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## TRI-CITY BEER SUMMIT DRAWS STATE OFFICE CAMPAIGNS

The first Tri-City Republican Beer Summit, held Thursday, May 11, 2017, at Trapezium Brewing Co. in Petersburg, drew a crowd eager to hear from the 2017 governor and Lt. governor candidates seeking the Republican nomination in the June 13th primary. The event was co-hosted by six local Republican committees, and attendees hailed from Charles City, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Prince George. The campaigns of Ed Gillespie, Corey Stewart, Bryce Reeves, and Jill Vogel were represented, and all four speakers petitioned listeners for their support with spark and enthusiasm.

The Beer Summit gave area voters the opportunity to enjoy locally-crafted brews and hand-tossed pizza while also hearing the issues of importance to each candidate, the changes they wish to see in the state's government, and the future that each candidate envisions for Virginia. Voters also had the chance to chat or ask questions as they mingled with candidates and their representatives after the campaigns spoke. As candidates, campaign representatives, and voters socialized and various signs and brochures were handed around, the energy of the event was palpable. Future joint-effort events by the local Republican committees are sure to



Jill Vogel, who is seeking the Republican nomination for Lt. governor, addresses the crowd at the Tri-City Republican Beer Summit.

electrify the 2017 political scene in the Tri-City area.

-Editor

### DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN THE JUNE 13TH PRIMARY! NOMINEES ARE BEING ELECTED FOR:

- Governor
- Lt. Governor
- Attorney General
- House of Delegates-64th District

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REFLECTS ON TIME OF SERVICE TO PRINCE GEORGE

Roughly 16 months ago, I was sitting in my car in front of my parents' house watching congratulatory messages come in from people all over the Commonwealth and the country who gave me their blessings on the new journey I was about to embark on. I was a mix

of emotions, feeling excited, nervous, and humbled all at once. Before I went inside to do my homework for class the next day, I prayed to God for the life he had given me and for mercy on the inevitable challenges ahead.

Today, the Board is in the process of passing the second budget on which I've had the opportunity to work. The question I receive most is, "Is being on the School Board what you expected it to be?"

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## PRINCE GEORGE CHAIRMAN ENDORSES BREWER FOR DELEGATE

“EMILY HAS  
DONE A LOT OF  
WORK WITHIN  
THE REPUBLICAN  
PARTY AS WELL  
AS IN  
COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH...”

Most of you have heard that Delegate Rick Morris will not be seeking re-election to the 64th district seat in 2017. However, the 64th does have a strong conservative candidate in Emily Brewer. Emily has done a lot of work within the Republican Party as well as in community outreach, and she is a small business owner. I know and have worked with Emily, and she is

the best candidate for the Republican Party for Prince George and surrounding counties. As chairman of the Prince George County Republican Committee, I have endorsed Emily Brewer for the Republican nomination, and I hope you will join me in voting for her in the primary election on June 13th. For question, more information about Emily's campaign, or

to request signs, please contact [mike@brewerforva.com](mailto:mike@brewerforva.com).

-Wayne Cunningham, Chairman of the Prince George County Republican Committee

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## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REFLECTS

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While I think many who ask expect an enthusiastic “yes” response, the truth is that it isn't anything I expected it to be. During my campaign, I was ignorant to the funding challenges rural school divisions face. I hoped to cut the fat from the budget with my fiscally conservative knife. However, the pig was a runt, and I'm still eating crow. The challenges we face are many, especially when the General Assembly chooses to use and withhold lottery funds at their unilateral discretion, and most recently, in the face of rising health insurance costs.

With that being said, great things are happening in Prince George County Public Schools. We are fully accredited across the entire division;

we were able to offer a 2% raise for staff with HSA contribution increases last year; we are in the process of offering more courses for students and adding necessary staff to reduce learning gaps in Special Education; and these are just a few of the ways the Board is striving to improve the school system. Even in my short time on the Board, I've seen the amazing things our staff members do day after day. I am reenergized about education after every conversation I have with our Superintendent team. For these reasons and many more, deciding not to run for re-election was one of the toughest decisions of my life.

