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Bucher for Attorney General
by Rick Sense

RS Paul thanks for taking time out during your busy schedule to answer some questions for Scoop readers. Last weekend's church service-hotel killings in Brookfield were quite a shock to everyone living in Wisconsin and across the country. As District Attorney of Waukesha County would you provide an update to Scoop readers on the latest developments of this incident? What role will you and your office play in the investigation of these deaths?

PB The tragedy in Brookfield was something that could have happened anywhere and was due to the actions of one person who, for reasons as of yet unknown, murdered 7 innocent persons. The ramifications of that tragedy is still being felt, especially as the families now have to deal with the aftermath. We continue to investigate to provide answers to the public and to the families. While we know who, we do not know why, and I can tell you that is **VERY IMPORTANT** to families and we have an obligation to do everything we can to provide that answer. We are waiting to get the information from the four computers we seized and that is a slow process. We also are waiting for toxicology reports on the shooter to see if any drugs

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Van Hollen for Attorney General
by Rick Sense

RS J.B. thanks for taking the time to answer some questions for the readers of The Inside Scoop. As a former Bayfield County District Attorney and George W. Bush appointed United States Attorney, what are you proudest of accomplishing during your career so far?

JB My biggest accomplishment as a prosecutor has got to be my proven ability to work efficiently with law enforcement at all levels to ensure that justice prevails. In all of my prosecutorial positions, I have been able to give everyone in my office and everyone in the law enforcement community in my jurisdiction, an opportunity to be part of the process of determining who should be prosecuted and what programs were necessary to best accomplish the mission which we all share. It made no sense for various agencies and various locations to be taking a shotgun approach to similar problems when that same problem can be dealt with much more efficiently and successfully at a macro level. All it took was for a leader to reach out and be a true partner. We have a proven track record of doing just that, which is borne out by the fact that many local law enforcement officials in both parties from my old jurisdiction have chosen to endorse my candidacy.

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are involved. My role was to assist in directing the investigation and to continue to monitor the on-going investigation. We do not want to over look any aspect of the case and we also want to make sure we use all legal tools available to us. Just as importantly we provided IMMEDIATE crisis response to the families and other victims of this massacre. We are one of the few, if not the only, District Attorney's office to have a 24 hours, 7 day a week crisis response unit in my office. We responded immediately to provide services at the scene to the witnesses and family members and also responded to Froedert Hospital to provide services there to the victims and their families. We also supplied crisis counseling to the staff of the hotel. That is an on-going process. Finally, the entire investigation will be sent to my office for final review. That has always been the policy in Waukesha County. I will review the entire investigation and then make sure we did not miss anything and then meet with each and every family that want to meet to share the file with them.

RS You've been the District Attorney of Waukesha County for more than 15 years, having been appointed to your position by then Governor Tommy Thompson and re-elected 10 times since. What are you proudest of accomplishing during your tenure as Waukesha County's District Attorney

PB I think my proudest accomplishment is turning the office into a Community Prosecution office. We are very involved in the courtroom, but being an effective leader and an effective prosecutor requires you to be involved in the community. As the District Attorney you set policy, you have to know what is important in the community and what the problems are. The only way to do that is to get out of the office and involved in the community. I have done that and in the process been able to create some great programs that deal with the problems in our area: alcohol related crashes, underage drinking and domestic violence. I have been able to bring together business and government to work in a cooperative fashion to address these deadly problems. I am proud to say we have done this even when the Governor reduced our resources by over 17%. We do more with less because we are able to work with community leaders and the business community. I have continued to do this even today. The Preventing Alcohol Related Crashes Task

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RS Would you provide the Scoop's readers with a glimpse into your personal life? What was your childhood like and how has it influenced you and impacted you as an adult? What impact has it had on your career?

JB I was fortunate to have a wonderful childhood with many learning opportunities provided by parents who had great love and integrity. I grew up in Northern Wisconsin and had the opportunity to spend considerable time with my parents. Through them I learned to treat everyone with respect, from the poorest, least polished person to the wealthiest and most sophisticated. To this day, I love everyone regardless of their status or lot in life; I treat them with respect and admire their points of view. This has enabled me to be the compassionate conservative that I am and to work in such strong partnerships with everyone. Once reaching adulthood, I was also expected to fend for myself which has given me a keen appreciation for hard work and the successes that can come with it.

RS Why did you decide to run for Attorney General?

JB I chose to run for Attorney General because I strongly believed it was the right thing to do, not for me, but for society as a whole. Despite being politically active nearly my entire life, I had long since decided not to seek higher elective office because of the personal attacks one tends to undergo during most political campaigns these days, the time it takes away from ones family and the relatively low pay compared to the private sector. In the last few years, however, I have become much stronger in my faith and am now a firm believer that it is not about me but about what I can do for others. My strong and applicable resume as well as the encouragement I received from so many people convinced me that I am in a great position to help restore the leadership, integrity, vision and partnership to the Attorney General's Office.

