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McLean County Republicans

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## 4TH OF JULY PARADES

The McLean County Republicans were in full force on the Fourth of July, marching in three different county parades. The day started with the Towanda Parade, where volunteers and Republican officials walked together to connect with voters. We moved to Downs at midday to wind through the streets and Dooley Park. We finished the day with Chenoa, where, despite a hot day, we connected with the crowds of voters enjoying the celebration. Thanks to Jim Fisher for heading up the parade effort and to the many volunteers who made sure we were there for all our voters. The Democrats didn't think it was worth the effort to take part.

Thanks to State Representative Sally Turner and State Attorney Erika Reynolds for joining the fun.

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### Volunteer Opportunities

\*We are always ready for more volunteers to help with various projects/tasks. To learn more please contact our Volunteer Coordinators Katrina Eames- [katrina52303@gmail.com](mailto:katrina52303@gmail.com) or Patricia Morin [patricia.morin@comcast.net](mailto:patricia.morin@comcast.net)

\*We are looking for additional hosts as we expand attendance at our Tuesday morning Coffee and Conversation time. The group meets from 10 am to 12 pm regularly at our office to share coffee, donuts, and conversation. Please contact Connie Beard at 309-824-9394 if interested.

## MCLEAN COUNTY FAIR

We just completed a fun week at the McLean County Fair. Over 30 volunteers made it possible to keep our big, welcoming tent open all five days of the fair, totaling 58 hours. We gave out over 500 helium-filled balloons and lots of candy to happy kids, plus gallons of cold water to all fairgoers.

Sally Turner, Regan Deering, Erika Reynolds, Dillon Vancil, and Jon Albee all worked the tent to help us connect with voters. Geoff Tompkins also dropped by. Two new leaders of the McLean County Young Republicans, Jasmyn Jordan and Dean Fletcher, helped to reach our community. We had fun with cool patriotic hats, shirts, and flags, which were very popular. We have new volunteers who have signed up to help and received excellent suggestions for possible candidates, which we will follow up on. We also took a straw poll during the fair on the question of a sanctuary city. The response was overwhelming, with a majority voting 'no' on the question of support for sanctuary city policies.

Just an observation that the Democrats did have a tent, but it was not open very often, as we understand their focus was on a "Pride Fest," not the majority of McLean County.

As always, the Mclean County Farm Bureau, along with the Mclean County 4H, had a great event. Can't wait till next year!



## More County Fair Pictures....



## MCLEAN COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS

We are excited to announce that a new chapter of the Young Republicans has been formed in McLean County. Led by Jasmyn Jordan, a Normal native and recent graduate of Iowa State.

The newly formed chapter held its first meeting on Thursday, July 25, at our MCGOP Headquarters. Membership is growing as plans are being laid for future

events and projects. The Young Republicans organization is part of the national organization. It is designed for conservatives, ages 18 to 40 in McLean County with a mission of recruiting, training, and electing leaders rooted in liberty, accountability, opportunity, and unity. For more information, you can reach them on Facebook or email [McLeanCountyYR@gmail.com](mailto:McLeanCountyYR@gmail.com)



## MCGOP At the Corn Crib

We had an excellent opportunity to promote Republican ideals at the table we manned on Friday, July 18, during a doubleheader baseball game. We offered our new line of patriotic shirts and hats, as well as information on candidates and party events. Thanks to Jim Fisher for setting up the event for us. Jerry Klinkner and Connie Beard worked at the event, enjoying the connection we made with so many.



## Coffee And Conversation

Every Tuesday morning, the coffee pot is on and breakfast treats set out as area Republicans join for a bit of lively conversation on the current events. At our headquarters located at 202 S. Eldorado Bloomington, on July 1, State Senator Sally Turner joined the conversation. She shared updates on legislation coming out of Springfield and provided insight into what to expect moving forward. She answered questions and provided good insight in the challenges Republicans face in Springfield.

**Slated for August 19, State Representative Regan Deering will share information and take questions.** Future Coffee and Conversations will feature other area elected officials to allow first-hand Information to be shared one-on-one with our MCGOP.

## Save the Dates

- \* **Tuesday, August 19 Coffee and Conversation-Regan Deering**, State Representative for the 88<sup>th</sup> District will be there from 10 am - 11 am sharing updates and coffee with our MCGOP. Stop at our headquarters that morning to be an informed voter.
- \* **On Saturday, August 23, Legislative Update Breakfast** - This will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The event is free and includes a light breakfast, but it is limited to 100 people, so reservations are needed. We will hear directly from multiple legislators and county board members regarding the activities of various government bodies. This will be held in Bloomington at the community room of DeMik Properties, located at 1304 Morrissey, also known as Wilbur South. Go to our website at [www.McLeanCountyRepublicans.org](http://www.McLeanCountyRepublicans.org) to make your reservation.
- \* **Labor Day Parade on September 1** in Bloomington will be a fun family event for all our supporters to join and walk. Lineup will be 9 am with the step off for the parade at 10 am.
- \* **Lincoln/Regan Dinner on Thursday, September 25.** Details coming soon.

Legislative Breakfast Update  
&  
Call for Action

Learning the truth and laying a ground game for victory

RSVP Required  
Saturday, August 23 9am - 10:30pm