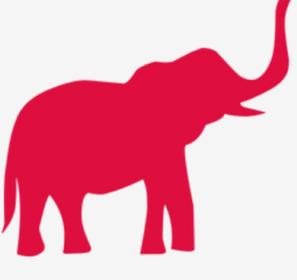




## NotableQuote



*"All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent."*

~ Thomas Jefferson ~

## Chairman's Message

- Paul Hofmann

Dear Fellow Republicans,

Petition season is winding down and we have at least five (5) contested races that will be in front of Republican voters in the primary election in Winnebago County. The obvious down side to a contested primary election is the consumption of valuable resources, the potential for intra-party conflict and division. However, a contested primary election offers multiple benefits that can counter the downside and propel us to victory in November. These benefits include:

- 1) Voter Choice and Engagement
- 2) Candidate Vetting and Improvement
- 3) Party Renewal and Diversity of Ideas
- 4) Increased Public Awareness
- 5) Legitimacy of the Nominee
- 6) Mobilization for the General Election
- 7) Accountability and Transparency

It is imperative that each of us as members of the Winnebago GOP are fully engaged in the election process and support our candidate of choice. Each of you is encouraged to work towards a primary election that achieves these seven (7) benefits, drives Republican success in the general election and fulfills our battle cry 'DEFEAT PRITZKER'. So, when you feel anger rising within you as your candidate of choice gets attacked; please pause and consider how to respond. Remain focused on supporting the Republican platform and your fellow Republicans. Will you call your opponent a liar or will you respond with a statement that provides a full factual account? Will you provide the information needed to let voters decide?

Perhaps, name calling will make you feel better and relieve your anger. But, we need to have a long term view that looks through the lens of what type of results it will drive in November. Speak truth, respond graciously and engage in robust debate.

Remember Charlie!

## Winnebago GOP Message

*Turning Point USA Growth Locally*

We are winning like never before in our local schools and community college! Before the events on September 10th, the closest TPSUA high school chapters were located in Chicagoland. Now in just one month we almost have chapters approved or starting in 10 local high schools!

### Running Chapters

High Schools) Belvidere North, Harlem, Genoa Kingston

Colleges) Rock Valley College and NIU

### Chapters with Interest / In Approval Process

High Schools) Boylan Catholic, Rockford Christian, Hononegah, Auburn, Stillman Valley, Rochelle, and

Marengo

College) Rockford University

But the battle is not over! After being threatened with legal action, the chapter at Rock Valley College was finally approved after several long months, however at the moment the administration there is attempting to place extreme measures and stipulations in place including the requirement to give 6 to 8 week notice for certain activities and prior approval for social media posts and content. This type of behavior will not be tolerated.

While there are several people involved in this success those leading the charge are Jayden Gallagly (Rockford Area TPUSA President) and Andrew Gilbey (Rockford Area TPUSA Vice President). We are grateful for everything they have accomplished so far and their vision for this county and region and of what

is to come in the future!

The above statement has been updated.

Click [HERE](#) to read it.

## Local Spotlight

### **Veterans Drop-In Center Grand Reopening**

After closing its doors for a couple months for restructuring, the Rockford Veterans Drop-In Center announced it

would be reopening its door again. Earlier this month on October 3rd, the organization hosted its grand re-

opening. The Drop-In prides itself as providing meals and services to homeless veterans in Winnebago County.

[See Story Here.](#)

## ----- Special Poll Opportunity -----

*Help Us Pick Out the Movie for This Month's Movie Night*

We want your feedback on what movie should be screened at our monthly movie night on November 21, 2025.

Keep an eye on the Winnebago GOP Facebook page for the exciting poll that will be launched in a few days. We

need your opinion and help! Stay tuned!

## Upcoming Events

November 8 - Veteran's Celebration - Machine Shed Restaurant Rockford. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm NIRW invites you to attend the honoring of those who have served, and are serving in times of peace, and in times of war. First 50 Veterans join the breakfast for FREE. Non-Veteran cost - \$25 per person / \$40 a couple

RSVP [here](#)

(Hosted by NIRW - Northern Illinois Republican Women)

November 14 - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Loves Park City Hall 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Come enjoy a spaghetti dinner as we raise money for our communication capabilities for the Party here locally - including texting, technology costs, hiring part time staff members and more!

Cost) \$10 per plate Pay ahead and donate [here](#)

(Hosted by Winnebago GOP)

November 17 - Rockford City Council - General Meeting - Rockford City Hall - Council Chambers 5:30 pm

November 18 - Monthly Winnebago GOP Republican Party Meeting Loves Park City Hall 6:00 pm

November 21 - Movie Night - Winnebago GOP Headquarters - 555 S. Perryville Road, Rockford IL 6:00 pm

Movie = Will be announced soon! (Hosted by Winnebago GOP) REMEMBER - This is a great opportunity to invite someone new! This is not simply a fun event to attend but a way to grow our outreach and the party!

We encourage you to bring 5 new people with you!

[See Online Events Calendar here](#)

*\*Registration is required for some events*

## Important Dates – 2026 Election Cycle

We want to make sure you're aware of the key dates coming up in this election cycle! These are the moments where our preparation becomes action.

