps us safe and secure. I believe that our Government should practice fiscally sound and conservative practices that allow citizens to keep more of their hard-earned money. I believe in consequences for people who act irresponsibly. I believe our Government should refrain from bureaucracies, policies, and regulations of our industries and businesses. I also believe our government needs to take the oath of office and promise to obey our constitution seriously or face severe penalties and removal from office for any transgressions. I believe that we should be proud and love our country and that our founding principles are what have made us strong. Our American values and ideals have given us the opportunity to freely practice our religions and live our lives with the Freedom that God endows on all men! These beliefs are why I am a Republican.

There are many things that make up who we are as individuals; but what defines our party is not those differences; it is the belief that we are the greatest nation, built with blood and determination by great individuals who came together for the benefit of all Freedom loving people. Maybe what left the party were the individuals that make up the membership. The Republican Party is very much like our Government, if you don't participate, if you are not involved and part of the solution then as the saying goes, you are the problem. You must accept responsibility for being a Republican in name only and not an active and fruitful member. When you turn over control to others for the sake of doing nothing except voting and maybe a little donation, then you cannot complain when the work that is done is not to your liking.

We need to unite as Republicans, we need to find the values we share and build on that foundation. We need to come together, united by our love and concern for this nation. Let's get back to the founding principles; they still work today, but we cannot leave it to a few to do all the work. We all must stand up and do our share. We need to build our Party membership, we need to become active in our party, attend meetings, plan and attend events and fund raisers. We will never all agree on every point or candidate, but that is okay, we believe in individualism! What we can agree to is to talk about every issue among our membership and then take our vote. When the ayes and nays are tallied, we agree to agree and move on to other important issues.

You must always ask: *Is this authorized in the Constitution? Where exactly* in the Constitution? And *precisely what* is authorized by the Constitution?



MOORE TO THE POINT ADDRESSED TO COOKEVILLE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Back in the Spring of 2009, money was appropriated in Cookeville's budget to give approximately \$40 per month step raises to a number of City employees. These step raises would have started on July 1, 2009. It would have amounted to about \$240 by December, 2009--just in time for Christmas. They never got those raises. The issue was to be revisited in the Spring of 2010. Where are those raises? As we prepare to elect a new City Council (at least four new Council members will be elected on August 5), I ask once again: Where is the support from at least nine of the declared candidates. One such candidate, Zach Bollen, favors giving our valued City employees their just compensation.

Meanwhile, our Police Department is seven officers short. That means others have to take up the slack over three shifts. Yes, for those of you who don't know, they do run three eight-hour shifts, 24/7. That means that there is quite a bit of overtime paid and stressed officers protecting and serving us, the citizens of Cookeville. And, let's not forget that with annexation our Public Safety people are spread relatively thin. Yet, they persevere and show up when called.

But Cookeville is never lacking when it comes to spending on "quality of life issues." Dogwood Park is expanding at enormous cost. Aside: Where will people park when they go there? Also, Rails and Trails is being developed. The Drama Center has been remodeled. Cookeville desperately needs a new modern police station. The current one is shoe-horned into the lower level of the Drama Center. It has needed to be replaced for at least ten to fifteen years, perhaps longer. At least the Putnam County Emergency Management Agency moved last Fall. This opened up space under the Drama Center for the Police Department. But they need more space. A new facility was mentioned some years ago for Fleming Avenue between Spring and Broad.

City Council candidates please note.



FAILURE OF IMAGINATION

By Danny Newton

There is a consistent propaganda connection between the word "oil" and "addiction" that forces certain world views that are both dangerous and paradoxical. If oil as an addiction can be cast as a profound intellectual leap forward, why has the same university system failed to notice that amassing crippling foreign debt is not also an addiction? Why is there no jihad against debt? Addictions are associated with character disorders. It seems doubly paradoxical that the political Left would claim that the use of oil is a moral failing since they barely believe morality if it must come from anywhere but their own minds. They barely believe in relative truth and can't stand the idea of absolute Truth. No system of morality can stand without a core of truth.

Within the relativist world, it would be more correct for some people to use more oil than others. This would bring us to the same system as the former Soviet Union where the upper class consumed more cars and large homes than the overwhelming fraction of all others. A morality based on universal truth would be more likely to generate a system where no one should be using oil because it is evil. No Leftist ever explains exactly what character disorder is suffered and permitted by the use of oil. Apparently, lowering friction and extending the life of machinery is somehow evil. Perhaps the oil produced plastics and medications also generate a net negative influence on world peace.

Since we live in a Judeo-Christian country, the Left would have more impact on public policy if they would connect the alleged moral failing to the Ten Commandments. Stealing, lying and coveting existed ages before use of oil and whale oil, so oil cannot be a first cause of depravity.



