



DPSC BLUE REVIEW

*The Official Newsletter of
the Democratic Party of
Saline County*

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Don't see your name here? Want to become a *Friend of the Party* and help support our mission to grow Saline County?

Go to
salinedems.com/friendoftheparty
and enroll to receive a thank you in
our next newsletter, and much
more!

Updates:

Democratic Party of Saline County.

‘Crats in the Community:

On August 26th, the DPSC had several volunteers happily manning a booth at the Salt Bowl in 100+ degree heat to register voters and hand out cold water to attendees. While there, our volunteers successfully registered 4 voters and had positive interactions with countless folks from all around Saline County.

We'd like to extend a *massive* thank you to those volunteers: Fred McGraw, Myles Overton, Jon Poteet, Hannah Morgan, Bailey Morgan, Rachel Glenn, Laura Butler, and Melinda Hensley.

NOTE: We need volunteers for the last Third Thursday, 9/21, from 5-8 P.M. to help register voters and represent the DPSC. If you're interested, please reach out to Felix Stacy at (501) 944-1995!

“Friend”raising:

On Monday at our monthly DPSC meeting, DPSC Chair Bailey Morgan unveiled a new fundraising strategy to provide our donors and members with rewards that benefit both our members themselves, as well as the party as a whole.

This includes new “tiered” rewards for our “Friend of the Party” monthly donation program, as well as fundraising stretch goals (TBA) to improve our headquarters and our community outreach efforts. More information on these can be found toward the end of this newsletter, so read on!



BRAND-NEW
“FRIEND OF THE PARTY”
REWARDS!

DPSC FUNDRAISING
STRETCH GOALS!

Updates: Saline County

Battle for the Board:

In their September Committee Meeting, the Saline County Quorum Court voted to approve the nomination of Richard McKeown to the Library Board to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Laine Holleran. McKeown was nominated after Dr. Darnell Ball withdrew from consideration after being nominated in the August meeting.

McKeown is a 2-time published author and former journalist, both of which serve as excellent qualifications that seem to fit the needs of the appointment, though we presently know nothing about his position on the ongoing library fight. When nominated, his qualifications were the first thing on the mind of JP Clint Chism, as he asked if the nominee was “conservative,” the most obviously important qualification of a... nonpartisan Library Board member?



Saline Co Suicide Awareness

Week:

Cindy Bowden, a member of the Democratic Party of Saline County, successfully pushed for the Saline County Judge to declare Suicide Awareness Week in Saline County.

Her efforts and the declaration made front page news in the county, and called attention to an issue that has, in some way, had a substantial impact on almost everyone in the United States.



