Libertarians plan to win this November

Libertarian Party candidates throughout the United States are walking the walk necessary to win elections this fall, at all levels of government.

In a recently announced high-profile race, former two-term New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson is running as a candidate for U.S. Senate from New Mexico. Johnson, who also served as the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate in both 2012 and 2016, decided to make this run for Senate run after New Mexico Libertarian Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn withdrew to focus on the duties of his current position.

Johnson is outpolling the Republican candidate in every survey conducted since his announcement. Johnson garnered nearly twice the Republican's numbers in a poll conducted by Emerson College, and even outpolled the Republican candidate among Republican voters. Johnson has received the endorsement of U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, and of U.S. Senate candidate from Maine Eric Brakey. Brakey is currently a state senator who previously served as the state director for the 2012 Ron Paul presidential campaign, in which Paul won a majority of the Maine delegation.

Ballot access victories achieved in Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania

Months and months of hard work have been paying off as we cross the ballot-access finish line in more states.

In September, we added Connecticut, New York, and Pennsylvania to the tally. That puts us at ballot access in 48 states (plus DC) for 2018!

It is also worth noting and celebrating that this is the first time in 20 years that voters in Connecticut will be able to vote for a Libertarian candidate for governor!

Plus, the two states without ballot access, Tennessee and Alabama, aren't completely without ballot access. In fact, Alabama has four candidates on the ballot as Libertarians for local or state house offices. We don't categorize Alabama as fully on the ballot, however, because Alabama Libertarians didn't qualify for a statewide office.

Tennessee has five candidates on the ballot as independents because they didn't qualify to get on the ballot as Libertarians. The states of Alabama and Tennessee both make it especially hard for Libertarians to qualify for the ballot — something we'll continue fighting to improve.

Regarding at least some Libertarians on the ballot in all 50 states, Richard Winger, editor of Ballot Access News, commented, “no other alternative party can be shown to have reached this midterm milestone since 1890, when official balloting began.”

Please join me in congratulating and thanking all those who have pitched in to achieve ballot access for 2018. This includes thousands of activists, volunteers, donors, and staff and the 2016 presidential campaign of Gov. Gary Johnson and Gov. Bill Weld, which achieved ballot access for us in 37 of these states.

Well done, team! Onward to Election Day!
Thanks to Libertarian Party candidates for stepping up

Chair’s Corner
By Nicholas Sarwark, LNC Chair

When you receive this copy of LP News, the November election will be just around the corner. More than 800 Libertarian Party candidates are running throughout the country, an increase of approximately 40 percent over 2016. We are building on the party’s record-breaking 2016 results by providing a Libertarian option to even more Americans in 2018. To see which candidates are running in your area, visit LP.org/2018-candidates

All of these candidates are fellow Libertarian Party members standing up so your voice can be heard on election day this year. Look up the candidates running in your area and reach out to them to thank them for running. Volunteer for their campaigns or send them a contribution. Better yet, do both. Without candidates, there is no Libertarian Party.

For the first time since I became active in the Libertarian Party in 1999, I am a candidate for public office. Like many Libertarians, I didn’t set out to run for office this year, but the mayor of Phoenix resigned and triggered a special nonpartisan election for a replacement. As a native Phoenician with a home and a business in Phoenix and kids in Phoenix public schools, I have a connection to this city and an interest in what happens here. I felt an obligation to run for mayor.

The Libertarian Party has been providing training and advice to our candidates for decades, and applying all this to my own campaign has given me a new appreciation for pioneers like Ron Crickenberger and Carla Howell in setting the political stage for our candidates to outperform the old parties with the resources we have available. We are going head-to-head with million-dollar campaigns using some of the tips and tricks provided to our candidates on our LPaction.org website.

Even as the elections come closer, we are laying the groundwork to do even better in 2020. We are developing a CRM system that will let state parties and local candidates be even more effective in reaching voters during the 2020 election cycle. Our candidate support and recruitment staff are already recruiting candidates for the 2019 elections and improving our systems for the 2020 election cycle.

Our candidates this cycle are getting roughly 10 times as much support as I’ve observed in previous election cycles. Local candidates who would have raised $500 in years past are raising $5,000. Candidates for governor who would have raised $20,000 in years past are raising more than $200,000. Our support continues to increase while the old parties have been stagnant. This lets me guarantee you that no matter the specific results on Nov. 6, the Libertarian Party will come out of this election stronger than ever and with momentum going into 2020.

