



Donkey Mail

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Volunteer of the Month Linda Bivins

“Education is the most powerful weapon which
you can use to change the world.” — Nelson Mandela

Different Place for the Annual Picnic This Year

The annual picnic will be held at the Kids Zone this year in Greer Park. Tickets are will be available at the April meeting of the Comanche County Democratic Party on the 16th. Kid Zone, Greer Park on NW 38th, Lawton, Oklahoma 73505 Ticket packets will be ready to pick up at the meeting on Monday the 16th.

APRIL 16th. THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH. This meeting will be devoted to the unseating of Tom Cole.

Mary Brannon, Democratic candidate for the Congressional 4th District seat, will be at April 16, 2018, meeting of the Comanche County

Democratic Party. 6 PM at the Great Plains Area Votech. 4500 W Lee Blvd, Lawton, Ok. 73501.

Mary Brannon is a Democrat, Teacher, School Counselor, Supreme Court Mediator, and Drug & Alcohol Prevention Specialist. Folks will want to meet Mary before the primary. She will be in the primary.

Gipson4Congress will also be here. Fred Gibson, candidate for Congress. As a lifelong Oklahoman with a diverse background—OU grad, law clerk, US Army officer, legislative assistant to Senator Fred R. Harris, Mayor of Seminole, Chief Legal Counsel at OU, teacher of political science and higher education law—Fred believes he can provide the representation the good people of the 4th deserve.

Also, Justin Moser, District 4 Democratic party Chair, will also be at the next meeting of the Comanche County Democratic Party. We want to learn about the strategy for winning the Congressional 4 race in Nov.

And, Kerry Givens, candidate for District #3 Commissioner and other Comanche county candidates will announce his run.

April 23rd, Democrats Care, Monday, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. This is a discussion group about issues that are hot topics among local Democrats. Phil Jones is the moderator. The group meets on the fourth Monday of each month at our party headquarters, 610 A SW Lee Blvd., Lawton, OK. This meeting is free and open to the public.

Next month meeting, MAY, 21st. The meeting will be sponsored by Indivisible Oklahoma, Lawton Indivisible, Lawton Students for Change, Yeson788, and the Comanche County Democratic Party. This will be an Educational Forum at the May meeting of the Comanche County Democratic Party. Speakers will be Dana Lynn McMurchy and Dr. Scott Michener, MD. There will be testimonials from Comanche County Democrats on the effects of the medicine derived from marijuana.

Dana McMurchy is the public liaison for yeson788, a Tulsa area yoga teacher, a retired medical device and pharmaceutical professional, experienced in Health and Wellness.

AND

Dr. Scott Michener, MD, is a urology specialist in Lawton, OK and has been practicing for 28 years. He graduated from University of Oklahoma / Health Sciences Center in 1990 and specializing in urology.

There will be a brief Q&A so bring your questions about Medical Marijuana in Oklahoma.

Marijuana testimonials from a few Democrats will be appreciated.

Then in June PRIMARY JUNE 26th

State Question 788 will be decided in the primary. This measure would allow for the legalization of medical marijuana.

<https://www.sos.ok.gov/documents/questions/788.pdf>.

June 18th. The Meeting will be devoted to Get-out-the-vote efforts. This will be phone banking for the primary. See your Precinct Chair for details. This I hope will become a staple—pre-election primary, general election activity for midterm and presidential activity.

These Democrats have filed and are of importance to Comanche County in 2018

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 04

MARY BRANNON

ROXANN KLUTTS

FRED GIPSON

MALLORY VARNER

GOVERNOR

CONNIE JOHNSON

DREW EDMONDSON

**LT GOVERNOR
ANASTASIA A. PITTMAN
ANNA DEARMORE**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
John Cox**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY - DISTRICT 5
Dick Tannery**

**STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT 32
DEBORAH FARLER
JACOBI CROWLEY**

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 62
LARRY BUSH
NANETTE HAGEN
STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 63
DWIGHT COPE
JOAN E. GABELMANN**

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 64
ASHLEY McCARTER**

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 65
SONIA ENGLAND
BRANDON R. THOMPSON**

A thought--Future Democratic candidates serving as precinct officers. What if a person considering a run for office had been a precinct chair for a long while already? I can think of two Democrat Comanche County candidates right now who are currently precinct chairs. So, if these precinct chairs have been doing the work of building the party in their neighborhood, their work campaigning is partly done; way before they file

for House, Senate, or other. That is—everybody in their neighborhood should love them as a precinct chair already so that by the time they file for office everybody is excited for them and, without prodding, vote for them above all others. Also, the savvy precinct chair should recognize half the voters in their precinct by sight and name already. Voters should wave at the precinct chair in passing with smiles on their faces. Voters should recognize the precinct chair by name since that precinct chair has done the work of the Precinct Chair within a neighborhood. Precinct chairs have a leg up in at least one area within their House or Senate districts. Harry Truman said this, “The most important job I ever had was Precinct Captain.” So, if your voting precinct does not have precinct officers, and especially if you think you may run for office in the future, volunteer as your precinct Democrat. Do that work as if you were seated at the Capitol.

**Terry Gresham
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