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President's Message by John McLaughlin:

I thought I had heard the Biden Administration's ultimate betrayal of our



republic when March/April 2024 statistics of total projection of an illegal alien count at 12-13 million invading our borders since January 2021 (with another 4-5 million unreported projection) were announced.

Today national media is reporting that Biden's next move is to Airlift HAMAS refugees and active fighters to the US to provide "political sanctuary," and make a 10-year financial and military commitment to Ukraine. We're borrowing trillions from the world's financial institutions to give away to countries around the world to guarantee their freedom and safety while our own country is invaded by illegal aliens bringing crime and drugs to tear down the United States!

I had my 6-month physical yesterday. My doctor, a well-educated individual and a registered Republican, asked me about the local, state, and national races. He said that Trump would win easily if he would not be so snarky in the media. I asked him who he banked with, both personally and professionally. He said Bank of America. I asked him who was their CEO. He looked at me with a quizzical look and said he didn't know, and why did I ask the question. I stated that he was entrusting his business and family's financial future with that CEO's ability to lead, and he didn't know anything about his personal life: *including sexual preferences, educational background, decision-making acumen, and honesty.*

Donald Trump led this country to worldwide respect, energy independence, low inflation, and a robust economy. I'm not looking for a congenial President. I'm voting for the economic and political future of the USA. He said those are valid points. I then said please vote for Donald J Trump and don't get caught up in the RINO/MAGA controversy. Remember UNITED wins back the White House in November 2024!

John

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New Meeting Day & Dates for 2024



For 2024, club meetings will be on the third Thursday of each month. We will continue to meet at the Whispering Pines Country Club. Watch for email and newsletter information about date confirmation and speaker announcements. See the following Thursday luncheon

meeting dates and mark your calendar:

May 16

June 19 Fundraising Golf at CCNC

July & August Summer Break September 19

October 17 November 21 December 19

Our May speaker is Wayne Vest, Moore County Manager. See the article by VP Programs, Wayne Boyles, for more details. Make your reservations at www.mcrmc.club

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

2024 Dues News



It is past time for all members to pay dues for 2024 and notices have gone out to all who are showing on our records as not paid. For those who received those notices and responded that they have paid, we are checking and updating our records. For those who we still show as not paid, we value your membership and hope you will pay 2024 dues and keep your membership current. You may receive a call about continuing your membership. Dues are \$30 payable by cash (at the May meeting) or a PERSONAL check (no business checks can be accepted due to NC political donation laws). If you write a check, remember to make it a personal check made out to MCRMC with "2024 dues" in the memo line. Checks can be brought to the May meeting or mailed to:

MCRMC
PO Box 1812
Southern Pines NC 28388

Payment of dues must be made now to assure that membership will be continued in 2024, that you will receive the newsletter, and that you will be advised of upcoming Republican events and activities.

If you have any questions about dues or dues payment, please contact the club Treasurer, Tim Helms at (910) 690-7005. Thanks in advance for your payment!




It is almost time for the June Golf Tournament! See the INSERT in this newsletter which is an application and detailed information about the tournament. SIGN UP TODAY! You do NOT want to miss this event. Also, we need First Responder sponsors, hole sign sponsors and donations, if you can.

Republican Primary Election News for Moore County in May:

(Editor's Note: Following is the upcoming Republican Primary Election information from the Moore County Board of Elections. There are only two races, as noted. Also, there is a picture of the sample ballot, which may be hard to read, but it is included to illustrate that when you see the Republican primary ballot in May, there will only be the two races.)

Official Election Notice



County of MOORE

2024 2NDPRIMARY
Election Date: 05/14/2024

**Election Notice Of Contests and Referenda
MOORE BOARD OF ELECTIONS (05/14/2024)**

MOORE BOARD OF ELECTIONS (05/14/2024)

CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY
NC LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR		
JAMES O'NEILL	Jim O'Neill	REP
HAROLD WEATHERMAN	Hal Weatherman	REP
NC AUDITOR		
DAVID BOLIEK	Deve Boleik	REP
GERARD CLARK	Jack Clark	REP

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Sample Ballot - Republican Party Second Primary
Moore County, North Carolina
May 14, 2024

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SAMPLE BALLOT

BALLOT MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

A. With the marking device provided or a black ball point pen, completely fill in the oval to the left of each candidate or selection of your choice as shown.

