

The Valley Patriot

Making the 6th District Great Again!

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Dear Friends and Fellow Republicans

The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

Let's be frank, as Republicans and conservatives, we had a horrible day statewide on November 7. We lost the Senate, and we lost control of the House of Delegates. There is no way to sugarcoat this loss on Tuesday. Statewide we got a piece of our collective anatomies handed to us.

But we can celebrate a lot of things inside CD 6. From Frederick County, south up the Valley through Lexington, into the Roanoke Valley, Salem City, and into the Virginia Highlands, we had a great day. Quite frankly, we could not have had a better day if I planned it myself. We took back several School Board's and won most every contested race. And yes we won each Legislative Seat we contested inside CD 6.

There are too many great candidates to mention all here – but I'd like to take a few minutes to highlight a few successes we had on Tuesday:

We took back the Frederick County School Board, and added budding stars such as Dianna Klein, Frank Funes and Ed Sturdivant. Maybe more importantly, we have temporarily broken the back of the Good Ole Boy's network inside Frederick County. Will they come back? Surely they won't go down without a fight. But they did get a YUGE wakeup call. Not to mention we

we have functional control of the BoS in Frederick County, and likely control of the School Board as well.

In Warren County, we have an outstanding new Sheriff in Crystal Cline, and have increased our conservative majority on the Board of Supervisors. We did not take back the School Board, but we got 2 good conservatives elected.

In Shenandoah County – we had a clean sweep, and more importantly, we have a 6-0 School Board Majority. Not to mention a new Commonwealth Attorney (Liz Cooper), who took out a 3 term incumbent getting over 66% of the votes. In District 2, incoming School Board Member Tom Streett beat the educationists choice – getting over 80% of the vote. Gloria Carlineo in District 3 beat out the choice of the Establishment as well, getting over 62% of the vote. My good friend Mike Rickard won unanimously in District 6 (Strasburg).

Page County Sheriff Chad Cabbage won over his opponent, oddly named Aaron Cabbage (that had the potential to be confusing), Commissioner of the Revenue Rebecca Smith cleaned the clock of her Democratic backed opponent.

We took back the School Board in Rockingham County. All of our constitutional officers not only won, but were unchallenged. Congrats to Dan Cullers (Commissioner of Revenue), Sheriff Bryan Hutchenson, Commonwealth Attorney Marsha Garst, Clerk of the Court Chaz Haywood, and Treasurer Todd Garber.

We had a great showing in Augusta, winning most of the offices we contested. We expected to win one more, that race must have a post mortem done to see what happened. For now, congrats to each winner in Augusta.

In Alleghany County, our incumbent Sheriff was re-elected (former Democrat who saw that the D's were becoming too anti law enforcement. Kyle Moore (Sheriff) won in a 3 way race with 60% of the vote.

We had a clean sweep in Botetourt.

And last but not least, we had a clean sweep in Roanoke County, as we won each office there.

A Star Is Born

There were many heroes and heroines in CD 6 this year, but I'd like to re-introduce you to my good friend Sarah Kahle, who won her race for Clerk of the Court over the choice of the Good Ole Boys Network, Kirk Whittle. When Sarah first got into the race, she was laughed at derisively by the so called experts, who said that because Sarah had no experience, therefore she could not do the job. Heard this from a lot of so called experts in Frederick County. Sarah, a speech pathologist for Frederick County, took her case to the people, who are still in charge.

Sarah ran a near perfect campaign, unlike her opponent Kirk Whittle, who decided that as long as he had the support of 50 local attorney's – well that would be good enough. I will admit to some angst 3 weeks before the election. But then the Democrats do what they do so well – they over-reached. They ran a campaign against Sarah saying she was inexperienced. Then they derisively said that "Sarah was just some housewife". WRONG!

Frederick County has several Super Women. Among them are Elaine Holliday,

Kahle got out there, and sent their army of Mama Bears (aided in part by Winchester City Council Member Emily Windle – another unsung hero of these elections in the North Shenandoah Valley).

The end result? A lot of “just housewives” went out and showed the so called experts who was in charge. Sarah Kahle won, getting 52.7% of the vote. I’m so proud of Sarah, and all the Sarah’s who won or challenged the Establishment on Tuesday.

Special Shout Out's

State Central Member Craig Scott, alongside Marshall Pattie (Regional Vice Chair of CD 6) led a rapid response team that knocked on several thousand doors. Their team was instrumental in helping out local races in Loudoun and Roanoke County.

Young Republican Chair James Bergida led his YR team into Prince William County to try and help us win a Senate seat there.

Thank you Mr. Bergida, Mr. Scott, and Vice Chair Pattie for all your help, and please thank your rapid response team and your YR’s from me personally for all their work.

Have we lost Virginia? No, not by a long shot. But we need to have a serious conversation about the future of the GOP, and we need to have more strategic thinking, or else we will lose Virginia.

I remain

your servant

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S John Massoud
6th District Republican Party Chairman



Opening Events

November 16 – Roanoke Valley Republican Women's Club Meeting – Anthony's 323 E. Virginia Avenue Vinton Virginia. Start time 6 PM.

November 16 – 2023 Harrisonburg/Rockingham GOP Lincoln Reagan Dinner. Guest Speaker will be Jen Kiggans. Reception starts at 5 30 PM – Dinner at 6.

More to follow!

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