I LEARNED MY LESSON !!!!

by Steve Moore

Have you ever had one of those GE moments where that light bulb went off and you realized you had made a big mistake? But that mistake had led to a revelation that some good had been the result? The good being that a possible threat to one's health had been diffused? But that the result demanded a change in lifestyle was warranted?

I recently experienced such a development, and I'd like to tell you about it in hopes that you will not make the same mistake. Some four or five years ago, I developed a growth on the left side of my head just in front of my upper earlobe. This growth first appeared as a bump, slowly grew in size, and turned dark over the course of a few months. I let it go for some time before I went to a dermatologist to have it removed and biopsied. That particular growth was non-cancerous. Fast forward to last fall. I noticed a growth in the same location on my right side. It grew in size over the winter. What finally got me concerned was the fact that it bled each time I dried my head. Still, I sort of forgot about it until early spring when it bled more often. So I made an appointment with my dermatologist to check it out. He removed a sample, and the tissue came back labeled Basal Cell Carcinoma. Cancer! But not melanoma, the fatal kind. So I had the growth removed along with the surrounding tissue. The surgery, under local anesthesia, took about four hours. The surgeon would remove tissue from margins until there was no affected tissue around the margins.

After three days of wearing a bandage around my head, the open wound was closed by another surgeon. It took 30 sutures and around an hour to close. A little more to it than I anticipated! The pain pills I took upset my stomach, and I couldn't wash my head for two weeks.

What's the bottom line? Don't let growths go--they are not to be ignored. Get them checked IMMEDIATELY! I'm very grateful it wasn't a melanoma. Cancer is nothing to slough off and take lightly. Your life may depend on it.

I worked in healthcare for over 40 years. You would think I would have known better.



GREEN JOB MISCALCULATIONS

By Danny Newton

A persistent pattern of miscalculations is in the belief that green jobs are somehow safe from all of the economic forces that have worked to destroy jobs in the past. Only a frenzy of self delusion and denial can be responsible for this detachment from reality. Aiding in the deception is the idea that the green jobs will come in the future, thus postponing the fact check process until after the next election.

Manufacturing jobs have been declining for decades in spite of the ability of the US to produce, in dollar amounts, more manufactured goods every year and to maintain a 20% of world production record consistently except perhaps in this latest recession. Tennessee now has more government employees than people working in factories. The U.S. has maintained its world position through mechanization and mechanization is blamed for the decline in jobs. The machinery is how the jobs are lost but does not explain why the jobs are lost.

Both the manufacturing sector and the construction sector of the economy have experienced a yearly escalation of labor cost due to taxes. Both sectors have had to transition from a business where labor was

30% of all cost to 60% or 70% of all costs in the last 40 years. This upward pressure on the cost of labor is the first cause in the decline of U.S. manufacturing jobs and creates a constant incentive to reduce the use of labor.

Nothing done lately has been focused on reversing this tax trend so the new green jobs are going to be put through the same meat grinder as all of the rest of the manufacturing and construction jobs. The main difference is that the engineering jobs that usually are developed around new products can also be done abroad.



ENDORISING THE ONLY MAN STANDING FOR THE DEMS

by Steve Moore

Sorry, Governor Bredesen, but your endorsement of Mike McWherter--while a noble gesture, considering he is a fellow Democrat--won't do much to get him elected in November. He has very little gravitas, and your coat tails are not strong or big enough for him to ride to the Governor's office in November. The fact that he has run a Jackson beer distributorship doesn't give him experience to run the State of Tennessee as its Chief Executive. Granted, he has a famous and recognizable surname, and his father was an affable Speaker of the House and Governor who still commands a big place on the Democratic stage, but Ned Ray McWherter has been out of politics since 1994.

His biggest accomplishment, arguably, came at the end of his second term as Governor when he, as a personal friend of Bill and Hillary Clinton, went to Washington and persuaded them to set up TennCare as an experiment for HillaryCare, their version of universal healthcare. This was foisted on the people of Tennessee and has been a financial millstone around Tennessee's neck since 1994. Early in this decade it threatened to bankrupt the State.

Voters are fed up with Democrats. It's that simple. Look to Virginia and New Jersey. Look to South Carolina and California. Republicans took over the Governorships in New Jersey and Virginia. Last November, Republicans are running strong in South Carolina and California. In Texas, Governor Perry thrashed U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison who was seen as just another Washington politician. Tennessee Republicans expect independent voters and voters in swing counties to get out and vote in the August Primary and then again in the November General Election. And, you can bet that Republicans will close ranks on August 6 to fully support the Republican governor standard bearer. With the very real possibility that the GOP will decisively control both Houses of the Legislature, Republicans relishing the fact that the State Capitol will belong to them exclusively. Conservatives will be in complete charge for the first time in many years. Perhaps as never before.

