

# **WILSON COUNTY TEA PARTY E-NEWSLETTER**

*"Election 2010 E-Newsletter – Countdown to the American Restoration"*

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Welcome to the 12th issue of the Wilson County Tea Party's Election 2010 E-Newsletter. As election nears, we hope to bring you info about the Candidates – both favorable and unfavorable – as well as info about the issues so that you can become a more informed and invigorated voter.

*Sherrie Orange*, Chairman – [Wilson County Tea Party](#)

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## **A THOUGHT TO PONDER FROM THE EDITOR**

We'd like to thank everyone – including the candidates - who participated in our wonderful 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rally on Saturday, 10/16 at Mundy Park in Mount Juliet and made it a success! Special thanks to Steve Gill ([WLAC-1510-AM](#)), Bob Pope ([Tennessee Patriot](#) & Bob Pope Gun Shows), Ronnie Barrett ([Barrett Arms](#)), Bobbie Patray ([TN Eagle Forum](#)), John Harris ([TN Firearms Association](#)) and [Renee Wahl](#).

We'd also like to thank A.J. McCall (from D. T. McCall's Gun Shop in Carthage) for the donation of the Bersa 380 Automatic! The winner of that drawing was Lou Ann Zelenik (primary candidate for the U.S. House 6<sup>th</sup> District). ([Images of the event](#))

On another note... You may remember my soapbox speech in the last issue about those who 'bite their nose to spite their face' because their favorite candidate did not win a primary battle and, out of spite, they intend to vote for the Progressive candidate. Well, here's an article that recently appeared on [American Thinker](#) about the very same issue! It's called "**It's Not Personal, It's Politics**". ([Article](#))

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**REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER ... JIM COOPER VOTES THE SAME WAY  
THAT NANCY PELOSI DOES 91% OF THE TIME!**

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## **SAMUEL DUCK, CARL WHITAKER DROP OUT OF RACE FOR GOVERNOR, ENDORSE BRANDON DODDS**

On 9/30, Independent Gubernatorial candidates Samuel Duck and Carl Whitaker withdrew from the race for Governor and threw their support behind fellow-Independent Brandon Dodds.

Please note that the names of these two candidates (Duck and Whitaker) will appear on the ballot due to the late date of their withdrawal. ***We urge you, therefore, not to cast a vote for these two candidates since they are no longer valid candidates.***

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## Early voting continues until October 28th

Remember, there is an initiative on the November ballot as to whether or not the TN State Constitution should include a personal right to hunt and fish. **PLEASE VOTE YES ON THIS INITIATIVE!** It must be approved by a majority of more than one half of the total number of persons voting in the gubernatorial election. **PROTECT THE 2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDMENT!**

*We need EVERY vote in order to stop the demise of our Constitution and the encroachment of Socialism into our society. Some of these races could be close so please take a few moments to vote during early voting. If you can't find the time to vote early, please get to the polls on 11/2 and take a friend.*

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## MASSIVE INFLUX OF OUT-OF-STATE UNION CASH INFLUENCING STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 40 RACE

***Why would out-of-state labor unions have a huge interest in a rural Tennessee State Representative race – so much so that they've contributed over \$65,000 to one particular candidate?***

That's what has happened in the District 40 race which covers Macon, Smith and DeKalb counties. The campaign of Democrat **James Hale** has collected over **\$65,000** from **out-of-state labor unions** since the end of 2009 (when Mr. Hale filed his first campaign finance report with the State). ([TN Online Campaign Finance](#)).

Although we would expect union funding to go overwhelmingly to Democrats rather than Republicans, this huge influx of money from **out of state** is definitely extraordinary. Granted, Mr. Hale is a union activist and we would expect union money *from within the state* to be given to him but it is suspect (to say the least) for HUGE monetary donations to flow into a 'sleepy' political race in rural Tennessee – especially for a STATE Representative.

For comparison, we looked at donations to the current campaign of Democrat Stratton Bone, the 2008 campaign of Cleveland Bain (who ran for this same seat in 2008) and the 2006 campaign of 'Income Tax King' Bob Rochelle to determine if out of state union donations had also flowed to these candidates. Although Bob Rochelle had a few donations from these sources, donations of this type were, essentially, non-existent.

