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McLean County Republicans

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**Appreciation for Our Veterans**

MCGOP hosted a Veteran's Day Breakfast at our headquarters on Nov. 11 as a token appreciation for our military veterans. We owe a continuous thank you to all our service men and women who serve our great nation.

The Events Planning Team had its first meeting to layout events for 2026. Anyone interested in taking part in the fun of planning and creating exciting events should contact Connie Beard, 309-824-9394, to learn how your talents can be used for our county Republican party.

**Upcoming Events**

- ★ Friday, December 5 will be the first Republican Night Out at the rink as we come together to enjoy the Bison Hockey team take on the Kalamazoo Wings. Special seating and door prizes are instore for our Republican supporters. Buy your tickets now at <https://www.gofevo.com/event/McLeanCo25>
- ★ Saturday December 6 there will be training for volunteers wanting to help us get out the vote and register voters for 2026. Deputy Registrar Training will be held by the Bloomington Election Commission at 9:30 in the Community Room of the Bloomington Public Library. This is a nonpartisan event in conjunction with the NAACP. Let's show a strong Republican support for voters in 2026. RSVP for this event at [https://www.mcleancountyrepublicans.org/deputy\\_registrar\\_training](https://www.mcleancountyrepublicans.org/deputy_registrar_training)
- ★ Two Christmas Open House events are happening for paid members, Precinct Committeemen and 2025 Volunteers. Didn't get your invitation? Contact Connie Beard for more information. 309-824-9394
- ★ January 2026—Election Year—Stop by on Tuesday mornings from 10-12 for Coffee and Conversation starting January 6 at the McLean County Republican Headquarters. The coffee pot is always on and the conversation honest and informative.



## 2026 Republican Candidates for McLean County

The deadline for filing to be placed on the General Primary Ballot for March 17, 2026, was Monday, November 3. As of this printing, the list of Republican Candidates for which McLean County Republicans can vote is listed below.

Office	Candidate
Governor/Lt Governor	Darren Bailey/Aaron Del Mar Ted Dabrowski/Carrie Mendosa James Mendrick/Robert Renteriz Gregg Moore Rick Heidner
US Senate	Casandra Claiborne Pamela Denise Long Cary Capparelli Don Tracy Casey Chlebek John Goodman
16 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District	Darin LaHood John Kitover
17 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District	Dillan Vancil Julie Bickelhaupt
Secretary of State	Walter Adamcsyk
State Comptroller	Bryan Drew
State Senate	Sally Turner-44th Chris Balkema- 53 <sup>rd</sup>
State Representative	Bill Hauter – 87 <sup>th</sup> Regan Deering- 88 <sup>th</sup> Tim Reustman- 105 <sup>th</sup> Jason Bunting- 106 <sup>th</sup>
County Clerk	Kathy Michael
County Sheriff	Jon Albee
County Treasurer	Rebecca McNeill
Regional Education Superintendent	Molly Allen
County Board #1	Andy Ziebarth
County Board #2	Bill Friedrich
County Board #3	Brian Bangert
County Board #4	Jerry Klinkner
County Board #5	Jeff Lord
County Board #7	Geoff Tompkins
County Board #10	Matt Steinkoenig

### 2026 Candidate Forum

Saturday January 31 starting at 9 AM the McLean County Republicans will host breakfast event where voters can listen to candidates who will be on the Republican primary ballot for governor and for the 17<sup>th</sup> Congressional seat. We will hear from Darren Bailey, Ted Dabrowski, Dillan Vancil and Julie Bickelhaupt plus additional candidates in competitive races will join in the coming weeks. The breakfast will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 10 Brickyard, Bloomington. You can get an early bird discount ticket now at [https://www.mcleancountyrepublicans.org/2026\\_candidate\\_forum](https://www.mcleancountyrepublicans.org/2026_candidate_forum)

### Save the Date

**Saturday February 7** where a free event at 9am will take place to meet the state and county candidates asking for your vote. Details are coming soon.

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## FEDERAL & STATE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FORUM

BE AN INFORMED VOTER



Darren  
Bailey  
Candidate  
for  
Governor



Ted  
Dabrowski  
Candidate  
for  
Governor



Julie  
Bickelhaupt  
Candidate  
for  
Congress



Dillan  
Vancil  
Candidate  
for  
Congress

**Just a few of the Candidates who are speaking  
There will be time for Q & A**

Saturday, January 31, 2026 9 AM - 10:30 AM  
Breakfast Event at the Doubletree Hotel  
10 Brickyard, Bloomington

**Buy Your Tickets Now at Early Bird Prices**



**REPUBLICAN NIGHT OUT**  
**BLOOMINGTON BISON HOCKEY**



VS



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025**  
**7 PM**

**GROSSINGER MOTORS ARENA**  
**101 S. MADISON ST., BLOOMINGTON**

Special seating for Republicans and enjoy 390 NIGHT  
 \$3 Busch Light cans  
 \$3 Soda  
 \$9 two slices of pizza  
 FREE popcorn  
 \$9 Specialty T-Shirt

Plus GOP Door Prizes





**HELP US BE READY FOR THE ELECTION!**

Become a Deputy Registrar!  
 Help register voters for 2026.

**Deputy Registrar Training**  
*conducted by the Bloomington Election Commission*

**Saturday, December 6**  
**9:30 am - 11:00 am**  
**Bloomington Library**  
**205 E. Olive St., BL**

Training will take place in community room #2



This is a non-partisan event hosted by the NAACP.

**RSVP NOW**



**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with great vibes, good people, and good times.**