

JULY 2024

# RWRC NEWS

MEMBER OF THE TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN



## JULY MEETING INVITE

JULY 16, 2024 6PM

CARRIAGE LANE INN - 337 East Burton Street

You are invited to join us for a delicious dinner and to hear from Rutherford County Mayor, Joe Carr. He will share the important issues facing our county, progress made, the role of the county mayor, and more.

Reservations and meal payments are due by July 12 at 5 pm. You can sign up and prepay by clicking the link below:

"The people of Rutherford County deserve the best run government. We are all working hard to provide that." Mayor Joe Carr



[RWRC Meeting Reservations](#)

RWRC will be collecting donations at our July dinner for the Caring for America statewide project. See more information on page 10.

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# JUNE MEETING RECAP

*Submitted by Marzee Woodward*

Ava Jolley, a sophomore from Hillsdale College, was our speaker. Ava loves her college, and shared about the community feeling of Hillsdale, which has an extremely supportive and nurturing atmosphere. So much so that students regularly attend activities and events to support fellow students; as do faculty members, among whom is Victor Davis Hanson, with Pat Sajak serving as Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Hillsdale College follows the classical model of education, and receives no federal funding. The school works to encourage students to have a wide variety of interests which Ava does, and mentors students to be free and independent thinkers.

Many attendees expressed interest in the school, leading Ava to share the free on-line classes that Hillsdale offers that are beneficial.

Ava Jolley, Hillsdale College



# REAGAN DAY DINNER PHOTOS!

The Reagan Day Dinner is held annually as a fundraiser for Republican Party counties. It's a great time to break bread with fellow Republicans, meet elected officials and candidates, find out how to get involved, and connect with new and old friends. RWRC members came out in droves to support the Reagan Day Dinner and the county party! Here are just some of the pictures.



## A MESSAGE FROM TNFRW STATE PRESIDENT SHARON BOREING

I strongly recommend that you go to [Pray4TN](#) to learn more about this whole effort which begins today.

Let's go into this month of prayer with our Governor and Legislators as they have called for.



## RED SHOE BOOK CLUB

COME JOIN US AS WE DISCUSS VICTOR DAVIS HANSON'S BOOK, *THE DYING CITIZEN*. PLEASE RSVP.

Participants will have two choices for attending book club meetings. Light refreshments will be served at each meeting.

Please **RSVP** to one of the book club hosts below:

\***Monday, July 15 at 6:00p.m.** at Cindy Bjork's home  
2634 English Hill Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37130

RSVP to (615) 202-5313

\***Wednesday, July 17 at 10:00a.m.** at Patricia Hardage's home  
4858 Chelanie Circle, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

RSVP to (214) 695-7898

*(Patricia's home is a townhouse, so she has asked that you park in the overflow parking and not on the street.)*

### GROWING AMERICAN PATRIOTS THROUGH LITERACY (TNFRW)

We have all witnessed declining American patriotism among our citizens recently; therefore, one of the goals of our Republican Women clubs is to take steps to "turn the tide." Proverbs 22:6 teaches us that if "We train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."

We can train by example, but also by being very intentional about what we ask our young people to read and hear.

**Rutherford County Republican Women are donating** the following books to Linebaugh Public Library from the TNFRW Recommended Book List:



- [Camilla Can Vote](#)
- [O, Say Can you See? America's Symbols, Landmarks, and Important Words](#)
- [What Would the Founding Fathers Think: A Young American's Guide to Understanding What Makes Our Nation Great](#)
- [Wingfeather Saga \(a 4-book set\)](#)
- [The Story of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#)
- [M is for Majestic: A National Parks Alphabet](#)



The purpose of a Red Shoe Book Club:  
"To increase our knowledge, and share understanding of important Republican issues and our American heritage."

# CAMPAIGN CORNER

*Submitted by Rhonda Wiser, Campaign Chair*



August 1, 2024 is Murfreesboro's general election to elect its mayor and city council AND Tennessee's Primary election to elect its state house and state senate seats.

Voter Registration Deadline -- July 2, 2024

Early Voting -- Friday, July 12 – Saturday, July 27, 2024

Lara Trump and The Republican National Convention recommend "Bank your vote: Vote early" to help prevent voter fraud.