B. If you tear, delace or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to request a replacement.

SAMPLE BALLOT

PARTISAN NOMINATIONS

NC Lieutenant Governor
(You may vote for ONE)

Jim O'Neill
 Hal Weatherman

NC Auditor
(You may vote for ONE)

Deve Boleik
 Jack Clark

End of Ballot

Early (In Person) Voting Information:

Early Voting (formerly known as "One-Stop") allows any registered voter to cast an absentee ballot in person on select days prior to Election Day. Early voting begins on the third Thursday prior to Election Day (April 25) and ends on the last Saturday before Election Day (May 11). The location for Early Voting is at the Moore County Agricultural Center, 707 Pinehurst Ave, Carthage NC 28327.

April Meeting Report:

The Thursday, April 18th luncheon meeting was held at the regular location, the Country Club of Whispering Pines. As usual, the Executive Committee arrived early for the 10:00am meeting. EC members



met in the conference room just to the right of the entrance to the (Left: John McLaughlin at EC meeting) luncheon meeting room. The EC meeting broke up just after 11:00am in order to allow the EC members to make the final arrangements for the arrival of those attending

the 12:00 noon luncheon.

Attendees began arriving about 11:30am to register, pay for lunch, and get their name tags. (Right: Charli Thyne, MRW President greets others) The early arrival allowed attendees to meet and greet others as they



(Above: Additional attendees meet & greet) found a table with friends and other arrivals.

President McLaughlin came forward at noon and called the meeting to order. He called on Chaplain, Rev. James Thyne to offer a few words of wisdom



and open with a prayer including a blessing of the lunch. McLaughlin then returned to the lectern and asked the attendees to stand for the pledge of allegiance followed by the introduction of guests and dignitaries. As this order of business was completed, President McLaughlin asked attendees to move to the buffet line and get their lunch. He started with the front tables and continued until all 60 plus attendees had gone through the line and started enjoying their

scrumptious portions of salad, Jamaican chicken, seasoned corn, mango jasmine rice, and dessert.



As attendees were finishing lunch, McLaughlin asked EC member Lou Bologna to come forward for an announcement. Bologna explained the upcoming movie series to be shown at Sandhills Theatre. The

movies are private showings, will include a speaker, and will be of historical significance with an educational theme. The first one will be “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington” on May 6. The \$25 ticket price will include refreshments and popcorn or candy. Lou gave his wife credit for the idea and coordination in putting these together. He asked that all watch for announcements for the first and subsequent movies. For more information, go to the following MRW website:

https://myemail-api.constantcontact.com/Special-Movie-Night-May-6--Trump-Rally-May-4.html?soid=1131384239363&aid=zF_TXwBfEVw

After Lou concluded, McLaughlin invited Tom Beddow to come forward and speak about an upcoming Holshouser Speaker’s Series Movie Event. Tom announced their first Holshouser Speaker Movie event was “tonight” (April 18) at the Sandhills Movie Theatre. The movie will be about Ukraine and the speaker will be a former Ukrainian Presidential Candidate.



The third person to come forward for an announcement was Miriam Chu to talk about the upcoming “Wine Not Whine” event at Filly and Colts on April 29 (Registration closed on April 24). This event will be a discussion about “Out of Control Bureaucracy.” To learn more about this



event go to the following website: <https://www.mooregop.com/event-details/wine-not-whine-event> Watch for future event announcements.

President McLaughlin then asked VP Programs, Wayne Boyles, to come forward and introduce the



main speaker. Boyles first explained that the two speakers, both Republican candidates for NC State Auditor, who were scheduled to speak could not attend due to a conflicting last-minute event in another city. Boyles went on to announce that our main speaker for the day was Michelle Morrow,

Republican candidate for NC Superintendent for Public Instruction. She had defeated the current SPI in the earlier Republican Primary.

Morrow spoke about her vision for NC Public



Schools with passion, and emphasis on learning the basics of reading, writing skills, history, math, and English. She reminded the attendees of the poor results of the public-school grading throughout the state. She

spoke about her background and the experience she had that made her more than qualified for this position. Those in attendance listened with attention and interest.



Her message was accepted by the attendees with enthusiasm and agreement

that the State School System was ripe for change and improvement.



