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From the Chair ~Marty Swinney ~

This has got to be the most exciting year in the forty-five year history of the Libertarian Party! I am so glad I got to be here! *We have a candidate in New Mexico!* None other than Joe Nichols of the Eddy County LP made it on the ballot and is running for the State House seat in the 54th District. **Way to go,**

Joe! Joe's website is www.in4nm.com; you can also reach him through the Eddy County Libertarian Facebook page. Joe is in a *two-way* race in his District because the Democrat Party failed to field a candidate. Typical! Those two older parties are very good at *failing!*

There's been lots of talk about failure recently. The failure of the courts, failure of the criminal justice system. Failure to protect our citizens and diplomats at home and abroad. The failure of the “War” on Drugs, the “War” on Poverty, wars on this, that, and the other thing. Fail, fail, fail. But really, let's give those two old parties credit: they actually fail at only two things, foreign policy and domestic policy!

Our Presidential candidate, Gary Johnson, has really been churning up the media coverage recently. Not a day goes by without seeing our hearing about that Libertarian running for President. He is garnering endorsements left and right---literally as well as figuratively. As their ships are sinking, both Democrat and Republican politicians and office-holders are abandoning their parties and either endorsing the Libertarian Party nominees and/or changing their registration to Libertarian.

It is a glorious time to be alive and to be a Libertarian. We should all embrace this moment fully and without reservation. It is truly the vision-come-true of our second Presidential candidate, Roger MacBride, who wrote a campaign book entitled “*A New Dawn for America.*” Indeed, it most certainly is a new dawn for America and for the Libertarian Party.

Of course, we cannot just lie back and bask in that new glow. There is work to be done. Lots of it. We all know it by now: contribute to local and national campaigns. Talk with your friends and neighbors. Put up yard and windows signs, get that bumper sticker where it belongs, call the radio talk shows often, and write those letters to the editor extolling the virtues and values of a Libertarian America.

This election, truly, is our moment, our time to shine brightly with the promise of freedom. And if I may mention the title of yet another campaign book by another beloved LP candidate for President, Ed Clark, it is time for "A New Beginning" for both America and the Libertarian Party.

Let's make certain we do not waste it.



[Meet Joe Nichols](#) [LP Candidate for State Representative District 54](#)

Freddie "Joe" Nichols III was born in Albuquerque, NM in 1987. His father, Fred, was in the US Army, 10th Mountain Division but had been sent to the VA hospital in Albuquerque, from Walter Reid Army Medical Center, to recover from surgery to remove a brain tumor. Joe grew up in Artesia, NM, where his mother's family had lived since the early 1900s. Joe's father's family had always lived in Clay County, West Virginia, before relocating to Roswell, New Mexico.

As a child, Joe enjoyed playing basketball and riding bikes with his friends, in a time when life seemed simpler and streets seemed so much safer. During his teenage years, Joe became very interested in electronics, computers, and computer programming. Everything about new technology fascinated him, and he wanted to understand how all of it worked. As luck would have it, Artesia High School had a vocational program for PC Maintenance and Computer Networking. The computer classes along with science, and history were Joe's favorite classes. The first major milestone of Joe's youth culminated with him graduating from High School in December, 2005.

After completing high school, Joe moved to Iowa where he got his first job as a manager at McDonalds Restaurants. This job taught him the valuable skills of how to communicate with people and how to think quickly on his feet. He also began attending Kaplan University online, working towards an

Associates of Applied Science in Information Technology with emphasis in Application Development. Shortly after starting his post-secondary schooling he moved back to New Mexico and started working two jobs while continuing with his studies. In March of 2010 he moved to Denver, CO along with his future wife and longtime friend, Vanessa. In June of 2010 Joe finished all of the coursework, earning his Associate Degree.

In 2011, Joe and Vanessa moved back to New Mexico, and were married at Faith Baptist Church where they still attend and volunteer today. In 2012 Joe and Vanessa welcomed their son, Aaron, adding another generation of New Mexicans to their family. In 2013 their young family returned to Vanessa's hometown of Denver, CO. This time while living in Denver, Joe managed a team in a call center where they did customer service for Netflix. Joe regards this time in his career as a vision developing experience because the company culture was all about freedom and responsibility. There weren't overly complicated rule books or anything like that. Everyone was just told to do the right thing, and for the most part it worked out very well. Those who couldn't handle doing the right thing just didn't last long. This was Joe's first induction in libertarian philosophy even though he had basically aligned his thinking in that direction since his early teens. Libertarian ideals just seemed to be a good fit for him.