**March 17, 2026** - Primary Election. We plan to be fully engaged in supporting strong Republican candidates and getting out the vote.

**On or before April 16, 2026** - Winnebago Republican County Convention. Officers, township chairs, and State Central Committee candidates will be elected—we need committed voices in the room when that happens.

We believe that when we show up prepared and unified, we win. Let's keep these dates in front of us and treat each one as a step toward real change.

## Check & Update Your Voter Registration

Need to check your voter registration, register to vote, or update your information after a move?

Use the Illinois State Board of Elections [Voter Registration Lookup](#) to ensure your information is current.

To register online, have your Illinois driver's license or state ID and the last four digits of your Social Security number ready. Staying up to date ensures you can sign petitions, vote, and participate fully in the election process.



## Platform Highlight

**#19 - SECURE OUR ELECTIONS. INCLUDING SAME DAY VOTING, VOTER IDENTIFICATION, PAPER BALLOTS, AND PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP.**

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

## Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

It is here! Come enjoy a spaghetti dinner as we raise money for our communication capabilities – including texting, technology costs, part time staff members, and more. In the last 10 months we have been growing rapidly in our online, digital, and various other communication methods and we don't want to slow down now. As we look towards both the primary and general elections next year, we want to be able to continue to expand our communication abilities and ensure that we are ready on all fronts for 2026!

Date) Friday, November 14

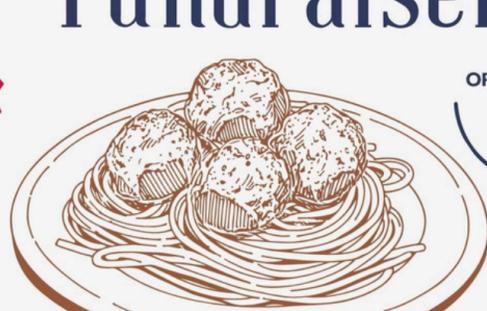
Location) Loves Park City Hall

Time) 5:30pm – 7 pm \*Please note the change in time

Cost) \$10 per plate

[Pay ahead and donate here.](#)

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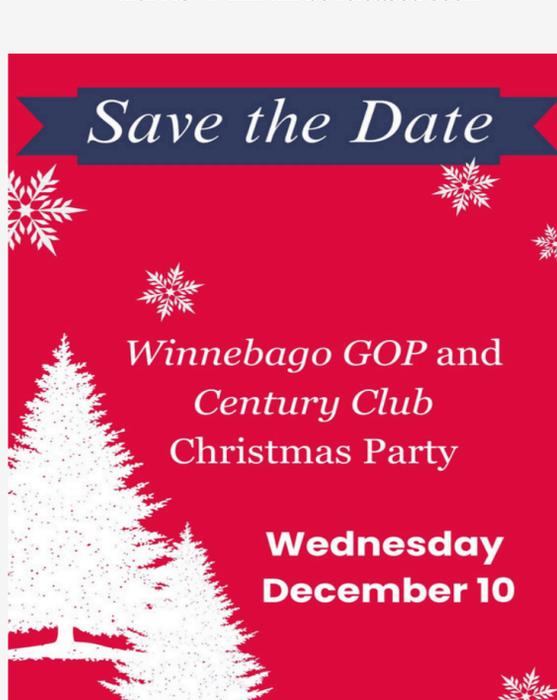
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**COST - \$10 PER PLATE**

Tap to Download & Share!

## GOP and Century Club Christmas Party

We are switching things up this year! Come join us at our first annual joint Winnebago GOP and Century Club Christmas Party on Wednesday December 10, 2025 at 6pm at the Aldeen Golf Course Pavilion. We have new special surprises planned! Save the Date! Additional details and speaker along with RSVP link will be released soon.



# 2026 Lincoln Day Dinner

Save the Date! The 2026 Lincoln Day Dinner will soon be here! Make sure to mark it on your calendar. Details will be released in due course.



## Christmas Gifts

### Winnebago GOP Membership Card



Looking for a fun and creative Christmas gift for friends and family or the other conservatives in your life? We have got you covered!

With the Winnebago GOP card you receive \$10 off your purchase of \$40 or more at Franchesco's Ristorante, Fozzy's Bar and Grill, Alchemy at Aldeen, and Murphy's Pub and Grill

Get yours today for \$20!

[Become a Card Carrying Member Here!](#)

## Communication Materials

We're excited to offer several updates that will energize your outreach efforts and show the community that the Winnebago County GOP is organized, active, and ready to lead! See below:

### Fresh Business Cards; Tri-fold Brochures are Here!

You asked and we delivered. Brand-new business cards and local GOP brochures are now available and can be picked up at Headquarters during office hours. These materials are perfect for community engagement, recruitment, and letting people know who we are and what we stand for. Don't leave the next meeting or event empty-handed!



## Updated Email Addresses

We've modernized our communication infrastructure and added dedicated email addresses to help you get in touch with the right people faster and more efficiently. See addresses below. Whether it's events, volunteer opportunities, or general inquiries, there's now a clear channel for every need.

### Main Contacts

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## 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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