At the conclusion of her remarks, she asked if there were any questions. Several folks asked pointed questions about her remarks and the status of schools in North Carolina. The questions,

including one from John Rowerdink, seemed to support the idea that there was a lot of room for



change and improvement in our NC Public School System. At the conclusion of Morrow's

presentation, she was met with a resounding round of applause from attendees.

After the attendees had shown their appreciation, the meeting was adjourned about 1:30pm.

June Golf Tournament News:



It's time to sign up for the June 19th fundraiser golf tournament at CCNC. We will again play on the Dogwood course, the 3rd highest ranked course in North Carolina. The entry fee will stay the same at \$250. The format will be a Texas Scramble, there will be coffee, juice, and pastries available from the 7:00am check-in to the shotgun tee time of 9:00am.

There will be on-course opportunities for closest to the pin and hole in one prizes as in the past. Lunch will be provided following the conclusion of the play.

Watch for more details and applications in emails and see the application with details on the back of the insert in this newsletter. Get your foursomes together and plan to play this year.



Proceeds of the tournament will be used to support Republican candidates and issues in the general election this year.

Treasurer's Report – Tim Helms

We continue to be in a strong financial position. Our current bank balance is \$35,973.29. We continue to increase that balance as additional 2024 dues are paid. See the end of this article if you have not yet paid your dues.



Golf tournament funds are starting to come in now,

and we expect a significant increase in our bank balance with the proceeds from the June fundraiser. See the separate notice in this newsletter and the application which is an insert in this newsletter.

Dues for 2024 are now PAST DUE. You can pay your \$30 dues in person at our luncheon or pay by a PERSONAL check payable to MCRMC and mail it to MCRMC, P.O. Box 1812, Southern Pines, NC 28388.

For those who have not paid as of this newsletter, we plan to call with a final reminder. If you receive a call and think you have paid, please give me a call so I can check the records. If you get a call and have not paid, please do so promptly so we can take you off the "unpaid" list and continue your membership for this year. THANKS!

Mike Freidel - Lunch Administration & Secretary

Our May 16th meeting will be our last regular monthly luncheon meeting until September. (Don't forget the June Golf Tournament)



To get us ready for summer picnics we will be having hot dogs and hamburgers. For dessert we will be serving cheesecake.

As I say every month, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions concerning our luncheon meeting.

Until September, I hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

God Bless,

Mike

For more information, please contact Mike Freidel at mfreidelsr@gmail.com or at 910-722-6436.

Program News – May By Wayne Boyles – VP Programs

**SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT
MOORE COUNTY REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB
FOR MAY 16, 2024, LUNCHEON**

Moore County Manager, Wayne Vest, will give a “State of the County Address” to our May 16th men’s club luncheon. The rapid population growth – projections of the County having a population of 170,000 by 2050 – poses many challenges for Moore County Government. He will give us insights as to county planning to meet those near, mid-term and long-term challenges. Our program promises to give our membership insights on county public policy to meet those challenges. We hope to see you there.



Wayne is a proud Moore County native, having grown up in West End, graduating from Pinecrest High School, and obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina State University. After initially working as a manager in the manufacturing sector, Mr. Vest joined Moore County Government in 1998, beginning his local government career in the Tax Department and subsequently working up to his current position of County Manager. Mr. Vest lives in Southern Pines with his wife and two children ages 15 and 12; he loves serving as the County Manager and strives to ensure exceptional delivery of services is provided to all Moore County citizens.

Wayne

2024 Executive Officer Comments:

(Editor’s Note: Starting with this first newsletter issue of 2023 and each issue going forward, we are asking our Executive Committee members to submit an article for publication. The articles can be about the club, current events, opinions, comments on political issues, and, or anything else that they may feel would be of interest to the membership.)

Robert Bortins – VP Membership 2024 Golf Tournament Vice Chair

A quick update in today’s letter about the Bogey’s schedule and how you can earn free tickets, our plan for Hispanic outreach and golf fund raiser.



I hope to see everyone at a baseball game this summer and bring a friend in May so you both can get free tickets! If you are interested in volunteering one of the 4 nights, we are registering voters you will get 4 tickets. We don’t have those dates yet, but one will be

opening night. You can check out the [Bogey’s schedule here](#).

