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Mike Bollas, Chairman, Trumbull County Republican Party

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My Christmas Wish.



*May Christmas blessings bloom like flowers
For you, nor with this
one day cease-
And may you tread this coming year,
Life's hills of joy - its vales of peace.*

May the miracle of Christmas bring joy and peace to each of you this joyous season. May you and your families be safe and healthy as you celebrate. Have a very blessed and Merry Christmas.

The Trumbull County GOP





TRUMBULL COUNTY GOP

Christmas Party

NO SNOWFLAKES BALL

\$50.00
per person

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

6:00 COCKTAILS - 6:45 DINNER

Dilucia's Banquet Center

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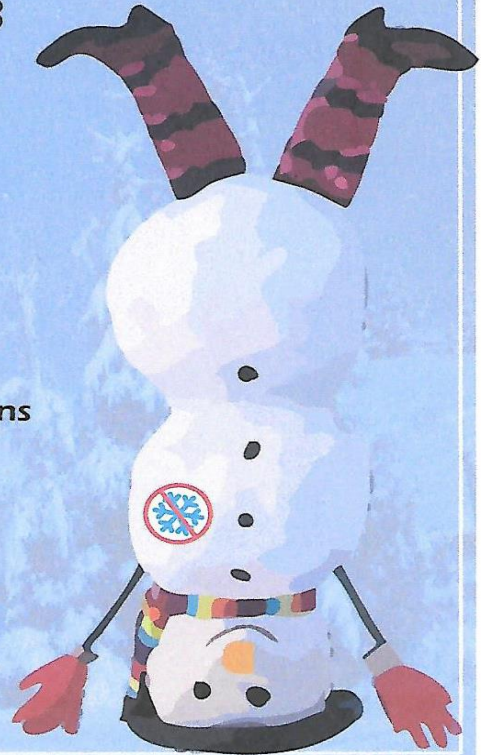
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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, PLEASE GET YOUR RESERVATION IN AND PAID BY DECEMBER 1ST. WE WILL NOT BE PERMITTING ANY WALK-INS.

Dear Fellow Republicans,

On December 7, 2022, the Trumbull County Republican Party will host our annual Christmas Party. The **"No Snowflake Ball"** will be held at DiLucia's Banquet Center on Elm Road in Warren.

With our success in the mid-term elections, and after a year of hard work and long hours, we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate that we are on our way to taking our country back. Our candidates, their families and friends, and all the volunteers and people behind the scenes deserve a fitting celebration. We are truly fortunate to be able to celebrate our successes and prepare for the Presidential Election in 2024. We look forward to your support and that of the community.

This year's ball will not feature speakers, but instead, we will have live music, good food and a Christmas program provided by a local business and supporter. It will truly be an entertaining evening to relax, have fun and enjoy.

We have sponsorships if you would like to help support our local GOP.

Sponsorship levels are:

Platinum Level \$1,000

8 dinner tickets, fruit basket, Daffin's candy, an 8 X 10 photo, recognition in program

Gold Level \$ 500

4 dinner tickets, fruit basket, Daffin's candy, a 5 X 7 photo, recognition in program

Silver Level \$ 250

2 dinner tickets, fruit basket, candy and a 4 X 6 photo, recognition in program

We would like to help some of our local veterans attend this year. You can sponsor a veteran by buying an extra ticket for \$50.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Katie Tingler, Trumbull County GOP Fundraising Chairman at 330-506-7236.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,

Mike Bollas

Mike Bollas, Chairman
Trumbull County Republican Party



Ohio Attorney General Yost works on \$3.1B settlement

Ohio to get \$114M from Walmart for opioid epidemic recovery effort

Nov 16, 2022

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and a team of negotiators have set the table for a national agreement that would hold Walmart accountable for its role in the opioid-addiction crisis.

The deal would provide \$3.1 billion to participating states, cities, counties and other local governments for recovery efforts.