To all my fellow candidates this year, thank you for stepping up. And to all of you loyal Libertarian Party members, thank you for all the support you’ve given to our candidates.

Yours in liberty,

P.S. If you want to follow my campaign, please visit SarwarkForPhoenix.com

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The Democratic incumbent in Johnson’s U.S. Senate race is running scared. New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver, also a Democrat, recently announced that straight-party voting would be reinstated in New Mexico in time for the election. Fortunately, the New Mexico Supreme Court rejected this scheme on Sept. 12. The justices took less than three hours to render their decision after hearing arguments. A. Blair Dunn, the Libertarian Party candidate for attorney general who drafted and filed the case with help of Republican co-counsel, welcomed the decision.

“Make no mistake, this was a partisan attempt by Maggie and my Democratic opponent for attorney general to rig the election in their favor,” Dunn said after the ruling. “They are worried that voters are looking for an option to get away from the hyper-partisan tribalistic nonsense that has dominated our national dialogue. Today, with the help of my counsel we were able to put a stop to this shenanigan, just as I will continue to put a stop to it as attorney general.”

Jeff Hewitt, the Libertarian mayor of Calimesa, Calif., is running for the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. Riverside County is the eleventh most populous county in the United States, with 2.36 million people — larger than the populations of 16 states. Hewitt advanced in the June top-two primary election, in which three other candidates were eliminated.

As mayor of Calimesa, Hewitt ended the city’s contract with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and instituted a more efficient and cost-effective municipal fire department, saving the city from ruinous pension obligations in the process. Riverside County is also facing problems with underfunded pensions, and Hewitt is in a uniquely experienced position to help solve that problem. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association rarely endorses local candidates, but Hewitt received an endorsement for his accomplishments eliminating waste and corruption. Hewitt is running a well-funded and professional campaign, and is confident in his ability to win.

Sen. Laura Ebke was elected as a Republican to Nebraska’s unicameral legislature in 2014, and two years later she switched her affiliation to the Libertarian Party. “I got frustrated with some of my colleagues who don’t recognize civil liberties and don’t seem to agree with getting government out of people’s business,” she told the Omaha World-Herald. As a Libertarian legislator, Ebke was able to pass a comprehensive tri-partisan reform of the state’s onerous occupational licensing laws and bring new opportunity to countless Nebraskans. In June’s top-two primary, she advanced to the November general election despite the concerted opposition of a voracious Republican Party and governor.

Caleb Q. Dyer and Brandon Phinney were both elected as Republicans to the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 2016. They both switched their affiliation to the Libertarian Party the following year, and both are now standing for re-election.

“When the Libertarian Party had ballot access in the 1990s, the Libertarian House Caucus had four members,” said Daryl W. Perry, chair of LP New Hampshire. “It is my hope and desire that the civil libertarians, classical liberals, and philosophical libertarians in the New Hampshire General Court will show the same courage shown by Reps. Dyer [and] Phinney, and abandon the two-party system that has for so long burdened us with taxation, regulation, and legislation that has trampeled our freedoms.”

Gideon Oakes, a two-term town board trustee for Keystone, S.D., is running for state Senate against a vulnerable Republican incumbent in a district that includes Mount Rushmore and the Southern Black Hills. While in office, Gideon consistently voted to cut wasteful spending and reduce government overreach. His opponent has held elected office for nearly two decades, but Gideon has secured the endorsements of several prominent former officials who have crossed party lines to put principle over politics, including his opponent’s eight-year seatmate in the state House. Gideon is bringing a message of economic freedom and individual liberty to a district where independent and unaffiliated voters outnumber Democrats, and where low media costs help campaign donations go a long way.

Aaron Aylward is running for state House District 6 in southeastern South Dakota. Most districts in the lower house of the legislature, including District 6, elect two members. This year’s election is a five-way race between Aylward, two Republican incumbents, and two Democratic challengers. The top two vote recipients will be elected. Aylward’s campaign has a “focus on local government and less on federal government,” along with “efficiency and transparency with tax dollars,” and “civil liberties for all individuals, no excuses.”