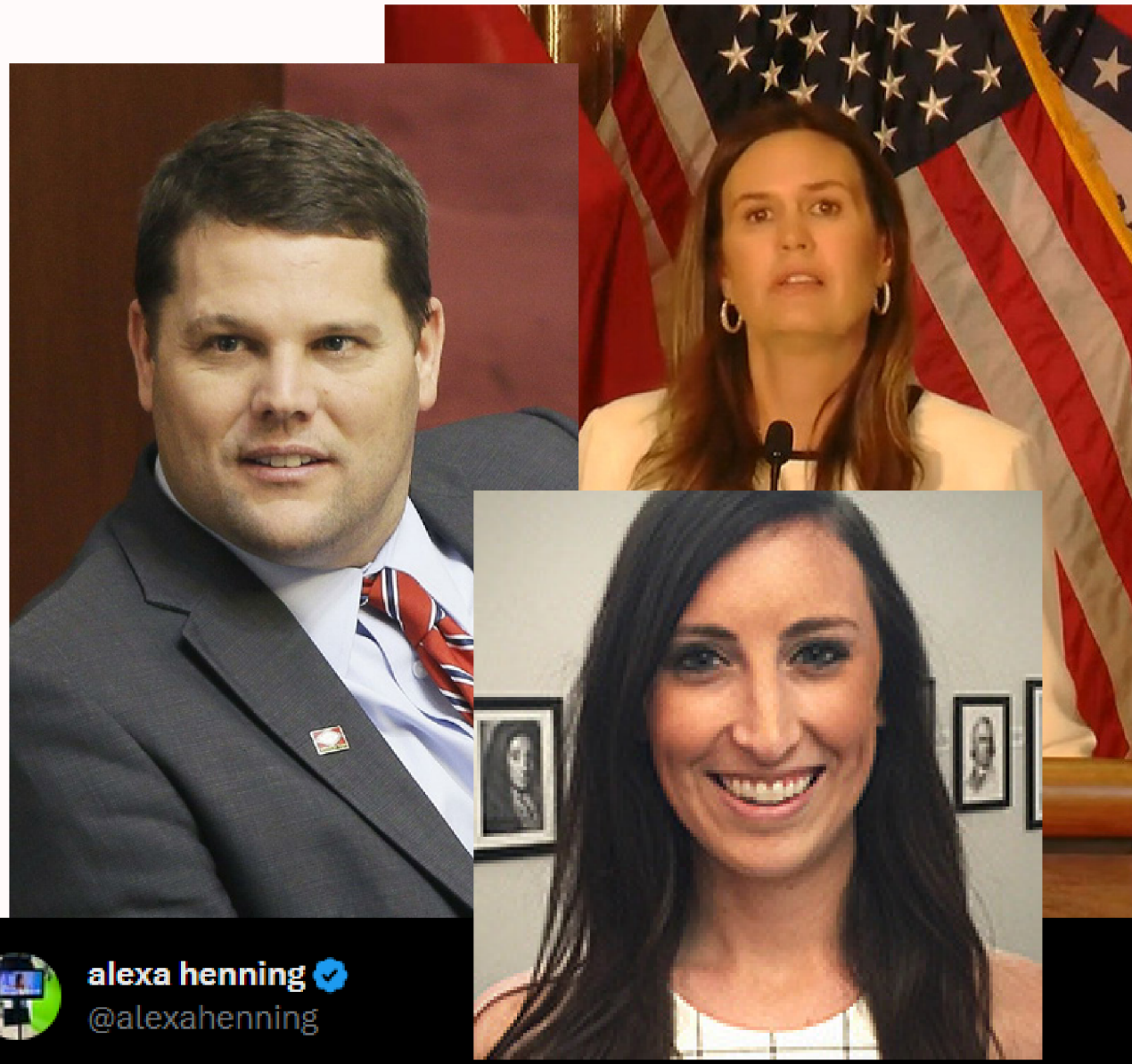
Updates: Arkansas

Sarah's Very Special Session:

The special session called by Sarah Sanders blew up in her and the ARLeg's face, as bipartisan opposition to her proposed gutting of the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act resulted in a rare glimpse into the dysfunction of the current Republican Party in Arkansas. Senate Pro Tempore Bart Hester, a Republican, argued with and made dismissive comments toward anyone speaking against the proposed modifications, INCLUDING several prominent Republicans.

Even the president of the Saline County Republican Women wasn't immune, with Alexa Henning, Sarah Sanders' Comms Director, accusing her of fearmongering. The DPSC passed a resolution in support of the AFOIA and urged representatives to oppose the proposed changes, which wound up being cited by *another* member of the Saline County Republican Party as proof that nobody in Arkansas supported the proposal. Henning and Sanders, for one beautiful moment, seemingly did the impossible: they united Democrats and Republicans in Saline County on an issue that didn't even involve a library.


Ultimately, a neutered version restricting access to the governor and other officials' security details passed in order for the governor to save face, along with tax cuts for the wealthy (act surprised), but the whole ordeal paints an interesting picture of Arkansas politics, where there appears to be a growing disconnect between our elected officials and their voters, even among Republicans.



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This is fearmongering and 100% false.

Deliberate process and attorney client privilege would not protect evidence of a crime.

 Jennifer Lancaster @JenLancasterEsq · Sep 10
@ConduitNews @RobSteinbuch #FOIA #arkleg #RPA

And remember the
Rapist Protection Act
because that's what's in this bill.
Someone is going to get molested and
that's not going to come out. Why?
Because of this bill. And that's going to be
on the shoulders of these legislators.

