

LETTERS

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Voter supports Clark for commissioner

To the editor:

It's time for a change.

This year I will be voting for Tim J. Clark, Republican candidate for Brown County Commissioner, District 3. Tim is a retired colonel (Army), college educated, has attended hundreds of Brown County Commissioner, Council, Economic Development and Sewer Board meetings.

Tim decisively won the Republican vote in the primary election against a two-time incumbent. His competition is an independent and the Democratic candidate.

Counting this Wednesday, there are five more days of early voting at Eagle Park. Make your vote count.

Ben Phillips
Nashville

How will GOP division impact local party?

To the editor:

I am a conservative, a registered Republican who votes for candidates who align with my concerns. I find it interesting how the national Republican Party holds itself out as avid supporters of democracy including but not limited to the First and Second amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

First Amendment:
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Second Amendment:
A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

It is very disturbing to learn that what I thought to be the Brown County Republican Party is nothing more than the local Brown County RINO Club. It is obvious the local RINO Club is being supported by the precinct committee members who are, for the most part, busy pawns of their leader and his vice while uniting in their hypocritical group think.

This local RINO Club's behavior over the last several weeks is a notable example of political persecution and cancels out what I thought was good. It is clear the group does not support the First Amendment! What should we expect next from the local RINO Club? What is next? Their leader cannot control the primary winner for commissioner, so asked a man to run for commissioner as an Independent Party and is supporting him.

The term "Republican in Good-Standing" shall be defined as a

Republican who supports Republican nominees and who does not actively or openly support another candidate against a Republican nominee. Not one who is in clear violation of Rule 1-25.

It is interesting how our county is blessed with a true Republican candidate who has spent years of his time, energy, and money into our county documenting the good, bad, and the ugly, and what does the local RINO Club do? They attack, slander, and seek to destroy Tim Clark's reputation. All because they did not agree with his personal opinion. So much for free speech in Brown County!

Vivian Wolff
Nashville

Candidate claims 'abuse of power'

To the editor:

The local elections in Brown County are a little different this year. The campaign strategy posted on my website reinforces that a monopoly on political power leads to a centralization of power that can benefit the few at the expense of the many.

With your vote, I will work to ensure that all citizens will have the opportunity to help identify the best solutions for the county. This will be supported through better communications regarding the scope and extent of a problem, holding as many public meetings and working sessions as needed, and supporting a collaborative decision-making process.

Many voters may not be aware that just a few individuals in the Brown County Republican Party can influence (1) who will be supported as a candidate, (2) who can be selected to boards and commissions, (3) who can keep and get county government jobs, and (4) who should be appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected office. Six people - two of three commissioners and four of seven council members - can determine the fate of the county. And seven of 11 precinct committee members can determine who can fill a vacancy in an elected office.

As a conservative who consistently votes in the primaries as a Republican, I opted out of an association with the local Republican party, which functions more like a small club. The leadership did not welcome debate on positions and hijacked conservative values and principles to pursue personal agendas.

I consistently vote Republican in the primaries, which qualifies me under state law and party rules to run as a Republican. However, the chair of the county GOP challenged my candidacy, believing that his opinion should take precedence over state law. The Election Board quickly and unanimously rejected his challenge.

The assessment

regarding this abuse of power was further validated when their preferred candidate was defeated in the primaries. A few in their small club recruited and now support an independent candidate. This support for the independent meets the State GOP definition of "Not" being Republicans in Good Standing.

Their hope is that the independent, with name recognition and little to no experience with county government, can pull enough votes from Republican and Democratic voters to get elected or at least get the Democratic candidate elected. They perceive that either candidate would be more accommodating to their agenda.

The strategy to prevent me from being elected is supported by a smear and disinformation campaign that becomes successful when individuals do not challenge and investigate false and misleading narratives. Their strategy is motivated by panic and desperation over their potential loss of political power and control. They fail to see that their strategy is an insult to all the citizens of Brown County. Clara Stanley is among the individuals who discovered the deception. She shared her experience in her letter published in the Democrat on Sept. 17, 2024, "Reader does reversal on commissioner candidacy."

Voters have a responsibility to vote for the best candidate. I am the better candidate that will serve the interests of all citizens. Leadership and collaborative decision-making supported with facts will allow us to better understand our challenges and develop the best solutions for the county. The result will be an improved quality of life for us all.

Additional details are available on my campaign website at TimJClark-forCommissioner.com.

Tim J. Clark
Republican candidate for
Brown County Commissioner, District 3
Nashville

Candidate appeals for unity, common good

To the editor:

I would like to thank all the voters in this upcoming election. I've met so many great people along the way, and I believe most want what's best for our beautiful Brown County. I hope we will unite as one and work for the common good.

To those elected on Nov. 5, I pray and hope they put aside their personal feelings and do what is best for Brown County. Let's all do what is right for our citizens, our kids, our families, and our county.

We are Brown County!
God bless you all.

Greg Taggart,
independent candidate
for Brown County Commissioner, District 3
Nashville