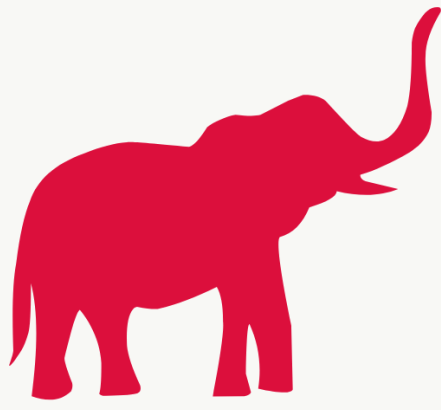


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Notable Quote



“No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent. I say this is the leading principle - the sheet anchor of American Republicanism.” - Abraham Lincoln - circa 1854

Chairman’s Message

- **Paul Hofmann**

Dear Fellow Republicans,



This first quarter is off to a great start! As we continue into 2025, we are encouraged by the strong start President Trump has made since January 20th. Actions that we longed for related to our borders, confronting crime, addressing multiple world hotspots including Israel and Russia which were created by the appeasement policies of the previous administration, and more.

Below are National, State, and Local initiatives that I think you should be aware of.

NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Government Efficiency Department Exposes Waste

The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has thrown the Democrat Party into disarray by swiftly uncovering billions in waste, fraud, and abuse within the Federal Government. Focusing on discretionary spending- funds allocated by Congress for executive agencies - DOGE's first target was USAID, revealing staggering levels of mismanagement.

The scale of inefficiency is too vast to summarize here, but you can explore DOGE's findings in detail by clicking [this link](#)

State Spotlight

ILLINOIS GERRYMANDERING BATTLE

Gerrymandering has long been used as a political weapon, dating back to the post-emancipation South, where democrats manipulated districts to weaken African American votes. The practice has faced legal challenges for over a century, and Illinois is once again at the center of the debate.

The Illinois Republican Party is suing in the state Supreme Court over the latest Democrat-drawn legislative map, arguing that it unfairly favors Democrats. Despite winning only 55% of the statewide vote in 2024, Democrats secured over 66% of State House seats, raising concerns about political manipulation. Read more about the lawsuit [here](#).

----- Local Spotlight -----

Illinois' Consolidated Elections will take place on Tuesday, April 1st. Throughout Winnebago County there are many Republicans on the ballot and as the old adage goes “all politics are local.” This means that we as Republicans should set a reminder on our calendars or in our phones, to remind us we have something important to do and that is to get out the vote!

Yours in Liberty,

Paul Hofmann, Chairman of the Winnebago County Republican Party



Precinct Spotlight

John Eckberg - Rockford Township Ward 8
Republican Precinct Committeeman

John Eckberg has served as the Republican Precinct Committeeman for Rockford Township Ward 8 for the past 2 years, bringing over 30 years of experience in the Republican Party. Throughout his involvement, he has built a reputation as a dedicated community leader, previously serving as a Precinct Committeeman in both Rockford and Rockford Township and as a member of the Winnebago County Board.

Beyond politics, John is a trusted neighbor and resource, actively engaging with residents by assisting with voter registration, answering questions about Republican policies, and fostering meaningful discussions on leadership and governance. “My focus as a Precinct Committeeman is to be a good neighbor first—helping people, listening to concerns, and ensuring our community stays informed about Republican values,” he says. John’s commitment to grassroots engagement strengthens the Republican presence in Rockford Township while keeping community needs at the forefront. Whether providing information during election seasons or simply being available to his neighbors, he prioritizes service and meaningful connections to build a stronger, more informed community.

Platform Highlight

This Month’s Focus: Limited Government

Republicans stand for empowering people, not bureaucracy. A bloated government stifles innovation,

burdens businesses, and restricts personal freedom. By cutting excessive regulation and demanding fiscal responsibility, we foster an economy where businesses thrive, families prosper, and the American dream remains within reach.

Read the full **Republican Party Platform** [here](#)

April 1st Candidate Info

All information about Candidates can be found on our [website here](#). Remember to share with family and friends!

Special Announcement

We have a new website! It can be found [here](#) or by searching winnebagogop.com

We have also been going through some rebranding of the Party locally. Keep a look out for all our new updates and improvements.



Closing Note

Thank you for your continued support of the Republican Party and our shared vision for a brighter future. Together, we're building a stronger, more prosperous Winnebago County. Let's keep the momentum going!

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