We are going to begin outreach to the local Hispanic community. We’ve identified 800 Hispanic male voters who are either registered republican or independents. Our ultimate goal is to get them to vote Republican from the top to the bottom of the ticket and we are going to accomplish that by reaching out to them and letting them know that our values match their values and the Democrats values do not. Please make sure that you are participating in the golf tournament in some manner. It is our largest fundraiser. We need teams, hole sponsors, first responder support and more. You can find all that information on our website <https://www.mcrmc.club/> and our [application](#) and [details](#). It is coming up fast! May will be our final in person meeting until the fall and June is the last chance we get together outside of baseball.

We wouldn’t have been able to fund the baseball sponsorships, new audio equipment, Hispanic outreach without the success of last year’s golf fundraiser. If you want us to do more, we need to have a successful fundraiser in 2024. North Carolina is a huge target for Democrats in 2024. We are in their crosshairs. They are going to pour in 100s of millions to flip us blue, but we won’t stand idly by and let them get away with their southern border invasion, sending men into women’s locker rooms, inflationary policies, and record amounts of debt. We need your support!

Sincerely,
Robert Bortins (864) 506-5277 rbortins@gmail.com

David Norris - EC Member at Large:



Musings of a Regular Guy

The playwright Eugene O’Neill wrote in “A Moon for the Misbegotten” - “There is no present or future-only the past, happening over and over again-now.” We are living with this quote often in this presidential election cycle. Do you remember the 2020 “summer of love” where we had the BLM riots, defund the police movements and the rise and predominance of antifa where major cities became the targets of civil unrest? Now we have the excuse of the war Israel is fighting with Hamas in response to the October 7th, 2023, attacks for civil unrest in our country and just in time for the 2024 presidential election cycle. Now

in my humble opinion it is no coincidence that we have an overnight uprising of antagonizers appearing on college campuses in full view of the 24-hour mainstream media enablers. Our esteemed opponents in the Democrat party have learned quite well the art of manipulation of the American voter.

The phrase “Never let a good crisis go to waste” as quoted by Obama sycophant Rahm Emanuel from Saul Alinsky's rules for radicals is now the standard calling card of Democrats nationwide. It is not difficult to see the lengths that Democrats will go to remain in power, coupling the civil unrest on college campuses with the law fare battles Donald Trump is going through. We as conservatives and Republicans need to stay vigilant. But I do have great hopes. I have a feeling that the playbook the Democrats are using will go up in smoke on election day 2024. Be prepared for what is coming – there will be accusations and attempts of rigged elections “Hillary Clinton” style.

More than ever Republicans need to contrast a difference between what exists now in the Biden regime with the economic turmoil regular folks are experiencing with double digit inflation, which includes the war that Biden declared on petroleum on day one of his presidency and the invasion not only at our southern borders but in almost every state of our nation, including right here in North Carolina. Spending by Biden has become unsustainable – racking up debt that our great grandchildren will be paying for years to come in the form of higher prices for the cost of good and lower net wages. We are in perilous times, but I am optimistic of better days in the future when Donald J. Trump is sworn in as the 47th President of the United States.

Newsletter Information:

This, and future issues of the newsletter are being posted on the Club Website, www.MCRMC.club. Those having an email address will get notice that the newsletter is available and a copy by email. Those who do not have an email address will get a paper copy by US mail. If you have an email address but also want a paper copy, just send an email to me, and request one: paulshaffer1943@gmail.com



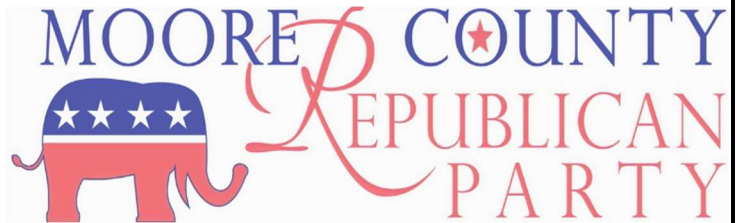
Elected Officials Contact Information:



To get the most recent elected officials contact information, visit the Moore County Board of Elections Website:

<https://www.moorecountync.gov/DocumentCenter/View/903/Current-List-of-Elected-Officials-PDF?bidId=>

Moore County GOP News



Tom Beddow – Chair
Moore County GOP:



By the time you read this, we will be well into May and some important events will be history, such as the Trump Rally at Pinecrest Plaza. Also, many of you will have voted already or will vote on May 14 in the statewide Republican candidate primary runoff for Lt. Governor and State Auditor.