Republicans bring three capable candidates to the Primary election. Two have legislative experience while one has executive experience as a Mayor. Really now, would you have expected Governor Bredesen to have endorsed anybody but Mike McWherter? After all, he is a lone wolf in the wilderness--the only Dem standing.



JORDAN M. IWANYSZYN FOR PUTNAM COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 2

This year, there is going to be a change in representation from District 2 on the Putnam County Board of Education. After one term, incumbent Vern Crabtree decided not to seek re-election. There are four candidates in the race to succeed Vern, and all come from various backgrounds. Hello, my name is Jordan M. Iwanyszyn, and I want to tell you a little about myself, why I am running, and why I think I am the candidate for the job.

I'll start off with a little bit of my background. I was not born in Cookeville, but our great community is definitely my home. I moved with my family to the Upper Cumberland at the age of 9. When the time came to choose a college, I only seriously considered Tennessee Tech, because of its strong education programs and most importantly, I wanted to remain here in the Upper Cumberland. I am now about to wrap up my undergraduate work at TTU, where I am a Political Science major. I have already achieved my Business minor over the spring semester. I work

at TTU in the Sports Information department, where I am a public-address announcer for three sports and I work heavily in the public affairs part of our cross country and track teams. I also work at the campus fitness center, and I am a sales representative for Vector Marketing, selling Cutco cutlery, flatware and sporting knives. I give back to my community as much as I can. I am a member of Collegese Church of Christ, and I often attend the Sycamore congregation. When the College Republican chapter at Tennessee Tech folded after the 2006 elections, I led the drive to re-start the chapter and now have served as its president for over 2 years. This work led me to become active on the county level, and I was asked to run for the position of vice chair of the PCRP in the 2009 elections. I ran, and I now have been privileged to serve in this capacity over the last 18 months. I have rarely missed a meeting, and I have had critical input on various issues, including candidate recruitment, membership, the primary-vs.-caucus debate and our fundraising events.

When Vern announced to me last summer that he wasn't going to seek another term, I gave this race for school board some major thought, because I knew my youth and the ideas I could bring to the board could be very valuable. After running into Dr. Kathleen Airhart, our good director of schools, while working at the Tech Fitness Center, I then decided to make the run. I told her about my background and ideas, and she encouraged me to be a candidate.

I bring a fresh perspective, solid ideas, youth and an ethic of hard work into this campaign for school board, and I will bring those same traits onto the board if I am privileged to be elected. I believe in the value of education and I know the power that education brings to a community. I also know how much stronger our community will be when we strengthen our system of education here in Putnam County. I cannot go into detail here on all of my proposals and ideas, and where I stand on all of the issues, like I do on my campaign website, which can be found at the end of this article. I will highlight some key points of the campaign here.

-EARLY CHILDHOOD READING: Studies prove that when a student reads well by the end of 3rd grade, his performance all throughout life will benefit. The student is more likely to stay in school, graduate and become a productive member of society. I will work for stronger reading performance from our youngest students.

-SOCIAL STUDIES AS A MAJOR PRIORITY: As our economy continues to become more globalized, our students need to be taught a greater appreciation of what it means to be an American and they also need to have more opportunities to learn more about the outside world. I will work for these.

-JOB CREATION: Education is a crucial magnet for job creation. We need to market the strengths of our education system to potential job creators in Putnam County. We need to send energetic members of the school board on job creating missions to do this.

-COLLEGE PREP: As a college student myself, I witness countless students changing majors numerous times. I believe this is due to the fact that many students come out of high school unsure to what their career passions are. Although part of this is due to maturity causes, career encouragement to students needs to be stronger.

-VALUES: I will always be a voice on the school board for our traditional values. If the ACLU steps in and tries to tell us how we should run our schools, you can count on me to come down on the side of defending student-led prayer. I will defend personal accountability and stronger parental involvement in education.

I have only mentioned five issues briefly. If you like what you hear so far, or want to learn more, I encourage you to go to my campaign website, jordanforputnamschools.web.officelive.com. I also encourage you to ask me questions. Send all questions to the campaign email address at jordanforputnamschools@yahoo.com.

I humbly ask for your support and for your vote this August 5th, or if you choose to early vote between the days of July 16th through the 31st. If you do not live in the 2nd District, and you know people who do, please spread the word to them. The 2nd District is made up of county commission districts 2 and 3. Your support is greatly appreciated. God bless you and our community!



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