Yost and 15 other attorneys general — in partnership with attorneys representing local governments in their respective states — worked out the deal, which stems from Walmart's failure to properly oversee the dispensing of opioids from its roughly 5,000 pharmacies nationwide, his office stated in a news release.

“Any time we can get a worldwide company like Walmart to implement systematic changes that will benefit Ohioans long term, I'd say that's a significant win,” Yost said. “This resolution brings meaningful relief to our communities in need. Let's put this money to good use.”

Joining Yost in leading the Walmart negotiations were the attorneys general from North Carolina, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, New York, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Tennessee and Texas.

According to the Associated Press, Walmart on Tuesday agreed to pay \$3.1 billion to settle lawsuits nationwide over the impact of prescriptions its pharmacies filled for powerful prescription opioid painkillers. The agreement must still be approved by 43 states, but company shares jumped nearly 7 percent in morning trading.

The settlement is similar to those already announced by CVS Health and Walgreen Co. Walmart said in a statement that it strongly disputes the allegations and that the settlement doesn't include any admission of liability.

The settlement stems from investigations by Yost and the other state attorneys general into Walmart's distribution of fraudulent and suspicious prescriptions. As part of the settlement, the retail giant would also be required to make robust improvements in the oversight of its pharmacies.

The money will be divided by the states that sign on to the agreement and distributed to local governments, with Ohio expected to receive more than \$114 million, according to Yost's office. The funds must be used to provide treatment and recovery services to people struggling with opioid use disorder.

States have until the end of 2022 to sign on to the agreement, with a minimum of 43 states required. Local governments will then have the first quarter of 2023 to join the deal.

“This agreement puts financial incentives in place that could make a real difference in the lives of Ohioans,” Yost said. “I hope other companies will follow Walmart in reaching a national agreement.”

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Yost said he has worked to set Ohio and its subdivisions up to receive more than \$1 billion for opioid recovery and abatement. The final amount will be determined based on participation in settlement agreements from cities, counties and other local governments. The money will be distributed through the OneOhio model.

This work includes an \$808 million settlement with opioid distributors Cardinal Health, McKesson and AmerisourceBergen; a \$185 million settlement with Johnson & Johnson and Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc.; and a \$24.7 million settlement with McKinsey & Co.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SPEAKER-ELECT, DEREK MERRIN

Congratulations to Speaker-Elect Derek Merrin! I pray that you and your leadership team lead the House with dignity and purpose.

The Valley deserves better and I look forward to working with the Speaker's team to deliver for our community!

— at The Ohio Statehouse.



OUR CONGRESSMAN – DAVE JOYCE CALLS ON DEFENSE SECRETARY TO RESTORE THE FULL BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING FOR SERVICEMEMBERS

Nov 22, 2022



WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Dave Joyce (OH-14) joined over 50 of his colleagues in [calling on](#) Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to immediately restore the full Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) to support servicemembers and their families.

“The men and women who wear our nation’s uniform, and their families who sacrifice so much, shouldn’t have to worry about access to affordable and safe housing,” **said Joyce**. “Yet, that’s one of the concerns I hear about when I speak with northeast Ohio servicemembers. We should be doing everything we can to help our military families meet the increased housing costs fueled by inflation and supply chain challenges. Restoring the full Basic Housing Allowance is the right thing to do for servicemembers and their families.”

The congressman’s letter:

Dear Secretary Austin,

We are writing to strongly encourage you to immediately restore the full Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) to support servicemembers and their families.

The House Report of the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) notes that the availability and cost of housing is of greatest concern to military families, and directs the Department of Defense (DOD) to examine restoring 100 percent BAH across the board. This report is due by March 1, 2023.

The FY15 NDAA (P.L. 113-291) gave the Department the authority to reduce BAH in certain circumstances. In 2015, DOD reduced the proportion of money given to servicemembers to 95% of calculated BAH. This was defined as a cost-saving measure to “balance the growth in compensation costs.” While the Department believes that imposing a 5% cost share shouldn’t financially burden military families, several studies have shown that this reduction harms the well-being of servicemembers who live off and on military installations.