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline -- Thursday, July 25, 2024

\*\*\*\*You can vote at any polling location in Rutherford County.

Visit [Voter - Rutherford County, TN \(rutherfordcountyttn.gov\)](https://www.rutherfordcountyttn.gov) for sample ballot, absentee voting information, early voting information and more.

*NOTE: Shawn Wright and Matt Herriman are the only candidates with a 100% Republican voting record. You do not HAVE to vote for three although the ballot gives the opportunity to vote for three. Let's get these two strong republicans on our council.*

November 5, 2024 is U.S. ELECTION DAY for the following:

1. U.S. House, U.S. Senate, and U.S. Presidential general elections AND
2. Tennessee State general elections for the Tennessee House and Tennessee Senate.

Voter Registration Deadline Monday, October 7, 2024 (BE SURE EVERYONE YOU KNOW IS REGISTERED TO VOTE: [Elections | Tennessee Secretary of State \(tn.gov\)](https://www.tn.gov))

Early Voting Wednesday, October 16 – Thursday, October 31, 2024

Lara Trump and The Republican National Convention recommend voting early to "Bank your vote: Vote early."

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline Tuesday, October 29, 2024

\*\*\*\*You can vote at any polling location in Rutherford County.

The Republican National Convention

Donald Trump will be formally nominated and elected at The Republican National Convention July 15-18, 2024 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) will communicate and make announcements via the NFRW App for anyone not attending the convention live.

To download the NFRW app, please see a video in the NFRW newsletter

[Political@nfrw.org](mailto:Political@nfrw.org)

*The NFRW continues to stand by and support President Donald Trump.*

Do you want to check your voter registration status? Do you want to find your County Election Commission? Visit [Elections | Tennessee Secretary of State \(tn.gov\)](https://www.tn.gov).

Download the GoVoteTN app for additional election information or to become a poll watcher (<https://pollworkers.govotetn.com/>).

## CAMPAIGN CORNER (CONT.)

*Submitted by Rhonda Wiser, Campaign Chair*

### Voter Fraud

The Trump campaign and the Republican National Committee (RNC) plans to have more than 100,000 attorneys and volunteers in battleground states to monitor vote counts.

The Trump campaign will offer training sessions and attorneys will be prepared to address any concerns.

*Source: The Hill.com*

#### Resource Sites:

[2024 Key Dates.pdf \(tnsosgovfiles.com\)](#)

<https://election.rutherfordcountyttn.gov/>

[Voter - Rutherford County, TN \(rutherfordcountyttn.gov\)](#)

[GoVoteTN - Information for Voters | Tennessee Secretary of State](#)

[Republican National Committee | RNC](#)

[Home | Tennessee Secretary of State \(tn.gov\)](#)

[Election - Rutherford County, TN \(rutherfordcountyttn.gov\)](#)



# POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN HOURS

RWRC WILL FOLLOW THE BELOW REMINDERS FROM THE TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN (TNFRW) ON RECORDING VOLUNTEER HOURS:

The deadline to record volunteer hours from the First Reporting Period, July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023, has been extended to **July 14, 2024**. **July 15, 2024** is the deadline for the Second Reporting Period for Volunteer Hours & Calls.

## Examples of Volunteer Calls:

- Scheduling Meetings, Events, or Speakers
- Ballot Questions or Initiatives
- Calls to Action for Issues and/or Legislative Activities
- Campaign Calls
- Polling Calls

*Reminder*

[RWRC Volunteer Hours Link](#)

## Political and Campaign Volunteer Hours Include (where applicable):

1. Travel time to and from the activity
2. Research and development of the activity (example: social media posts / letters to the editor)
3. Preparation and breakdown of activity

Hours collected are on a best estimate basis. Round up to the closest whole hour.

Primary and Associate member hours should be counted. When in doubt count the hour.