While I'll miss all the students and staff, I've realized that I need to prioritize my

own education over the next few years, allowing someone who has more time and ability to serve in this consequential role. The influence a School Board member has over the education of a child may seem small in comparison to a teacher's direct contact, but the programs we fund and the decisions we make inevitably affect every child in some form or fashion. For that reason, being in this position takes a lot of time (as it should) and should not be taken lightly. I'm so appreciative of all the love that has been shown to me, and I know that I'm a Royal for life. Thank you, Prince George!

-Reeve Ashcraft, School Board Member for District 2



Reeve Ashcraft, Prince  
George County School  
Board Member

## WE NEED YOU! THE IMPORTANCE OF ELECTION OFFICERS

“We need you!” Remember the picture of old Uncle Sam pointing his finger at you with those words by the picture? As elections draw near, the question that I am frequently asked is, “What can I do to help?” The answer is—a lot. There are traditional volunteer duties such as door-knocking and phone calling in order to identify our voters, and then to turn them out on Election Day. But, the one area that Democrats beat us at — every year— is that of **Election Officers**. There is an old, but true saying about elections: “it’s not how many people voted that matters; it’s how many votes were counted that matters.” This, my friend, is where battles are won or lost— inside the polls. But we concede the ground to Democrats, because in most polls we don’t have our own Election Officers inside to know that we even lost the battle! We need our Election Officers inside

the polls to stop rule-breaking and fraudulent votes from being counted. Every single vote, in every polling location matters!

What is an Election Officer and how can you become one? An Election Officer is a one-day employee of your county or city on Election Day. You can also serve as an Election Officer on days prior to the election during absentee/early voting at specified locations. You act in an “official” non-partisan manner during your job in the poll. I use quotes around the word “official” because when you sign up to be an Election Officer, you must specify your party affiliation— Republican, Democrat, or other (Independent, Green, etc.). The electoral board in your county or city allocates the equivalent number of Republican and Democratic Election Officers to voting precincts across you locale. There are normally 10-15 Election Offi-

cers assigned to each poll, depending on the size of the precinct. The party of the Chief Election Officer in each poll is reflective of whoever sits in the Governor’s mansion, which unfortunately now is a Democrat. Once you sign up as an Election Officer, you will receive training from your county or city. Make sure that you also receive training from your local Republican Committee in order to be aware of typical areas of voter fraud. Working outside the polls or inside as a poll watcher have been the traditional areas of focus of our party. That focus needs to change— right now. The number one priority must be to sign up our people as Election Officers. Please consider it. “We need you!”

-Howie Lind, former Chairman of the 10th Congressional District Republican Committee

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## ROBERTSON VOTED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPUBLICAN NOMINEE

In a vote held Friday, May 5, 2017, current Prince George Board of Supervisors Chairman, William “Bill” Robertson, secured the nomination of the county’s Republican Committee to run as Republican candidate in the 2017 Board of Supervisors elections.

Prince George Republican

Committee Chairman Wayne Cunningham congratulated Robertson, saying, “I want to announce that Bill Robertson won the nomination to be the only Republican candidate to run for Board of Supervisors on November 7, 2017. I also endorse him personally, and I hope you too will vote for Bill on Election Day 2017.”

Robertson will be running for re-election as a District 2 Supervisor and is also President-Elect of the Virginia Association of Counties, an organization that advocates for Virginia counties and their officials.

-Editor



Bill Robertson, Chairman of the Prince George Board of Supervisors

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 20, 2017: Republican Committee Breakfast**

*8:00am - 9:00am*

*Prince George Family BBQ, 4605 County Dr., Disputanta, VA 23842*

- **June 13, 2017: Virginia Primary Elections**

*6:00am - 7:00pm*

*Your local polling center*

4030 Cobblewood Drive  
Disputanta, VA 23842

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The Prince George Republican Committee meets once a month from September to May. September meetings are held on the second Monday due to the Labor Day holiday. October through May meetings are on the first Monday of each month.

Meetings are held at Luca Italian Restaurant, 6619 Courthouse Road, Prince George, VA 23875, with a social time beginning at 6:30pm and business meeting from 7pm-8pm. We welcome you to join us in helping to shape our community!

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