The candidates are noted earlier in this newsletter. We expect to continue to have activities and events through the summer as we head toward the fall general election.

I encourage each registered Moore County Republican to learn about the events leading up to that election and attend as many as possible. Also important is for all of us to be sure that Republicans, in fact all conservatives, are registered to vote and turn out for the general election. We cannot allow this country to elect the Dem candidates and suffer another four years of mass illegal immigration, economic turmoil and WOKE indoctrination of our youth and others.

Come to our Moore County GOP events, watch, and attend GOP rallies, get your friends and neighbors involved and help us take our country back this fall.

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To see all things Moore County GOP and learn more, go to our website: <https://www.mooregop.com/>

Moore County Republican Women News:



Charli
Thyne
President
2024



Dear Patriots,

So much chaos is engulfing our country. College campuses are plagued by protestors calling for the death of Israel AND America. These anarchists are well-funded by the likes of George Soros and others who dream of destroying our country. I'm sure you're aware that the "Praying Grandma" who prayed throughout the Capitol on January 6th is facing imprisonment in August.

How can this be?

While President Trump is tied up in court for days and weeks on end on Trumped up charges (forgive the pun), the Democrats are out campaigning to remain in power. We must do what we can to stand against this tyranny. There's a feeling in the air that is almost palpable as we look to the fall and the election. People are actually prepping for all-out rioting. Echoes of the fallout from the George Floyd uprising remind us that we must stand in solidarity to protect and secure a good and decent society.

As I've said before, "It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

What do we do?

- Be sure to vote in the runoff elections for Lt. Governor and State Auditor. We need strong conservative Republicans to serve.
- Participate in Legislative Day in Raleigh regaled in red! Meet at Headquarters at 8:00 AM to caravan to the capitol.
- Attend the NCGOP State Convention May 23-26 in Greensboro.
- Assist with the Get Out The Vote (GOTV) initiative. Make calls and knock on doors.
- Join Carol Wheeldon and her Voter Integrity Project.
- My Faith Votes is another worthy cause to encourage voters of faith to vote. More information is forthcoming.
- Attend Think Tank on Thursdays at 11:00 AM at GOP headquarters.
- Support the Men's and Women's clubs by attending their monthly meetings.

We believe that the strength of our nation lies with the individual, and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored. We are proud Americans and proud Republicans!

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MCRMC members are always welcome as guests at the MRW meetings, so register to attend when you see the announcement.

For the most recent updated MRW information go to their website: www.mrwnc.org

Tom Schroeder

Tom's News

Conservative News for Moore County NC And Beyond

(Editor's Note: This month there will be a couple of selected "Tom's News" selections)



Tom's Thoughts (first one)

Saying We Don't
Need These

Saying We Don't
Need These...



...Because We Have These

Is Like Saying

We Don't
Need These...



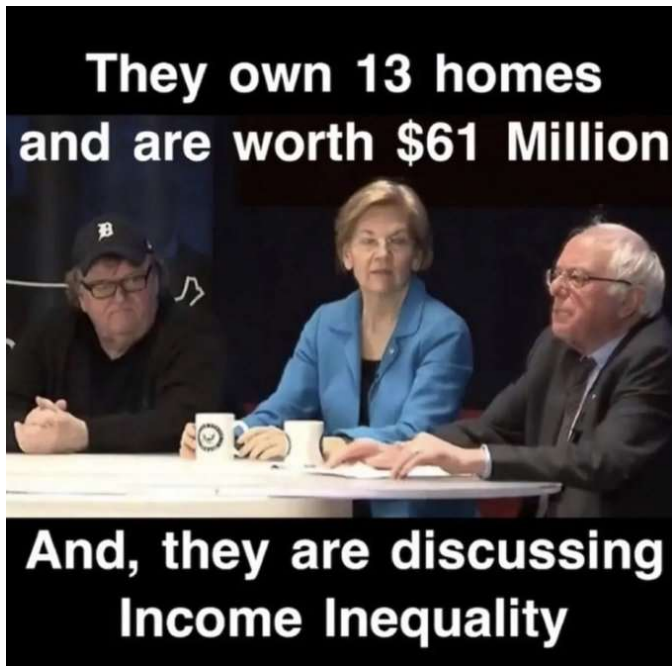
...Because We Have These

Tom's Thoughts (second one)

They are
Discussing Income

Inequality

How About They Share Some of Their Houses?