## Examples of Volunteer Activities:

- Attending, preparing for, or volunteering at NRW club meetings, attending all Republican events such as Reagan Day Dinner, GOP Nashville monthly breakfasts, and Region, State, and National Federation meetings and conventions
- Running for office
- Serving on committees
- Working at a Local, County, State, National Republican office
- Working at a Local, County, State, National Republican candidate or elected official's office
- Working as an Election Officer, Poll Watcher, Challenger, or Election Integrity worker
- Organizing, teaching, or attending a Campaign Management School
- All campaign activities benefiting our Republican Party, candidates, and/or the Federation
- Time spent making political and campaign calls

**Thank you to Rhonda Wisner RWRC Campaign Chair for sharing this important information.**

*We ♥ our  
Volunteers*



## TNFRW PRIMARY SEASON RULES

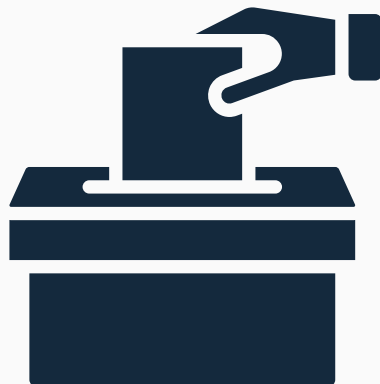
Elections have a season and we are now in the primary season that will end on Election Day, Thursday, August 1.

On that day our candidates for state and federal office will be determined. That is when we set aside our personal preferences and get behind the Republicans who will be running for election on November 5, many with a Democrat opponent.

**As a reminder, our clubs need to keep in mind the Bylaws regarding primaries:**

- Our State Federation and clubs as a whole do not endorse in a primary.
- Our state and club presidents, campaign chairs and area vice presidents cannot endorse in a primary.
- Individual members may work for a candidate but not in the name of the club.
- Avoid posting candidates' information on the club's social media. It gives the impression that the club is endorsing.
- Be fair to invite all Republican candidates to speak at invited venues. Avoid inviting democratic and independent candidates. Remember, they are running against a republican.
- Clubs' databases are private and not to be shared with candidates or any other organization.

We RECRUIT, ELECT & SUPPORT REPUBLICANS! We also adhere to the rules on endorsement!



**YOUR VOTE  
MATTERS**

# CARING FOR AMERICA

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

The Tennessee Federation of Republican Women's (TNFRW) statewide Caring for America project for 2024 is recognizing and supporting the **Tennessee Highway Patrol**.

We will be providing 1200 insulated lunch bags and drinking cups along other requested items and are in the process of taking donations for this very special cause and welcome your support.

Tennessee owned Keen Promotions of Bristol/Kingsport will be gathering the products for us and have estimated a cost of \$25 each.

If you would like to partner with the TNFRW we welcome your support.

**The deadline for contributions is July 31st.**

Please contact TNFRW Caring for America Chair, Robbyn Maylott at [robbynmaylott@outlook.com](mailto:robbynmaylott@outlook.com) or call 423.418.2036 for additional information.

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The NFRW Homeland Security Committee and TexasFRW have compiled a list of items that our Border Patrol Agents need to make their difficult jobs easier.

All you need to do is click [HERE](#) and you will be directed to Amazon where you can pick from a wide range of items that are desperately needed and they will be shipped directly to the processing team.

1. Select the items you wish to purchase
2. Add them to your cart
3. Click "Proceed to Check Out"
4. Make sure the shipping address selected is "Deborah Wall-Border Care Project" (this should come up automatically)
5. Select your payment method
6. Then click "Place your order"
7. Items will be shipped directly to the processing team.

If you have any questions, please email Deborah Wall at [Debmwall@gmail.com](mailto:Debmwall@gmail.com).

JOIN TNFRW IN THE  
**STATEWIDE CARING FOR AMERICA PROJECT CHALLENGE**

**Help Give an Insulated Bag of Essentials for TN State Troopers**

**\$25 per bag**  
*Any amount is greatly appreciated!*

EVERY DOLLAR DONATED SUPPORTS  
**TN STATE TROOPERS**

SEND ONE CHECK OF YOUR CLUB'S DONATIONS TO:  
STACY BREWER  
321 COPELAND DRIVE  
WAYNESBORO, TN 38485

**DONATION DEADLINE IS JULY 31**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- July 4-248th Independence Day ceremony at the courthouse, open to the public
- July 8-9-Candidate Forum from HQ, Facebook live (contested primary house races)
- July 12-27-Early Voting, Bank Your Vote!
- July 15-18-Republican National Convention, Milwaukee WI
- July 15-Deadline to record volunteer hours at [rwrc.us](http://rwrc.us)
- July 15-Red Shoe Book Club, 6pm Cindy Bjork's home
- July 16-RWRC meeting with Mayor Joe Carr
- July 17-Red Shoe Book Club,10am Patricia Hardage's home
- July 20-Possible Summer Movie Night, Karen Hudson's home
- July 31- Last day to contribute money or items for Caring for America statewide project
- August 1-Election Day(County, General, State and Federal Primaries)
- August 20 - RWRC meeting TN House Majority Leader William Lamberth