Here is a list of Hale's **OUT OF STATE** campaign donations:

<b>3rd Quarter</b>	Brotherhood of Locomotive Eng. & Trainmen	Ohio	\$500
	California Laborers for Equality & Progr.	California	\$1,000
	D.R.I.V.E. (DC PAC)	Washington	\$2,500
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	Illinois Laborers' Legislative Committee	Illinois	\$1,000
	IBEW	Washington	\$5,000

	Kentucky Laborers' District Council	Kentucky	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local 147 PAC	New York	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local 261 PAC	California	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local 472 PAC	New Jersey	\$500
	Laborers' Local 559 Political Fund	Alabama	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local Union No. 145	Mississippi	\$500
	Laborers' Local Union No. 366	Alabama	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local Union No. 559	Alabama	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local Union No.692	Louisiana	\$1,000
	Laborers' District Council of Chicago	Illinois	\$500
	Laborers' District Council of MN & ND	Minnesota	\$500
	Michigan Laborers' Political League	Michigan	\$500
	Midwest Region Laborers Political League	Illinois	\$1,000
	New Jersey State Laborers' PAC	New Jersey	\$1,000
	OPEIU	Washington	\$1,000
	United Mine Workers of America Coal Miners	Virginia	\$500
	Western PA Laborers PAC	Pennsylvania	\$1,000
	Wisconsin LDC Political Fund	Wisconsin	\$500
<b>Pre-Primary</b>	CA State Council of Laborers PAC	California	\$1,000
	Illinois State AFL-CIO	Illinois	\$250
	Kentucky Laborers' District Council	Kentucky	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local 1216 PAC	Ohio	\$500
	Laborers' Local Union No. 130 PAC	Pennsylvania	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local Union No. 534	Ohio	\$500
	Laborers' Local Union No. 758	Ohio	\$1,000
	Laborers' District Council PAC Fund	Pennsylvania	\$500
	Mid-Atlantic Laborers' Pol. Education Fund	Virginia	\$1,000
	NE Florida Public Emp. Local 630 PAC	Florida	\$100
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	California Laborers for Equality & Progress	California	\$1,000
	Illinois Laborers' Legislative Committee	Illinois	\$1,000
	Laborers' District Council of OH	Ohio	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local 147 PAC	New York	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local 172 PAC	New Jersey	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local 472 PAC	New Jersey	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local 559 Political Fund	Alabama	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local 652 PAC	California	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local Union No. 169	Nevada	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local Union 220	California	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local Union 366	Alabama	\$1,000

	Laborers' Local Union No 500	Ohio	\$500
	Laborers' Local Union No. 515	Georgia	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local Union No. 559	Alabama	\$1,000
	Laborers' Political League Education Fund	Washington	\$1,000
	MA Laborers District Council Political L	Massachusetts	\$1,000
	Mason Tender's District Council PAC	New York	\$1,000
	Mid-Atlantic Community Fund	Washington	\$1,000
	Mississippi Laborers' PAC	Mississippi	\$1,000
	New Jersey State Laborers' PAC	New Jersey	\$1,000
	Rhode Island Laborers' Political League	Rhode Island	\$1,000
<b>1st Quarter</b>	Brotherhood of Locomotive Eng. & Trainmen	Ohio	\$1,000
	IBEW	Washington	\$2,500
	Laborers' Local No. 1410 PAC	Ohio	\$500
	Laborers' Local Union No. 1015	Ohio	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local Union No. 1174 PAC	Pennsylvania	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local Union 125 P.C.E.	Ohio	\$250
	Laborers' Local Union No. 265	Ohio	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local Union No. 692	Louisiana	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local Union No. 809 P.C.E.	Ohio	\$1,000
	Laborers' Local Union No. 935	Ohio	\$500
<b>Year End 2009</b>	Labor Management Fund Advisors	Michigan	\$1,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$65,100

**Does it bother you that labor unions from California, New York, Michigan, Ohio and other states are trying to influence an election for one of YOUR Representatives? IT SHOULD!**

**WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?** What do these labor unions hope to gain by the election of Candidate Hale? Is it possible that they know that Mr. Hale's election would provide them with a 'foot in the door' in order to change Tennessee from a 'Right to Work' state ([Tennessee's Right to Work Law](#)) to one with forced unionism?

**NOTE:** Terri Lynn Weaver published an ad in the 10/13 edition of the Carthage Courier that outlined Mr. Hale's ties to the Laborers' International Union. Per the ad, it appears that Mr. Hale was named Manager of the Laborers' Ohio Valley and Southern States Region in 1996 and, in 1998, 'added the title of International Vice President, sitting on the General Executive Board until his retirement in 2008'. Three items listed in the ad about this group were particularly disturbing:

- In 1986, the President's Council on Organized Crime reported that five major unions – including the Teamsters and Laborers' International Union of North America – were dominated by **organized crime**. (Source: [http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/organizedcrime/italian\\_mafia](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/organizedcrime/italian_mafia))
- They were served with a 200 plus page civil racketing complaint by the U.S. Department of Justice in 1994.
- They operated under a consent agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice from 1995 to 2006 requiring them to rid themselves of 'any corrupting influence, including the influence of organized crime'.