Servicemembers and their families should not have to shoulder the burden of DOD’s cost savings. According to the Department’s own figures, servicemembers and their families should spend between \$74-\$168 out of pocket monthly as part of their “cost-share” for housing – and that BAH should pay for a servicemember and dependents without the spouse employed.^{1,2} According to data from the Blue Star Families 2020 Military Family Lifestyle survey, fully 83% of families who live off-installation have out-of-pocket housing expenses, and 76% of those families spend more than \$200 a month above their awarded BAH on housing.³

These excessive out of pocket costs hurt our military families. Slightly more than 50% of respondents to the 2021 MFAN survey said they experience barriers to saving money over the last two years. More than 80% of respondents indicated that their finances caused stress over the past 12 months.⁴ There is a disconnect between DOD’s assessment of servicemembers’ needs

and the reality of what occurs. With a relatively small investment from DOD, the Department can make change to improve the financial stability of servicemembers.

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The Department's cost-sharing burden has adversely affected servicemembers living off installations, and it has created financial instability for the Military Housing Privatization Initiative (MHPI). BAH is the financial underpinning of the MHPI enterprise. It pays for ongoing operations, debt service and long-term reinvestment.

The Department's decision to reduce BAH to 95% has resulted in underfunded reinvestment accounts at installations across the country. That means less funds for long-term sustainment, more deferred maintenance – and ultimately a less satisfactory housing experience for military families. Restoring full 100% BAH will allow for greater funding for these reinvestment accounts, and will restore the financial integrity to the MHPI program.

Servicemembers and their families should not be nickel and dimed by the nation they volunteered to serve, especially as Congress has increased the defense budget by 39% in nominal terms.

Restoring BAH is the right thing to do for servicemembers and their families, and we urge you to do it without delay.



O'Brien Praises the Release of the Appalachian Community Grant Program

October 20, 2022

COLUMBUS— State Senator [Sandra O'Brien](#) (R-Ashtabula) is pleased with the release of details on a major effort to improve the quality of life for the people of Appalachia in Ohio. The Appalachian Community Grant Program will infuse \$500 million into Ohio's 32-county Appalachian region to revitalize communities and stimulate transformational change.

"This is a fantastic investment in our communities that may lack the resources to bring innovative ideas to life," O'Brien said. "The people of Appalachia know best what obstacles and community challenges they face, and these grant funds will help bridge the gap between ideas and action."

As part of this program, up to \$30 million will support project planning and technical assistance, and the remaining \$470 million will be awarded to implement development projects. The Governor's Office of Appalachia will begin accepting grant applications on Wednesday, November 2, 2022.



**TRUMBULL COUNTY
REPUBLICAN PARTY
ANNUAL DUES
INVOICE**

We are making the yearly dues based on the calendar year and not on our current pay as you go sequence.

Everyone will be on the same calendar year, covering the period:
January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

MEMBER DUES - \$25.00

Due Date: January 31, 2023

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Warren, Ohio 44484

Attn: Gerry Fusselman, Treasurer

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 492 CLEARS OHIO HOUSE



COLUMBUS – State Representative Mike Loychik (R-Bazetta) today announced that Substitute House Bill 492 has passed the Ohio House and will next head to the Ohio Senate for further consideration.

This legislation was crafted to require coaches to complete a student mental health training course that has been certified by the Department of Mental Health as a requirement to renew their coaching permit.

“This legislation is a step in the right direction and will ensure that coaches have the training needed to help identify it and know what to do should any of their students have mental health troubles,” said Loychik.

Mental health is just as vital to a student’s wellbeing as their physical health and this legislation will work to improve the mental health of children throughout Ohio. This training will help both coaches and students alike.

OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE MIKE LOYCHIK TO TESTIFY AT THE SENATE, 3:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022

This hearing was for the purpose of the first reading of the bill by the sponsors, Mike Loychik and Gail Pavliga, to discuss possible amendments and hear questions from committee members. Numerous questions were posed and the representatives anticipate a second hearing for proponent testimony to be scheduled soon. We will post an update as soon as we are notified with the date and time of the next hearing.

Representatives Mike Loychik and Gail Pavliga, the sponsors of HB 492 were appreciative of the 25-30 people that attended the committee meeting in support of HB 492. They particularly loved the buttons and t-shirts. We were proud to be in the room along with Matt Triplett, St. Francis Desales parents and others showing the committee that the community cares about this bill!

If you have not heard about the **HB 492, it is a bill that would require mental health awareness training for all coaches in the state of Ohio.**



This bill has been driven by Matt Triplett, St. Francis DeSales lacrosse coach. Matt's passion for helping athletes in Ohio started years ago with his own high school and club lacrosse players, and through social media. This bill takes his personal work to ALL athletes in Ohio.

This bill would be the first such bill in the United States. Read about the bill

here: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-492>



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MONDAY ***11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM***

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THURSDAY ***CLOSED***

FRIDAY ***11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM***

SATURDAY ***11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM***
(EVERY 3RD SATURDAY)

SUNDAY ***CLOSED***





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NEW YEARS EVE OPENING NIGHT
IN DOWNTOWN WARREN

7 p.m. Lighting of the 9ft ICE TOWER
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FEATURING:

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SPEED LIMIT BAND

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SNOW SISTERS & THE SNOW PRINCE

ARTS & CRAFTS

CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS OF AGE ARE FREE
TICKETS FOR AGES 3 TO 10 YEARS ARE \$ 5 EACH
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Tickets are in the form of wristbands for the event. You may purchase your
tickets(wristbands) at

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Tickets (wristbands) purchased online up through December 15th will be
mailed to your designated mailing address. If your purchase takes place
December 16th through December 29th, you will be able to pick up your
tickets at the Log Cabin at Courthouse Square –WILL CALL
TABLE- on the night of the event. There may be a limited number of tickets
available on the evening of the event at the Log Cabin.

QUESTIONS ABOUT TICKET PURCHASES?

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Last year, I decided to treat myself to a set of really good wrenches. After a lot of research, I narrowed my list to three manufacturers that, while not widely known, got rave reviews on obscure forums where professional mechanics gather. Then I noticed that one, [Wright Tool of Ohio](#), makes all of its tools in the US, using only American steel. Motivated not by patriotism but more by plain hometown spirit, I made my choice: Of course, I would “buy American.”

It felt good to do that. And I’m hardly alone in that feeling. Americans like to support American industry. Polls indicate that about two-thirds of Americans would pay more for US-made products over imports. Why? Largely because American shoppers have long believed in the superiority of American quality, in supporting American industry, and in the idea that “buying American” promotes American jobs.

This “Buy American” bias has long driven American policy. The country’s first president deliberately chose “homespun” fabric made in America, not imported from England, to wear at his inauguration in 1789. Nearly 228 years later, America’s 45th president promised at his inaugural address in January 2017 to “follow two simple rules: Buy American and Hire American.” President Donald Trump’s administration has followed through on that vow, issuing a “Buy American and Hire American” executive order and imposing tariffs on imports with the explicit goal of promoting US manufacturing and jobs.

WHAT DOES ‘BUYING AMERICAN’ EVEN MEAN?

Whether the tariffs will achieve their goal is unclear. Tariffs that make imports more expensive also make domestic goods (and American exports) more expensive. Policies that protect jobs in one domestic industry hurt workers in others. Even the seemingly airtight “Made in the USA” label leaks around its edges: Fakes abound, cheaters go unpunished, goods assembled elsewhere of US-made parts get treated, arguably unfairly, as imports.

As globalization leads the economies of individual nations to become ever more inextricably intertwined, it’s particularly hard for shoppers to clearly and decisively support a single country with their purchases.

