

Good morning, ladies.

Well, it seems as if you have succeeded. As you know, I lost yesterday's election - no doubt because of Lynn's sensationalistic & biased article, followed by Mary's (I assume it was her) vicious editorial. Both of you built a political mole hill into a mountain of free press that no credible candidate could recover from. You should be ashamed, but I'm sure that you aren't.

Here's a portrait of the very mean-spirited disingenuous person that you were duped by:

- 1) Picture of Gina Burke attending Conservative Republicans of Southern Johnson County meeting. That's her smiling face listening to Greg Cromer who is chairman of the group. I don't believe that it was her first time there, nor do I believe it will be her last.
- 2) Several pictures of children whose parents are part of this group with high velocity assault weapons. How sad is this?
- 3) Statement by Tony Wise (a member of this group) about what our public schools are doing.
- 4) Statement by Greg Cromer flaunting straight pride.
- 5) Statement by Greg Cromer calling hard working citizens who work at Town Center "royal, snobby debutantes."
- 6) Statement by Greg Cromer trashing a wonderful group like Stand Up Blue Valley whose members are great advocates for public education.
- 7) Statement from Greg Cromer criticizing the Blue Valley School District's programs for special needs kids alleging that they are preparing these kids to be "Walmart greeters and custodial workers."
- 8) A quote from Tony Wise on the Conservative Republicans of Southern JoCo page: "We will be meeting on 5/22 this month because of memorial day weekend. Speaker to be announced. Also, we will have protection devices that we had at the last meeting, so let us know if you are interested." This quote was followed by this comment by Robyn Yerkes Essex, also a member of the group as follows: "And it will be your last chance to purchase the last few tickets for our JCRP gun raffle!"
- 9) Statement from Sean Garvin who posted in support of Ms. Burke showing his 11 year old daughter with an assault weapon: "Her. She knows how to clean and use her weapon and all safety precautions. She will do her hunters safety course soon. BTW is her weapon. I'm just holding on to it until she can own it. I also have an 8 year old getting ready..." (punctuation, etc. added for clarity)

I could go on. There are many more examples of the hateful people that Ms. Burke panders to that I can send you should you wish.

Granted, I sent a few texts questioning Ms. Burke's motivation for running, her political associations, her complete lack of civic or political experience, and her policy positions - just to be attacked by the STAR. I don't apologize for having done so. Ms. Burke should have expected these questions, whether from me or voters. Asking them does not amount to bullying, badgering, or any other hyperbolic term both you and she have used.

It doesn't make any difference at this point, but I will once again tell you that I did not offer Ms. Burke a position on the OP Planning Commission if she would withdraw from the race. I find it flabbergasting when her accusation is given more credibility than my truthful statement as verified by another councilmember who was present.

I'm sure that you won't give any of these very serious concerns about Ms. Burke and her political associations any coverage. After all, that would be admitting that you got it wrong and helped to elect an ideologically rigid, ultra-conservative individual to the OP City Council.

I should also tell you that Ms. Burke's supporters have called my daughter a name so vulgar that I won't repeat it here just for supporting me. One of her supporters even accused me on Facebook of being a sexual predator, while another suggested that I am a criminal. These are really bad people and you helped them elect one of their own to a position of public trust.

I'm sure that Ms. Burke will try to run from or disavow her association with this hateful group now that you have helped her get elected. But it's hard to deny that it's Gina Burke's smiling face front & center listening to Mr. Comer.

This is the real story that should be reported - one that you totally missed.

Given the very tragic chain of events where many men, women & children have lost their lives to nuts with assault weapons, I plan on sharing my email with the national media.

Perhaps they will do the job that the STAR refuses to do. This woman and her hateful friends need to be exposed for who she and they really are.

Isn't it interesting that Ms. Burke has the time to appear with these crazies, but not the time to attend a candidate forum sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce to answer questions from the business community?

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