We urge the voters in District 40 to take this disturbing information into account when casting a ballot during this election season!

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The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery. -- *Winston Churchill*

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## **Bob Pope – Candidate Endorsements**

Bob Pope, Second Amendment Advocate, Gun Show Organizer, Publisher of the [Tennessee Patriot](#) and fellow Conservative, has recently published a list of candidate endorsements. Mr. Pope endorses Constitutional Conservatives who will strongly protect your Second Amendment rights!

Here are his endorsements for the offices we are following:

**GOVERNOR:** Bill Haslam (R)

**U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 5:** David Hall (R)

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 6:** Diane Black (R)

**STATE SENATE DISTRICT 17:** Mae Beavers (R)

**STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 40:** Terri Lynn Weaver (R)

**STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 46:** Mark Pody (R)

**STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 57:** Linda Elam (R)

If you'd like to get a subscription to the Tennessee Patriot, please visit Mr. Pope's website ([here](#)).

Mr. Pope now has a one-hour radio show on WLAC-1510-AM every Saturday morning beginning at 7am. On October 30<sup>th</sup>, **Mae Beavers** (Republican incumbent candidate for State Senate District 17) will be his guest.

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## MAE BEAVERS VS. GEORGE MCDONALD

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Lebanon Democrat sponsored a debate between State Senate District 17 incumbent Mae Beavers and her opponent George McDonald. Many debate attendees who had witnessed similar functions in the past between the two candidates expressed surprise at the degree of hostility shown by Mr. McDonald toward Senator Beavers. (We urge you to watch the video [here](#).) Mr. McDonald went so far as to make a derogatory remark at the end of the debate toward Mrs. Beavers using the word 'assume' that was extremely unprofessional and appeared to show desperation.

Although Mr. McDonald was touted to be a 'conservative Democrat', his apparent stance on the issues proved that his political philosophy is closer to liberal-progressive House Speaker Nancy Pelosi rather than conservative Senator Jim DeMint. Observers noted that he failed to answer several questions that were posed to him, instead choosing to sling mud at Beavers. Based on his debate statements, we were able to determine the following about Mr. McDonald:

- He believes that Washington should handle the illegal immigration issue. He believes that the Arizona 1090 law is a federal issue rather than a state issue (*although the Arizona law was passed due to the failure of Washington to address the illegal immigration problem*).
- He does not support 'English only' (and, instead, has indicated that we should be accommodating to those who choose not to learn the language of this country);
- He does not appear to be in support of the move toward reclaiming state's rights (10<sup>th</sup> Amendment) which would seem to indicate that he's in support of increased encroachment in our lives by the Federal Government ("We are called the United States of America. If we don't like Washington, we need to start fixing things there.");
- He side-stepped the issue of government-controlled Obamacare. He said that we have the "best healthcare in the world here and it has been abused by everyone. I don't totally agree with the healthcare bill." However, he failed to state his position on this very important issue. His opponent pointed out that he expressed his support of national healthcare at other forums;
- He stated that he would FORCE state agencies to buy Tennessee products 'by law' rather than suggesting that the state protect taxpayers by making the most fiscally responsible buying decisions. Later in the debate, he stated he would 'reward' local/state businesses for buying Tennessee products. He also stated that he would give a tax credit for hiring Tennessee people (*Huh? Who else would Tennessee businesses hire?*) but failed to indicate how he would pay for these incentives;
- Mr. McDonald stated that he would continue to fund Pre-K despite three state-funded studies indicating that the program provides no benefit to students after the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (he called it a 'judgmental call at this point'). He stated that "teachers are so proud of students coming out of these classes" but failed to address the fact that taxpayers are being required to pay for a program that does not produce results;
- He is a big supporter of labor unions;
- He continues to support agricultural incentives and seemed proud of the fact that he had collected over \$932,000 in subsidies from the taxpayers;
- In the opening moments of the debate, Mr. McDonald contradicted his own words as he belittled Mrs. Beavers for her 'NO' votes (he accused her of "voting the easy way") on the (unbalanced & fiscally irresponsible) state budget(s) yet immediately touted his belief that the budget should be balanced. (Mrs. Beavers previous statements on budgets: **2008 Budget** ("I felt like they're spending like drunken sailors."), **2009 Budget** ("The State House did not like our (Senate) budget and they started negotiating and unfortunately what we came out with, I didn't like, so I voted against the budget, voted against the bonding bill, and voted against breaking the "Copeland Cap" which ties the growth of the state government budget to the growth of personal income. With the stimulus money, it put us over that (cap) and it will put us in a dire situation next year unless the economy really gets going, and we just don't see that happening. I thought it was inconsistent to vote against breaking the "Copeland Cap" and then vote for the budget because I think they go hand in hand. "We have to have a balanced budget in the State of Tennessee. With the budget that was passed I think we're