Given that, the seemingly simple decision to “buy American” becomes complicated.

Speaking of “made in”: “Made in the USA” labels are a guideline, not a guarantee. The Federal Trade Commission has extremely detailed rules for what qualifies as an American-made product—one that can legally bear the “Made in the USA” label (or language or imagery that suggests it). Qualification boils down to this: The product has to be “all or virtually all” made in the USA, with foreign-made components comprising a “negligible” proportion of the total. This distinguishes “Made in the USA” from another common designation, “Assembled in the USA,” which usually indicates that the components are substantially made abroad and put together in the US. In short, “buying American” is not as simple as buying things with a “Made in the USA” tag.



• Tim Heffernan

“DON’T BE EVIL.” – Don’t Feed the Beast.

By Marleah Campbell

Google claims its motto is: “Don’t be evil.” That all depends upon how you define evil. (They tried to retract this in 2018 but yet it is still part of their code.)

We Republicans must all be aware by now that almost all of “Big Tech” is anti-Republican. We must all be aware by now of the routine suppression of Republicans and conservatives throughout the internet; the distortion of all things conservative as “misinformation,” “racist,” “misogynistic” and most especially “hateful.”

Perhaps some of that may change with the emergence of Elon Musk’s acquisition of Twitter. Musk is neither a conservative, nor a Republican; but he has taken up the cause of free speech on the internet. He has many challenges ahead of him to achieve that purpose, and he has powerful forces fighting him. Let’s all hope he succeeds because all we want is free speech. With free speech we have free and fair access to try to convince the general public that our vision of what a free democratic republic should be, and how best to address the many challenges America faces in the world today.

But, while Twitter holds a significant position in the internet, it’s not the only place in “Big Tech” where the playing field is grossly tilted against conservatives and Republicans. Google is by far the largest internet search engine. It controls more than 92% of the internet traffic. The closest competitor is Bing with less than 4% of the market.

Clearly, many of Google’s users must be conservatives and Republicans. I think it’s time we consider whether we should continue to use Google as our primary search engine tool, or use Google’s other products like Gmail and YouTube.

In April 2022, a North Carolina State University study found that 72.2% of Republican fundraising emails sent through Google’s Gmail product (and other email controlled by Google) were directed to spam folders and never reached their intended recipients, whereas on 10.12% of Democrat fundraising emails were treated the same. Google controls approximately 53% of all email traffic in the United States.

In October 2022, Free Speech America analyzed Google’s search engine’s treatment of Republican and Democrat official web sites. When trying to locate a particular candidate’s official website, you would expect to be able to type the candidate’s name in the search engine and the official website of that candidate would be at the very top of the list of the search results. Certainly, you would expect the official campaign web site would be on the first page of the search engine’s results.

However, what Free Speech America found is that in 12 Senate races this year while all 12 of the Democrat candidates’ official websites were always listed within at least the first 6 search results; 10 of the 12 Republican candidates’ official websites were listed much lower in the search results. In fact, 7 of 12 of the Republican candidates’ official websites did not even appear on the first page of the search results. The analysis also found that on other search engines (Bing, Yahoo and DuckDuckGo) there was no such partisan difference – all candidates’ official websites appeared within the first 5 listed results.

It also seems that when entering a Google search query for a Republican candidate’s official website, frequently the user was directed to some negative posting about that candidate which were listed higher in the search results.

Google is not the only game in town. We have other choices. Other search engines include Bing, Yahoo, Firefox, DuckDuckGo, Yandex and Baidu. There are others. The same applies to email products.

It's true we're not paying for Google, but none of the others charge either, and their results are not trying to suppress conservatives and Republicans (at least, not that I know). But they all make money from advertising, and our traffic on their products dictates the value of that advertising and their profits.

Every conservative, and every Republican should refuse to do business with Google. We may not be able to kill the beast – but we sure don't have to feed it.

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