From the legendary rebels we call the “Founding Fathers” to unknown Marines of Iwo Jima – these are the Americans who risked everything to build the country we love and call home. The American heroes who gave us... something to stand for!



## Rutherford County GOP GOTV Event

With special guests Rep. Mike Sparks and Rep. Bryan Terry, MD

July 22 from 6-8 PM  
GOP Headquarters  
111 E. Main St  
Murfreesboro TN 37130

# REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY

THE MISSION OF THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY IS TO SPREAD CONSERVATIVE VALUES THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND POLICY.

As Republicans who want to make a difference for this country, visit and save as a favorite [www.rutherfordgop.org](http://www.rutherfordgop.org).

Here you can join, sign up for the monthly newsletter, and find resources for voting and other important Republican party information.

**CHECK THESE OTHER SITES TO INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND TO SHARE WITH OTHERS SO THE REPUBLICANS WIN IN 2024!**

**[tn.bankyourvote.com](http://tn.bankyourvote.com)**:

Vote early to Bank Your Vote which will help beat Joe Biden, stop the Democrats, hold the house, take back the senate and take the White House.

**[SOS.tn.gov](http://SOS.tn.gov)**:

Tennessee Secretary of State, Tre Hargett, provides the easiest way for Tennessee voters to find all info needed for voting (such as when and where to vote, Election Day polling locations, sample ballots to view and mark, elected officials, districts and more) and encourages downloading the GoVoteTN app through the App Store or Google Play.

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Republican Women of Rutherford County (RWRC) celebrated Flag Day and President Trump's birthday at the Rutherford County Republican office on Friday, June 14, 2024. We handed out cake and small flags provided by Suzie Schulenberg. RWRC looks forward to celebrating the two again in 2025; next time on a Saturday, which will give more visibility for RWRC.

## WHAT ARE OUR CLUB GOALS?

- ✓ Increase women's effectiveness in the cause of good Government
- ✓ Promote an informed public through Political Education Activity
- ✓ Loyalty to the Republican Party



# 2024-2026 OFFICERS AND CHAIRS

## OFFICERS:

Karen Hudson, President  
Deborah Arvin, First Vice-President  
Brenda Baggett, Second Vice-President  
Marzee Woodward, Secretary  
Theresa Cole, Treasurer

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

AMERICANISM, Marcia Jones  
ARMED SERVICES, Melody Holton  
BYLAWS, Tammy Rettig  
BUDGET, Cindi Maher  
CAMPAIGN, Rhonda Wisner  
CARING FOR AMERICA, Lisa Dickinson  
CHAPLAIN, Deborah Arvin  
FUNDRAISING CHAIR, Marzee Woodward  
HISTORIAN, Benita Carpenter  
LEGISLATIVE, Lisa Elder  
LITERACY AND EDUCATION, Cindy Bjork  
MEMBERSHIP, Judy Houchens  
PARLIAMENTARIAN, Joyce Taylor  
PROGRAM, Karen Hudson  
PUBLIC RELATIONS, Suzie Schulenberg AND Karen Ferguson (newsletter editor)  
WEBMASTER, Suzie Schulenberg

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Regina Anderson  
Stephanie Black  
Carole Hanket  
Becky Scarlett  
Lora Wright

## WE ARE 97 MEMBERS STRONG AND GROWING!

We are forging ahead with the membership challenge, with current membership at 97. The RWRC has met the 80% goal and is on track to meet the 2024 goal. We are now the 6th largest club in the state!



Time to renew your membership or join as a new member

Here is a link for a quick and easy way to complete your application online!  
[RWRC](#)

If you prefer to send by mail, please print membership application and mail to:

RWRC  
Attn: Theresa Cole  
1935 Ivy Glen Drive,  
Murfreesboro, TN 37128