*going to see some dire circumstances this next year and more drastic cuts. I saw this year as one in which we could ward off some of the drastic cuts that would have to be made next year but I think this budget was pretty irresponsible in that respect."*

- When asked to provide specific ideas for reducing the state budget, he responded by saying that he would look at 'needs vs. wants' yet he did not provide any specific programs;
- While claiming his is against the state income tax, he acknowledged that he supported 'Income Tax King' Bob Rochelle during his 2006 bid against Mae Beavers for State Senate and referred to Bob Rochelle as 'his friend'.

In contrast to Candidate McDonald, Mrs. Beavers outlined her beliefs:

- The Senator stated that we are being faced with a \$900 million budget hole due to acceptance of the one-time Stimulus funding and will have to deal with this huge shortfall in the coming year;
- She stated that she wants to cut taxes and reduce regulations on businesses;
- Beavers stated that she supports strong laws against illegals and wants to pass legislation similar to Arizona's law (which McDonald does not support). She indicated that illegal immigration needs to be handled at the state level since Washington won't do anything about the problem. She supports English only and believes that immigrants should be able to speak English;
- When asked to provide specific ideas for reducing the state budget, she responded by saying that the budget would not be balanced by large cuts to any one area but, instead, would require 'a lot of little cuts to come up with a large amount of money'. She suggested that the audience visit the [Tennessee Center for Policy Research](#) to see how taxpayer dollars are spent in Tennessee. When chided about her 'NO' votes on the state budgets, Mrs. Beavers pointed out that, while she had voted for the transportation budget when it came out of committee, she doesn't believe that the State should have a credit-card mentality.
- Regarding the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment, Beavers promised to continue her fight against encroachment by the Federal Government on State's Rights including her fight against the implementation of government-controlled Obamacare. She also mentioned the fact that she had sponsored the Firearms Freedom Act in order to protect the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment in Tennessee.
- Senator Beavers stated that we need more competition in healthcare and do not need the federal government involved in the delivery of healthcare;
- She informed the audience that she was the 1<sup>st</sup> person to come out against a state income tax and is strongly against this tax. She also stated that she would never support a candidate who supports a state income tax;
- Mrs. Beavers stated that she sponsored a bill against partial birth abortion and pushed SJR 127 to the forefront;
- When asked about business incentives, Mrs. Beavers mentioned that, although she is glad that Tennessee is a 'at will' state, she believes that 'when unions control government, costs are increased'. She added that state employees are treated fairly.
- The Senator informed the audience that three state studies have shown that Pre-K provides no additional benefits to children after the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. She also stated that \$85 million was taken out of the K-12 budget so that Pre-K could be funded despite the program's lack of benefits to our kids;

Mr. McDonald repeatedly went after Mrs. Beavers on the Cordell Bridge issue. As Mrs. Beavers pointed out, the bridge repair issue was expedited during her most recent tenure and bids will be accepted on the repairs beginning in May/June 2011. She also pointed out that, despite his claim that he is very concerned about the bridge, he failed to attend ANY Chamber of Commerce meeting about the bridge.

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY:** Did you know that, in 1978, the voters of this State approved a Constitutional Amendment that mandated that State spending not grow any faster than the State's economy? It's called the Copeland Cap and it has a fatal flaw. Read about it [here](#).

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## TIDBITS

*I have long held that to vote for the lesser of two evils, still results in a vote cast for evil.*

*...Joseph C. Phillips/Townhall.com*

A 'must see' video: "[Those Voices Don't Speak for the Rest of Us](#)"

[Tax Hike Calculator](#) – How much are YOUR taxes going up in 2011 if the Democrats refuse to extend the Bush Tax Cuts during the 'lame duck' session of Congress?