Tom's Thoughts (last one)

[US] Supreme Court Lets Red State Enforce Ban On Child Sex Changes

See the Article Below for More Details.

Emphasis added by **Highlight / Bold**

Article

Supreme Court Lets Red State Enforce Ban On Child Sex Changes

[The Daily Caller](#)

The Supreme Court ruled Monday that Idaho could enforce its ban on sex-change surgeries for minors.

The law **passed** in 2023 bars doctors from prescribing hormone therapy, puberty blockers or performing sex-change operations such as a mastectomy, vaginoplasty or phalloplasty on minor patients. **The law was challenged by two families with children who identify as transgender in July 2023 alongside the American Civil Liberties Union and put on hold by a lower court in December, but the**

Supreme Court **ordered** that the stay be **removed to allow the law to go into effect.**

“Ordinarily, injunctions like these may go no further than necessary to provide interim relief to the parties,” the court wrote. “In this case, however, the district court went much further, prohibiting a State from enforcing any aspect of its duly enacted law against anyone. Today, the Court stays the district court’s injunction to the extent it applies to nonparties, which is to say to the extent it provides “universal” relief. That is a welcome development.”

Doctors face up to ten years in prison if they are found guilty of violating the law, according to the AP. **The justices ordered that the two children at the center of the case, who were receiving transgender medical care previously, be allowed to continue their treatment.**

The majority opinion was **opposed** by Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Ketanji Brown Jackson.

Nearly half of the states in the country have **passed** legislation **banning sex-change medical procedures for minors.** Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly of Kansas recently **vetoed** a bill that would have banned transgender surgeries for minors, arguing the legislation interfered with parental rights.

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Reslove Blog:

(Editor's Note: Several newsletters back, we started including an article from the blog: RESOLVE. To see all the most recent articles, go to the following: www.resolvenc.blog (If reading this in the paper newsletter, type the link address in your web browser.)

RESOLVE

An independent blog exposing the Left

Hurray, we're drowning!

By Steve Woodward



After a standing ovation swept him toward the podium, Rep. Richard Hudson greeted constituents assembled in a church's meeting hall on the occasion of North Carolina's Ninth Congressional District Republican convention.

Hudson might have been expected to rally core volunteers who reside in the six counties that comprise the Ninth in this critical election cycle — possibly the last chance Republicans will have to impede the downfall of our nation, and sustain the world's indispensable beacon of freedom.

He is not known as a rousing orator but Hudson was particularly subdued on this April afternoon inside Asheboro's Sunset Avenue Church of God. We all get it. The halls of Congress are toxic. It is the Garden of Good and Evil. Being one of the good guys is hard work.

But that's what we elect Hudson and fellow Republicans to do in Washington. To defy the Left, stand in the breach, take the arrows. With our culture eroding and our economic foundation crumbling, this is not the time to come home looking for sympathy.

Hudson's objective for being on hand, other than obligation, apparently was to deliver a civics lesson. Those who actually paid attention noted a tone and tenor of frustration toward Republicans who are not universally pleased by recent House passage of a \$1.2 trillion bill to avert a "government shutdown" until the next one looms in September.

Said Hudson, "72 percent of the bill funds the military." Technically, that's fairly accurate but nothing extraordinary. These government funding bills always are weighted toward defense spending. Conversely, the Democrat-fueled narrative that a government shutdown imperils military defense of national interests is false. When shutdowns occur — sometimes, they are necessary, which we will explain shortly — soldiers are paid (on a deferred basis), social entitlement checks are delivered, and layers of bureaucrats do us the favor of staying home.

We know there are members of Congress who understand what fellow Republicans demand at this tenuous moment in history because we see them come to the fore when the status quo defenders begin closing their ranks. We see unrelenting North Carolinian Dan Bishop, Florida's Matt Gaetz, Georgia's Marjorie Taylor Greene, Colorado's Lauren Boebert and tough-as-nails Texan Chip Roy, illuminating the rampant hypocrisy. We saw 112 Republicans vote "no", in fact.