Amber Christiansen Beltran is running for Utah House District 22. She’s a social worker living in Magna who has worked with the homeless and mentally ill, and served as an employment retention specialist for a work-over-welfare program. She supports medical marijuana legalization and opposes legislative restrictions on the ability of doctors to prescribe or of patients to access cannabis. Beltran opposes tax increases and supports greater transparency in government spending. She is also campaigning for fewer regulations in businesses and occupational licensure.

Murray Sabrin is running for U.S. Senate from New Jersey. He has won the endorsement of former congressman and Libertarian Party presidential candidate Ron Paul in his bid against the ethically challenged Democratic incumbent Sen. Bob Menendez. Sabrin’s internal polling figures show him doing respectably, but independent pollsters so far refuse to include his name in their polls.

Libertarian National Committee Chair Nicholas Sarwark is leading by example as he runs a serious campaign for mayor of Phoenix, Ariz.

This is just the tip of the Libertarian iceberg. More than 800 Libertarians are on the ballot in 2018 for local, state, and federal office. Both Democrats and Republicans have descended into outright tribal warfare during this election year, and more and more people are identifying as libertarian or independent. Libertarian Party candidates are stepping up to be the adults in the room.
Special thanks to all our monthly Liberty Pledge donors!

It is an exciting time to be a Libertarian. More Americans than ever before realize the need for a strong third party. They are disgruntled with the Republicans and Democrats, and know that voters deserve more choices.

We are working hard to give them more choices, and better choices. Our team is hard at work on so many projects that are critical to our growth and success:

Ballot access petitioning so that Libertarian candidates will be on every ballot in America again in 2018, strengthening state parties, building our infrastructure, recruiting candidates, and more.

There is so much important work to be done, but none of this is possible without the support of dedicated Libertarians such as you.

If you want the party to grow as rapidly as possible, and take advantage of more of the special opportunities before us in 2018, we ask you to become a Liberty Pledger today.

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— Katherine Bugby

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— James Finlay
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— Saul Rackauskas

“My name is Augie Salmon, from Austin, Texas, and Dave Smith brought me here. The wars have become a natural counterpart for the lacking in funding for social programs, while the people directly affected have been lost in today’s rhetoric. I hope the $15 a month given to the Libertarian Party can be a drop in the bucket, which eventually fills the bucket, eventually fills that bucket, and changes every-one’s daily conversations.”

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ne of my goals for my term as Libertarian National Commit-
tee secretary is to promote a culture of transparency within our party. There is already a great deal of transparency on the LNC, but what good are the windows if you don’t know how to pull up the shades? Here is where I hope to help.

What precisely do I mean by “LNC transparency”? The ability to observe the sausage as it is being made by attending and monitoring (virtually or in person) LNC meetings, votes, and discussions. All LNC meetings, whether electronic or physical, are open to all Party members with very limited exceptions (such as confidential legal strategy issues). You will find these meetings announced on the LP.org website and Facebook. This does not require that you travel great distances as every attempt is made to live-stream any in-person meetings with such login information included in the meeting announcements. You can view past streams of meetings here:

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have recently decided to get off the sidelines, to stop being merely a social media fan of the Libertarian Party, its platforms, and its presidential candidates. I have come to the realization that meaningful, peaceful, long-term political and societal change can only be realized by monetarily supporting our party. To this end, I have decided to become a recurring donor. As a business owner, I understand the importance of having a consistent and steady flow of income, and hopefully my small monthly contributions can help the Libertarian Party and all of its candidates enact the change we all long for.

— James Walsh Jr.

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### Libertarian Party candidates in November 2018 election

The fall 2018 election is rapidly approaching, with 49 states and Washington, D.C., all fielding Libertarian Party candidates for the general election on Nov. 6. Visit LP.org/2018-candidates to view our full, sortable, searchable, and updated list. If you live near any of these candidates, pitch in and help them win!

Even if you don’t live nearby, there are many ways that you can help from a distance. Contact the candidate or a state party chair to find out how.