**Is Obama making Congress (and the average American citizen) irrelevant?** [Obama Considers Rule by Executive Order in 2011](#) *Just how much of this will our citizens take before they stand up and get involved?* Maybe this will encourage everyone get out and vote: [Republicans Plan Takedown of Obama Czars](#)

**Elam vs. Scott – District 57 Debate** ... The Lebanon Democrat hosted a District 57 debate in Lebanon on 10/13. If you were unable to attend, you can read about the debate [here](#). You'll find that there are many philosophical similarities between these two candidates. One of the few differences between the two (although slight) is regarding the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment. While Heather Scott supports 'nullification' (in which states 'nullify' laws created by the Federal Government), Linda Elam said that nullification is 'not practical' because the Federal Government would stop sending money to the state and would 'win that battle'.

**DE-FUNDING OBAMACARE** ... Not a single Democrat or Democrat candidate has signed a petition ([defundit.org](#)) to de-fund Obamacare – *even those running against Obamacare!* (Beware **of any candidate speaking out of both sides of their mouth!**) However, Republican candidate for 6<sup>th</sup> District U.S. Rep, Diane Black, HAS signed the petition (**KUDOS TO HER!!**). If Ms. Black wins that seat (and we believe she will), we're going to hold her to her word! Interestingly, none of the 5<sup>th</sup> District U.S. House candidates have signed it either. WHY NOT?

**THE FARM SUBSIDY ISSUE LURKS** ... Remember our 9/13 story about George McDonald and his \$932,000 farm subsidies? Well, there is speculation that a Republican-controlled Congress will keep this program in place. ([Article](#)) Sorry, Republicans, but **ALL** programs must be looked at for cost effectiveness and many popular programs must go in order to reign in government spending and reduce the size of our government! As we've pointed out, 62% of all farmers do not collect taxpayer-funded subsidies. In addition, these subsidies are only available to *agricultural* farmers (but not farmers who raise livestock) – many of whom are huge conglomerates. LET THE FREE MARKET PREVAIL!

**REDISTRICTING BEGINS** ... After the new State Legislature is seated, the tedious process of re-districting will begin. Many of us feel that the process is flawed because these districts are often 'gerrymandered' to benefit the party in power at the time of the re-districting process. Both political parties are guilty of this. The process simply magnifies one of the many things that are wrong with our government. ([A Reform the Tea Party Should Embrace](#))

If there was ever a reason to 'vote them out' ... [John Dingell's Death Grip on Power](#)

**GRRRRR ...** DISENFRANCHISING THE MILITARY? Are some states PURPOSELY trying NOT to count military ballots to give Democrats the upper hand in tight elections? [Obama and Company trying to pull a fast one to keep his old seat in the D column?](#)

**Not so fast, Partner...** When Republican Scott Brown won the Massachusetts Senate race earlier this year, there were immediate calls from around the country for "SCOTT BROWN FOR PRESIDENT" despite the fact that almost nothing was known about his political philosophy. As it turns out, Senator Brown appears to be a 'RINO in training' lending credence to the belief that we MUST screen our candidates thoroughly before jumping on the popular political bandwagon. More recently, there have been several articles written about Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels as a possible 2012 Republican nominee. However, a recent statement by Governor Daniels should open the eyes of many: **He supports an oil import tax as well as a VAT tax (Value Added Tax) and the VAT tax would be IN ADDITION to a flat income tax!** ([Article](#)) ...Here's a little something that you might want to hear about possible 2012 Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney ([Article](#)). Remember, look before you leap ... **CAREFULLY!**

**And don't jump on this bandwagon so fast either!!!** ... Have you been sent any of those emails calling for a Constitutional Convention to fix the various ills of our out-of-control government via the adoption of new amendments to the Constitution? Please read this article before you send that email on to 20 of your closest friends: [Dangers of a Constitutional Convention](#) Per the article: **"An amendments convention is feared because its scope cannot be limited in advance."** With the Progressives in power, one must shudder to think of what could happen if a Constitutional Convention was convened.

**This is what Obama means when he refers to the 'failed economic policies of the past'** ... When the Democrat Congressional majorities took office in January 2007, the unemployment rate was 4.6% (today it's 9.6%). GDP in the last quarter of 2006 was 3.5% - double today's most recent growth. Did you also know that the last budget adopted by a Republican-controlled Congress in 2007 had a deficit of \$161 billion. (**Of course, we do not support ANY deficit spending!**) However, federal **deficits** during the first two years of the Obama Administration now total **\$2.7 TRILLION!** One Republican said that the deficits incurred ANNUALLY during the Republican tenure are now being incurred MONTHLY under the Democrat Congress. Read on: [So Much Worse Than Carter](#)

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