This is not the time for lectures about "making choices in a divided government". That was Hudson's defense of this spending bill that only a Democrat could love — as evidenced by its immediate passage by the Dem-controlled Senate.

If House Speaker Mike Johnson possessed the leadership instincts to meet the moment, not one penny would have been allocated to any program until the U.S. southern border was shut down. Completely. Every port of entry. Every Non-Governmental Organization-supported processing center. Every charter flight into the homeland.

Instead, the border remains wide open. And, even if you turn a blind eye to the ongoing security crisis it poses, to the murders of innocent Americans where they live, work and go to school, and to the deadly toll of unfettered fentanyl that crosses with the young savages, even if all for this does not infuriate you, then where do you turn for solace? In what happens to those who are spared?

What is their reward in the Faustian bargain? They live to see the implosion of the U.S. economy when the federal debt bomb finally detonates.

"This bill affirms and funds (Joe) Biden's open border invasion," a statement issued by Rep. Bishop warned after its passage on March 22, 2024. "At this very moment, Biden is allowing illegal immigrants to pour across our border and is using your tax dollars to sow disorder and chaos in our communities.

"The bill is also chock-full of earmarks that fund the radical Left's cultural indoctrination crusade against our children and families. They are selling our children and grandchildren deeper down the swirling debt spiral."

That's what we did not hear last Saturday in Asheboro. From Rep. Hudson we heard complaints that social media distorts his record.

We heard that the spending bill funds more border patrol agents (it actually funds the *recruitment* of agents without a timeline specified); funds more beds (7,500) for detainees, who are detained until they are turned over to Catholic Charities, and similar organizations, which send them into the night by the busloads.

The 101 Republicans who voted for an open border to keep an open (dysfunctional) government cheered a \$27 billion funding increase for the Department of Defense. But just guess what concessions Johnson and his loyal lieutenants did not demand in return:

- An end to funding inter-state travel by military personnel seeking abortions when they can't abort a birth where they are based;
- An end to transgender "care" (mutilation surgery) for DOD personnel and related agencies;
- Defunding of the DOD's offices dedicated to diversity, equity, and inclusion

Also hidden away in the 1,012-page theft manual (bill) were obscene earmarks running the gamut from the funding of programs to advance "climate resilience" and "[equity in manufacturing](#)" (how's that working for Boeing?).

Rep. Hudson did not address the earmarks but he did remind the room that he is third in line to become House Speaker. Rather than continuing to audition we'd have been much more impressed had he simply voted "no" on the bill and focused less on Civics 101 and more on critical analysis.

"All I think about is how we can win," Rep. Hudson said.

Worthy as that is if it's at the expense of Democrats, it's also not very reassuring for dialed-in Americans who see federal debt surging toward \$35 trillion, who read in *The Wall Street Journal* that "the federal budget deficit for the first six months of fiscal 2024, ending in March, was \$1.064 trillion" fueled by \$3.25 trillion in total outlays, and that *interest payments* on debt across those same six months are \$440 billion, which "exceeded the \$412 billion in outlays for defense."

In the face of this grim reality that sentences future generations to debt enslaved serfdom, for

which we assign blame in equal measure to members of both parties, why stand up when our elected servants walk into a room? Why do we even clap? We should be using the backs of our hands.

Your Newsletter Editor – Paul Shaffer



You may notice that I have changed my pic for this newsletter. This one was taken by my oldest daughter when she was visiting from SC and took me out for breakfast. As you can see, I do enjoy eating!

Having said that, I look forward to our May meeting and hearing what our own Moore County Manager has to say. I expect this to be enjoyable and informative. I am sure our members and guests will have many questions to ask after his remarks. If you have not already done so, make your reservations and plan to attend. This is our last luncheon meeting before our annual golf tournament and summer break. Hope to see you there!

From Our Members:

John Rowerdink to The Pilot:

Apr 13, 2024

Henry Churchbourne's recent letter in this space recommended keeping the Pinehurst library where it is and finding a separate space for the Tufts Archives. I agree. I'm an avid reader and have more than 150 books on my Kindle. However, the need for a library is declining and will continue to do so in future years.

