



The Hancock County Democrat

Hancock County Democratic Party

A Call To Action

Nancy Stephani

Your Party Needs You. We have an immediate opening for a candidate for county commissioner. No filing fees or primary election - simply a replacement for someone who cannot continue to run for office due to health concerns. Please contact Nancy Stephani at Nancy.Stephani@gmail.com or 419.348.2599 ASAP. If you know of someone you think would be a wonderful candidate, please let her know that as well!

Attention voters of Hancock County: We all have to work together to turn our country around. Please consider volunteering in some capacity. We will need:

- * People to call voters on phones and encourage them to vote and then enter data into a data base.
- * Letter writers to local newspapers - assistance is available but we need to keep the message before

voters on a regular basis.

- * Office workers if we ever get to open an office
- * People to organize fundraisers - both in person and virtual
- * Digital messaging assistance though many of us do not know what this even looks like
- * Voter Registration Assistance - both passing out the QR codes and registration sheets
- * County Fair staffing if we have a county fair
- * Yard sign delivery folks
- * Absentee ballot requests

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McConnell Admits He Was Wrong to Say Obama Left Trump Without Pandemic Plan

Inae Oh Mother Jones May 15, 2020

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Wednesday conceded that he had been “wrong” to claim, as he did during an appearance on the Trump campaign’s YouTube channel earlier this week, that the Obama administration had failed to leave guidance on preparing for a pandemic..

“I was wrong,” the top Senate Republican told Fox News. “They did leave behind a plan. So I clearly made a mistake in that

regard.”

McConnell, however, refused to make a judgment on whether President Trump had failed to follow the playbook . “I don’t have any observation about that because I don’t know enough about the details of that to comment on it in any detail.”

But McConnell’s claim of ignorance didn’t stop him from making his false allegation on Monday. (continued on page 2)

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“We want to be early and ready for the next one because clearly the Obama administration did not leave to this administration any kind of game plan for something like this,” McConnell had told Team Trump Online. Lara Trump, the president’s daughter-in-law and host of Monday’s episode, smiled in agreement: “That’s exactly right.”

McConnell’s remarks—which echo the president’s ongoing efforts to blame his predecessor for the bungled pandemic response—sparked immediate pushback from former Obama officials, many of whom pointed to the literal documentation that had been made available to the Trump White House. Politico reported on the 69-page document back in March.



**Moscow
Mitch**

Young people, do we even belong? Claire (Osborne) Higgins

This primary cycle gave me some real hope for the first time in a long time. There were so many new faces, exciting campaigns and an array of new ideas and new approaches. Jumping online there was an endless array of fun, attention grabbing content. Young people were engaged like I had not seen before, then it stopped. Just before Super Tuesday the only options were once again, which old white man? This was not what I had hoped, it felt like we wasted a whole year. If it was just going to end like that, we should have just had those two to begin with. I was angry, bitter, annoyed by the lack of digital content, and still lack of content. Give me something to engage with! I want to be engaged!

I decided I was not going to wait to be engaged. I was going to do something to engage myself. First, I identified the real problem, young people in rural areas have not been as active as they could be. There is so much young people can do to engage themselves and others. They can be of service to their local party and they can have a stronger voice. They could have their own place where they can be involved and feel heard. This is where the Hancock County Young

Democrats came in. A place for young people to get involved, to be heard, to share ideas, to be of service, to get candidates to run in local and state office. To elect Democrats at the national level. The real change we want cannot just be every four years and only at the highest office. It needs to be everywhere in every election.

Now that my anger and bitterness of the 2020 primary has subsided, I settled my heart. There are campaigns I am fired up for other than the presidential election, these will give me the motivation I need, these elections can bring about giant change and I will fight for that change. The presidential election, although I am still a little bitter about if I am honest, matters. The winner will decide if those exciting, younger, and engaging 2020 primary participants have a meaningful voice in the administration. The winner will decide if we debate how far left to go, how much money to spend on issues that matter, how we get more people affordable healthcare, and who to replace Supreme Court judges. If the winner is the same as 2016 we will not get those debates it will be a more extreme version of the last 3 years. So yes, to myself and all young people, we belong, and we are needed.