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David Ulmer ............................................................. State House 40
Matthew Wagner ...................................................... State House 50
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Robert Coogan ......................................................... State Auditor
Mike Doran ................................................................. Lorain County Auditor
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Patrick Glasgow ....................................................... State House 68
Tim Grady ................................................................. State House 2
Todd Grayson ......................................................... Lieutenant Governor
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Taylor Hoffman ....................................................... State House 56
Travis Irvine ............................................................. Governor
Don Kissick ............................................................. U.S. House 5
Dirk Austin Kubala .................................................. U.S. House 1
Candace Loyd .......................................................... Geauga County Commissioner
Ryan McClain ......................................................... State House 14
Matthew McGowan ............................................... State Board of Education District 3
Jonathan Miller ........................................................ U.S. House 15
Dustin Nanna .......................................................... Secretary of State
Homer Taft ............................................................... State Senate 13
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Kristin Wichers ....................................................... State House 77
Jason Zapisek .......................................................... Lorain County Commissioner

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Gene Bell ................................................................. State House 78
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Kelli Krebs ............................................................... State House 75
Jeff Levy ................................................................. State House 81
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Stephen Paulsen ..................................................... State House 85
Chris Powell ........................................................... Governor
John Yeutner ........................................................... State Auditor

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Randell Carlson ....................................................... State House 32
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Bruce Knight .......................................................... State House 42
Drew Layda ........................................................... U.S. House 1
Frank Leroy Lengele ............................................... State Senate 4
Kyle Markley .......................................................... State House 30
William Nazemstnik .............................................. State House 29
Tim Nelson ............................................................ State House 26
Brian Post ............................................................... State House 25
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Chuck Boust .......................................................... State House 199
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Ken Krawchuk ........................................................ Governor
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Ed Reagan ............................................................. State House 137
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Jake Towne ............................................................ State House 138
Joe Waldenburger .................................................. State House 53

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Victor Kocher ......................................................... State House 79
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Aaron Aylward ....................................................... State House 6
Greg Baldwin .......................................................... State House 17
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George Hendrickson ............................................... U.S. House
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Daryl Root ............................................................. State House 4
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Zachary Houk ........................................................ State House 13
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Daniel Arevalo ....................................................... State House 132
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Joshua Burns .......................................................... State House 95
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Affiliate Updates

Alabama
2 new county affiliates being organized

The first LP Alabama candidate to announce for the 2020 elections, Ernest Claybon, is running for Montgomery City Council in District 3 — a nonpartisan race. Claybon will be going up against a 20-year Democratic incumbent, but he’s already making the rounds in his district meeting and talking with the people, attending meetings of the City Council and Board of Education, and perfecting his speaking skills through Toastmasters. Volunteers are starting to line up to help with this campaign!

We are proud to announce two new county affiliates becoming organized: Pike County, which encompasses Troy University, is being led by Richard Fast, a recent transplant from Louisiana; and the Tennessee Valley affiliate, consisting of Limestone, Morgan, and Lawrence counties and chaired by Luke Kinton.

Jefferson and Shelby counties have voted to merge in order to consolidate resources and volunteers. This affiliate will now be known as the LP of Greater Birmingham, and is being led by Leigh LaChine.

The state’s 2019 convention will be held in Auburn, Ala., in March. Speakers confirmed to date are Robin Koerner and Joshua Smith. The Convention Committee also hopes to engage the Mises Institute and reach out to the Auburn University student body.

Arkansas
LPAR outreach at several county fairs

As the 2018 election date approaches, Arkansas Libertarians have been taking some time to go to the fair. LP outreach booths have been cropping up at county fairs across the state, providing opportunities to share our message and promote our candidates. Local and statewide candidates make appearances, introducing themselves and asking for votes, while volunteer activists talk to passers-by about the Libertarian Party and our ideas.

Candidate for state Senate Kevin Vornheder, whose district covers parts of three counties, decided to set up a booth at all three county fairs. “This will mean three solid weeks of booth operation, so I'm hoping it will result in some quality voter interaction. Based on past turnout and margins in this district, I think just 5,000 votes could mean a win, so I’m going to try to shake at least that many hands.” And in Sebastian County (Fort Smith) the local affiliate, with the help of candidate for state representative Stephen Edwards, sponsored a booth at the Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair.

The growth of county affiliates has gone hand in hand with the proliferation of fair outreach. “We didn't plan it as a coordinated campaign to target county fairs,” said state chair Michael Pakko. “But when the folks in Benton County see the success of Garland County's outreach, they want to match it — or do it even better. A little friendly competition doesn't hurt.” Not to be outdone, the Pulaski County (Little Rock) affiliate, where there is no county fair, has been running outreach booths at the downtown farmers' market.