Historically, people have used a library for two things: research and borrowing books. In today's internet age, why would anyone use a library for research when we all have the world's greatest research tool at our fingertips? And regarding books, more people, especially the younger ones, prefer reading books on their electronic devices. I know some still prefer a physical book, but that preference is declining.

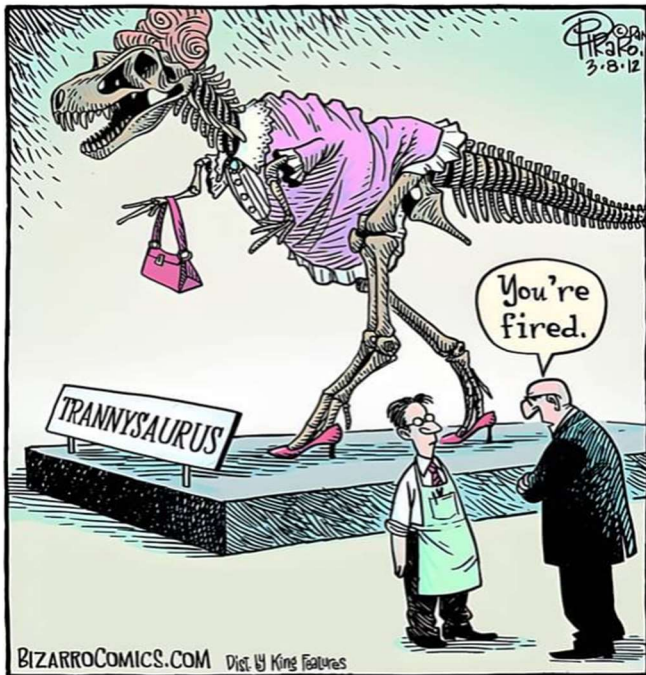
I've been to the library four times in recent months and each time, it was nearly deserted. The purpose of my visits was to borrow some audio books for upcoming road trips. They have

a nice selection of CD-based audiobooks. However, that's a dying thing too. Most new cars don't even have a CD player anymore.

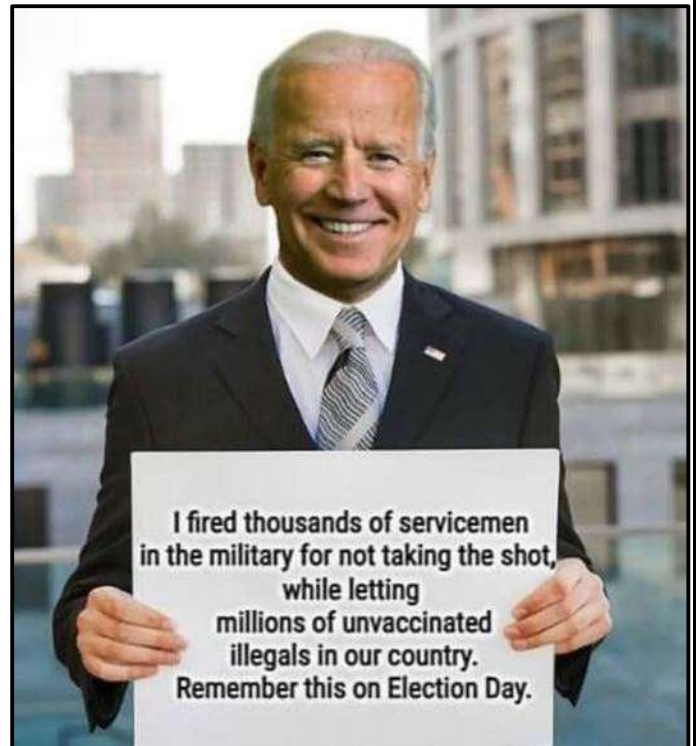
Some have mentioned using the library space for small meetings. There are other spaces for meetings. And after devoting the entire building to a library, there would still be space for meetings. Do we really want to spend several million dollars for meeting space?

Finally, we have the Tufts Archives. I doubt if many local residents visit the archives after their first year in the area. They're mostly for visitors. Let's find another place for the archives and use the entire library building for a library.

From Outside the Club



Most expensive vehicle to operate in 2023-2024



Reminder: Our May Luncheon Meeting is on Thursday, the 16th. Reservations are required and can be made on the club website: www.mcrmc.club Make your reservation by no later than Friday, May 10 at 6:00pm.

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