Attorney Robert Steinbuch
Arkansas Freedom of Information Taskforce
via Conduit News interview

9:36 AM · Sep 11, 2023 · 27.6K Views

Updates: United States

Shutdown?:

The US House of Representatives continues to serve as everyone's favorite bloodsport, as House Speaker Kevin McCarthy unilaterally announced an impeachment inquiry against President Biden in an attempt to appease the far-right wing of the party so that they would pass a spending bill as previously agreed upon. Of course, this effort failed, and members of the Freedom Caucus are threatening to call a motion to remove McCarthy from his position as Speaker. In a private meeting, McCarthy was quoted as daring them to "call the f—ing motion," a remarkable risk for a man who took 15 tries to get the job in the first place.

That's not to say things are great in the Senate though, as some Republicans there have unexpectedly stalled a bipartisan spending bill, demanding it be broken into multiple bills, a process which would take weeks of work, a luxury they cannot afford with only 3 weeks until a shutdown. Between the issues in both chambers, it seems a federal government shutdown is near guaranteed in the coming month(s).



Upcoming Events

9/21/23, 5-8 P.M. - Third Thursday, Downtown Benton

Volunteers needed! Please reach out to Felix at (501) 944-1995 if you're interested and willing to lend a hand and represent the party!

Date & Time TBD - DPSC Coffee House & Game Night

A board game night at the DPSC HQ aimed at bringing in young adults and providing a relaxed environment for folks to drink coffee, talk, and play games with other like-minded people.

Menu:

Black coffee - free
Creamer, sugar, and syrups free
Espresso Drinks
Americano - \$2
Cappuccino - \$3
Latte - \$4



Date & Time TBD - Beers and Brats

A cookout with good food, friends, and drinks out in the cool air.

10/14/23, 12-5 P.M. - Saline County Pridefest

To volunteer at our booth, please reach out to Saline@ArkDems.org!

10/14/23, 9 A.M. - 2 P.M. - Old Fashioned Day

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SALINE COUNTY

BRAND-NEW

“FRIEND OF THE PARTY” REWARDS!

GOOD NEIGHBOR: \$5/MONTH

- MONTHLY MAILED “THANK YOU” POSTCARD
- NAMED THANKS IN DPSC’S “BLUE REVIEW” NEWSLETTER

FRIEND OF THE PARTY: \$10/MONTH

- EVERYTHING IN “GOOD NEIGHBOR” TIER
- 1 FREE TICKET TO ANNUAL DPSC “DONOR DINNER”

COMMUNITY PARTNER: \$15/MONTH

- EVERYTHING IN “FRIEND OF THE PARTY” TIER
- 1 FREE “KICKIN’ BLUE” TICKET
- 1 FREE DPSC ENAMEL PIN

LIFE OF THE PARTY: \$25/MONTH

- EVERYTHING IN “COMMUNITY PARTNER” TIER
- 1 EXTRA “KICKIN’ BLUE” TICKET
- 1 EXTRA “DONOR DINNER” TICKET
- 1 FREE DPSC YARD SIGN OR T-SHIRT

PARTY PARTNER: \$50/MONTH

- EVERYTHING IN “LIFE OF THE PARTY” TIER
- 1 EXTRA YARD SIGN, T-SHIRT, OR ENAMEL PIN
- SIGNED PERSONAL THANK YOU FROM DPSC OFFICERS
- KICKIN’ BLUE SPONSOR STATUS
- NAMED THANKS IN DPSC EVENT BROCHURES



DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SALINE COUNTY

DPSC FUNDRAISING

STRETCH GOALS!

- NEW/RENOVATED CHAIRS
- CURTAINS
- WINDOW DECORATION
- IMPROVED REFRESHMENTS

- MINI-FRIDGE
- ROKU/STREAMING DEVICE FOR HQ TV
- REGULAR POSTCARD MAILERS

- MORE DECORATION
- ICE-MAKER
- MICROWAVE

- UPGRADED A/C SOLUTION
- UPDATED PAINT JOB
- IMPROVED ADVERTISING & MARKETING

- **... AND MORE! SEND YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO SALINE@ARKDEMS.ORG TO BE CONSIDERED AS A FUNDRAISING STRETCH GOAL!**

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL PROGRAM OFFICIALLY BEGINS