The culmination of the season will be the Arkansas State Fair in Little Rock, Oct. 11–21. Thanks to the organizational efforts of party stalwarts John and Judy Bowers, the LP's fourth year at the state fair will feature 10 days of candidates and volunteer meetings and greeting voters from across the state. With seven statewide candidates, a full slate of candidates for U.S. Congress, and contenders for more than 20 state legislative and county offices, LP Arkansas plans a full schedule of candidates to be on hand.

Illinois
Endorsement interviews in major papers

For the first time ever in Illinois, the entire Libertarian statewide ticket has been invited to take part in endorsement interviews at the three largest papers in the state: the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times, and Springfield’s State Journal-Register. In a recent NBC poll, Libertarian candidate for governor Kash Jackson was polling at 6 percent, coming in third place in the four-candidate race. Jackson will need 5 percent to guarantee ballot access for Libertarians across the state.

Hundreds of supporters from more than 20 active chapters across the state have pitched in to help staff booths, walk neighborhoods, write letters to the editor, march in parades, deliver yard signs, pass out campaign literature, and work on campaigns directly.

In Bloomington, Ill., a referendum championed by the McLean County Libertarian Party will be on November’s ballot. The referendum will allow voters to have the option to eliminate one of two election authorities in the county. McLean County is one of only a handful of counties with multiple election authorities. Petitioners submitted more than 1,350 signatures, and the petitions successfully survived a challenge from Democratic opponents with more than 90 percent signature validity.

Iowa
Record-breaking 34 LP Iowa candidates

Major-party status affords LP Iowa the opportunity to place candidates post-primary via a special nominating convention. These candidate placements continued until the filing deadline and Iowa now has a record breaking 34 partisan Libertarian candidates for office for voters to consider, 10 more than the previous record. With an additional focus on local races, LP Iowa candidates are continued on page 15...
peting in four county supervisor races and a county treasurer race.

Marco Battaglia, the Libertarian nominee for attorney general, graced the cover of the Sioux City Journal and gubernatorial nominee Jake Porter has been featured in multiple Des Moines Register features. Majority status rests on Porter exceeding 2 percent of the vote, and continual major media mentions like this will help keep our candidates in the spotlight.

**Michigan**

**LP Michigan reaches primary party status**

Gov. Gary Johnson’s more than 172,000 votes for president in Michigan in the 2016 election are having a big impact on the Libertarian Party’s prospects in Michigan for 2018. His showing earned LP Michigan primary-party status for the first time, just like the Republicans and Democrats.

This had its drawbacks. Bill Gelineau and John Tatar, two Libertarians running for the gubernatorial nomination, had to gather more than 40,000 signatures to get on the primary ballot. They did it without any aid from the national Libertarian Party.

The actual benefits have been so much more. Starting in the spring, LP Michigan has received steadily expanding major media coverage. Some reports focused on its historic first primary status. More coverage flowed from the fact that its candidates were no longer just the candidates of yet another third party, but are running in the Aug. 7 primary just like the Republicans and Democrats.

The fact that we had a contested gubernatorial primary drew considerable interest. Network television affiliates in Grand Rapids and Detroit broadcast debates between the two Libertarian candidates leading up to the primary. They toured the state, gaining unprecedented media coverage for this early, or even later, in the election season. All that practice resulted in increasingly more polished and persuasive messaging.

Bill Gelineau won that primary governor nomination with about 58 percent of the vote. Since then, the media attention has continued. He successfully parlayed his selection of Libertarian Angelique Chaiser Thomas as his choice for lieutenant governor, and LP Michigan’s Aug. 25 convention support for his choice, into a series of television and radio appearances by the two of them across Michigan, in which they offered “real solutions” to the issues of the day. Gelineau now has ambitious plans to keep and increase that momentum leading up to the Nov. 6 election, and to share that momentum among all 54 of Michigan’s Libertarian candidates. To learn more about his campaign, visit: ComeTogetherMichigan.org

**Minnesota**

**LP booth at state fair creates best outreach**

The Minnesota State Fair is a unique, special, super fun event that you should put on your bucket list. Nationwide, it is no. 1 in daily attendance and no. 2 in overall attendance, after Texas. We just wrapped our 12-day run, from Aug. 23 to Sept. 3, with a new attendance record exceeding 2 million guests. For reference Minnesota’s state population is 5.5 million.