The next year Joe, Vanessa, and Aaron moved back to New Mexico, this time, because they wished to be closer to family. Joe was able to land an excellent and financially rewarding job in the oil field as a Field Technician working on light towers and generators. Everything seemed to be going great until the oil downturn and everything started slowing down. Joe knew it was time to start looking toward something unrelated to the oil industry to continue his career. This time, Joe ended up working with a local computer store as an I.T. Generalist. This position afforded him the ability to utilize all of the skills he'd learned over the years, ranging from computer programming to PC repair and even office networks. One of his more recent projects has been building a website for Gold Savings Plans called 31p1.

In February of this year, Joe officially joined Libertarian Party of New Mexico, and he is currently the County Organizer and Chair Pro Tem of the Libertarian Party of Eddy County. Joe is also serving on the Central Committee for LPNM. Joe plans to focus his campaign on defending individual liberties, sound economic policy that promotes a free market, and reducing the size, scope, cost and power of government. He also hopes his campaign will inspire others to run for offices that have been recently unopposed. Summing it up, he says, "It's all about empowering people."

To learn more about Joe's campaign, volunteer, or donate, visit Joe's website at jn4nm.com also if you are on facebook visit Joe at [facebook.com/jn4nm](https://www.facebook.com/jn4nm) and like his page. Let's all

put our efforts into helping Joe provide a libertarian point of view in our state by electing Joe Nichols as our State Representative for District 54.



Operation Politically Homeless—Eddy County Fair



The Libertarian Party of Eddy County hosted the “Operation Politically Homeless” booth at the Eddy County Fair the week of July 25 – July 30. They handed out over 400 quizzes and talked to a very large number of people who felt more disaffected than ever this election cycle. They also received contact information from about 30 people who were interested in learning more about the Libertarian Party. One of the interested individuals who stopped by the booth had come all the way from Albuquerque. It was a great time for meeting new people and getting the word out about ending the duopoly of which so many people were voicing their disapproval and disappointment.

This event would not have been possible or so successful without the people who volunteered and stepped forward to help out in the effort. Special thanks go out to State Chair Marty Swinney, LP candidate for State Representative Joe Nichols, Weng Swinney, Ransom and Sue Spencer, Vanessa Nichols, Kristen Harrison, Ashley Brooks, Robert Meek, Clint Derrick, Craige Bradley, and Jeff Young, who worked hard to bring recognition to the Libertarian Party while standing up for choice and liberty. **Way to go Eddy County!!**



On Saturday August 20, 2016 a very successful rally was held for Gary Johnson and Bill Weld at the Albuquerque Convention Center. State Senator Lisa Torracco was the first to take the podium. During her speech, breaking ranks with the GOP, she

endorsed Gary Johnson for President and Bill Weld for Vice President. After hearing from Senator Torracco, Gary's daughter Seah and son Erik stole the show as they spoke about some of the ways that they have been inspired by their father and what it was like growing up with their dad as governor and of their time spent in the Roundhouse. The next speaker was Governor Bill Weld who spoke about the positive direction that fund raising was taking and the increasing energy that was propelling their campaign. Governor Weld introduced Governor Gary Johnson to a very enthusiastic crowd who met him with frequent cheers as he spoke of the changes he will implement when he becomes President. Outside of the Convention Center, a local Lowrider Club showed up to offer their support for Governor Johnson and even took Gary for a lift and bounce ride before the rally began. The club had several beautiful cars displayed for attendees to admire. The successful event was really fun and informative and had a lot of people signing up to be volunteers for many positions in the campaign.



To get information about the campaign, pick up yard signs, volunteer and get details on what is happening, call NM State Campaign Manager, Blair Dunn at 505-681-7801

Donations can be made on the Johnson/Weld website:

www.johnsonweld.com/donate

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the Johnson campaign, please contact Maralyn Beck, maralynbeck@johnsonweld.com, phone 505-585-1715. She is located in Albuquerque.

GO GARY!!!!



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