**Young Democrats of
Washington**



Just Say No (after November 3) to Social Media Bruce Workman



The reason for the November 3 disclaimer is I recently attended a webinar on countering the disinformation campaign that is sure to take place. Report any disinformation you come across to: disinfo@dnc.org. Other than that, I believe social media is a bane to intelligent discourse everywhere. It has become a celebration of reposting memes, the continual search for confirmation bias, misinformation, and general trolling. Before I began to sound above all that, I should point out that I am guilty of most of these. But these are not the only reasons for ditching social media..

I have never really seen the purpose of Twitter. I really do not need constant updates about anyone. The Tweeter-in-Chief is the prime example of tmi, or should I write tmimi (too much misinformation). I admit I was banned from Twitter for suggesting the orange turd seek the suicide solution—as if a narcissist would ever consider killing the only thing he loves. Other than advertising revenue, the business model of Facebook and other s-m businesses is based on data mining. I have bought Facebook ads. I was given several targeting options, including political

leanings, television programs watched, yearly income, and a plethora of others. How do you think Facebook acquires this data? Most of it comes from you. Mark Zuckerberg once called those who handed over personal information freely, “Dumb f***s!” Alexander Nix, the former CEO of Cambridge Analytica, expressed similar sentiments.

I recently deactivated my Facebook account. I did not permanently delete it so I could still be reached via messenger and with the knowledge that they will probably not delete any data they have collected about me.

Lastly, my focus is on Facebook for one important reason. I am now convinced that Mark Zuckerberg is the leader of an alien lizard race bent on world domination.

The Elephant in the Room Bruce Workman



I do not need to be Nate Silver to make this election prediction: If you are a Democrat running for local or county office in Hancock County, you are going to lose and lose badly. In fact, you should consider a 17-point loss a moral victory. I am not writing this to be mean. I hold no animosity toward Melissa or any other person who decides to fill one of the two open slots. I wish you the best but feel compelled to state the obvious truth.

We had two excellent candidates in 2019 and the best we could do was a 5-point loss in a pick three race. I received the highest number of votes in the revised primary at just under twenty-seven hundred.

My opponent for the general election received over nine thousand and the Republican who finished second place in the other primary election had about seven hundred more votes than me. (continued on page 4)

The Elephant in the Room (continued from page 3)

I was going to lose; Ron was going to lose and anyone who chooses to take our places will lose. The most popular Democrat in the state, Senator Sherrod Brown, lost Hancock County in 2018 by 22 percentage points. The Biden campaign has no illusions about winning in Republican strongholds like Hancock County. In fact, they would consider a result like 40% to 60% to be a good night.

I recently decided to cease my own campaign. At first, I was disappointed by the lack of response to my fundraising efforts. Then, after further thought, I decided I would not have donated to my campaign either. Betting on the last place horse every time must become tiresome. It would have been a waste of money and time. After reaching that conclusion, I determined to focus my efforts, this election season, on those campaigns that offer a least a glimmer of hope. I will volunteer time and money only to the Joe Biden and Nick Rubando campaigns.

A person involved in a recent campaign for a local office shared with me the observation that while there may be over five thousand registered Democrats in the county, less than fifty were actively involved. I think that estimate may be overly optimistic. I understand why so few local Democrats participate. They are disheartened, disillusioned, and low on hope. I think trotting out the chump of the year to be trounced in the general election only serves to enhance that disillusionment and crush remaining hope.

I know the ODP is encouraging all county parties to fill the ticket. If there is one lesson, I have learned in my 7 years of Ohio politics, it is to be very wary of advice and guidance coming from the ODP. I think they may have tipped their hand during this year's candidate training. Those running for state office were treated to free headshots and a nice conference, while those running for county and local offices were directed to a room in the basement where office equipment resides after death or dismemberment. I had the feeling that all that stood between us and rodent infestation were pest control efforts and we were instructed by someone who could not possibly have more than a year or two of political experience. The ODP does not want to waste time and money on red counties such as ours. Well, at least the lunch was good.

Maybe it is time for a new approach. We need to build the party before running candidates who are destined to lose. A baseball team with our record would be long overdue for a rebuilding season. We need to get these disheartened Democrats off the sidelines and maybe even get some independents to give us another look. I hope that this newsletter will improve and reach more than the most dedicated Democrats. I am also very encouraged by the revival of the Hancock County Young Democrats. Maybe these more idealistic and energetic young people can show us old codgers the way.



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