The LP Minnesota booth is a staple that creates our best outreach, fundraising, and candidate exposure every year. In addition to (gifting for donation) more than 500 LPMN branded shirts, we recorded more than 1,000 copies of the World’s Smallest Political Quiz, handed out nearly 5,000 pieces of literature, and gained nearly 100 new state party members...
Thinking of running for office? Just want to learn more?
Go to LP.org/run and send us your inquiry. You’ll receive information from your state LP affiliate or from the national LP headquarters that you need to get started on your campaign.

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We have had more than a dozen new first-time volunteers take shifts. Our statewide candidates Josh Welter for governor, Mary O’Connor for lieutenant governor, and Chris Dock for state auditor each appeared more than a half dozen times. It’s great for us to showcase them as well as give them a place to promote themselves. Overall, the interactions, energy, support, diversity, and participation were better than we’ve ever seen. It feels like our hard work is paying off and people like it. We are that Libertarian!

The City Pages of the Twin Cities, a hip, popular local liberal periodical, published two dozen photos on its website of “People of the State Fair,” included photos of Josh Welter for governor and LP Minnesota Executive Director Matt Kowalski.

Please visit LPMN.org to learn more about us and our candidates. We have links to pages for each candidate where you can show financial support. Hint, hint, please and thank you.

Nebraska
20 LP Nebraska campaigns across state

The Libertarian Party of Nebraska is working tirelessly with 20 campaigns across the state in three ballot access races and 17 state legislative races. You may have seen Sid Daoud for Montana House District 8 on the national target list, but he’s not the only winnable candidate that LP Montana has in 2018. Check out our full slate here: MTLP.org/2018-candidates

LP Montana is also looking to grow, exponentially. As one of the smallest states by population and one of the largest by area, it presents a difficult organizational challenge. We have a pilot program launching this weekend to double the number of county affiliates before November, and triple them again by the state convention in 2019. We hope to share the lessons learned with neighboring affiliates to grow our region and the overall LP membership. Stay tuned, because big things are happening in the Big Sky State.

New Mexico
LP defeats straight-party voting scheme

The Libertarian Party of New Mexico, along with the Republican Party and a Democratic candidate for state house, filed a successful motion for an emergency Writ of Mandamus to prevent the New Mexico’s secretary of state from putting straight-party voting on the ballot in direct contradiction of state law. The authorization for straight-party voting had been removed year’s earlier after then-Gov. Gary Johnson’s signature, and multiple attempts to pass new authorizing legislation had failed.

We raised enough money from donations on Reddit and other places to pay for this action, which succeeded after a September ruling by the New Mexico Supreme Court.

LP New Mexico has replaced our candidate for secretary of state with Ginger Gridder, a long time Libertarian Party activist.

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Media Buzz

“After the Libertarian candidate in New Mexico’s U.S. Senate race dropped out last month, the New Mexico Libertarian Party drafted [Gov. Gary] Johnson into the race. ... If Johnson were to pull off the unlikely win, he would be the first Libertarian in U.S. history to win a major statewide election. But even if the Rich poll’s pessimistic-for-Johnson view of the race is correct, that would still make Johnson one of the most successful Libertarian candidates in history.”

FiveThirtyEight, 8/24/2018

“Gregg Luckner, Libertarian candidate in the 4th Congressional District, is in one of the most competitive general election races ... The high number of unaffiliated voters in Nevada could lean away from the two major parties, particularly this election, when the message from Republicans and Democrats is so negative, Luckner said. The 4th district is a rematch between Hardy and Horsford, exactly the type of ‘same old, same old’ situation that is making Republicans and Democrats less attractive to voters, he said.”

Las Vegas Sun, 9/17/2018

“Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) is endorsing fellow libertarian former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson in his Senate bid in the state.

“Paul is throwing his weight behind Johnson, instead of his Republican competitor Mick Rich, the Kentucky senator announced in a news release Tuesday, The Associated Press reports. ... “An Emerson College e-poll conducted with a small sample size of 500 registered voters showed Johnson leading Rich among Republicans.”

The Hill, 8/28/2018