RS The current Attorney General has had her share of personal ethical dilemmas since being elected in 2002. A drunk driving arrest, refusal to take a blood test, her personal use of a state vehicle-just to name a few. What is your take on our current Attorney General's problems and there impact on her office?

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Force, FAST TRACK Drunk Driving Prosecution, unique and innovative Domestic Violence programs, an Alcohol Court, a Mobile Eyes program, the DARE program, education programs and increased police presence in these areas. I am a leader in the community, as well as a prosecutor. I have personally prosecuted hundreds of cases, murder, rape, drugs and government corruption. I am an effective prosecutor in the courtroom and a respected leader in the community.

RS Would you provide the Scoop's readers with a glimpse into your personal life? What was your childhood like and how has it influenced you and impacted you as a husband and father? What impact has it had on your career?

PB I am married and have four children with one on the way April 19. I come from a single mom family with six boys. We lived on the south side of Milwaukee and were very close, but not very wealthy. Poor might be a good description. With my Mom working two jobs to keep us in the house we had, all the boys, including me, were working at a young age for EVERYTHING. I started working as a paperboy in grade school to help with paying my tuition in the Catholic Grade School I attended. I worked three jobs in high school and college to pay all my bills, as did my brothers. I worked hard to pay my tuition and loans for law school. I watched my Mom sacrifice everything for her boys. That stuck with me. My Mom is my hero. She gave me the moral yard stick I use today in my job and in my personal life with my children. Right and wrong are pretty clear to me. Personal responsibility was bred into me as a young boy. Hard work and doing the best you can with what you have is how I was raised. No silver spoon. No complaining. Just rely on yourself and do the best you can. I try to impress that on my children. As District Attorney I really try to shield my children from the things I see and the people I deal with, sometimes to shield them from all the heartache and terror I see, and much of it to protect them. Unfortunately today, threats against me and my family are too common and I take them very seriously, so please understand why I don't really share many details concerning my children. I can tell you that working three jobs to pay all my bills and trying to help as much as possible with my Mom, especially in her later years when she was ill, made me a better son and a better human being.

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most unfortunate for her and the state but they are not the reason why I chose to run for this position. I am running because the high constitutional office of Attorney General has the power to do much good and that has not been taking place. There are many issues that justify replacing our current Attorney General that have nothing to do with her personal and ethical problems.

RS The Governor's budget calls for the shortening of probation sentences on misdemeanors to help balance his budget. Do you feel this is good budget policy or a compromise of public safety? Why has the current AG been quiet on this issue?

JB I don't know why our current Attorney General has been quiet on the Governor's proposal to shorten probation sentences on misdemeanors. It is one more example of her lack of leadership. I have always been a strong proponent of local control. Local judges, district attorneys, Department of Corrections officials and law enforcement leaders are in the best position to determine the length of probation that is best for any given individual in their community in any given circumstance. The Governor or Attorney General sitting in Madison should not be deciding that a certain case in Bayfield County doesn't necessitate a longer period of probation. As it is, the law sets the maximum probationary period for any given offense and the local decision makers can certainly choose a shorter period if they deem it appropriate. This is just one more example of Madison imposing it's will on everyone in the state because the Governor does not believe the locals are capable of making a competent decision on their own.

RS What will be the top three priorities for Wisconsin's Department of Justice headed by J.B. Van Hollen?

JB After I am sworn in as Wisconsin's next Attorney General, I intend to take my partnership approach in working as a group to resolve six major issues and whatever other issues those partners of mine believe we need to address. Of those six issues, I believe the top three are; strengthening homeland security, fighting methamphetamine and counteracting voter fraud. Computer crimes, elder abuse and criminals using firearms will likely also be addressed at the same time. Homeland security is the number one law enforcement issue in the

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RS Why did you decide to run for Attorney General?

PB I decided to run for Attorney General because I could no longer sit on the sidelines and watch this Attorney General run the Department of Justice into the ground, destroy the trust and integrity that is required to lead a department like the Department of Justice and not use the resources that are available within the Department to accomplish some positive things in Wisconsin. As the Chief Law Enforcement official in a county of almost 400,000, and having done this for almost two decades, I know what it takes to lead. I have earned the respect of law enforcement from throughout the state. I also know that you need to use the resources of a law enforcement agency to deal with the largest problems. I am a hands-on law enforcement leader. I want to restore the trust that has been lost. I want to restore integrity to the Department. I also want to focus the limited resources to areas that I feel are most important to the citizens of this State, not what is most important to me personally. Protecting the citizens of this state from criminals is the most important thing the government can do. All citizens should be safe in their homes and workplaces, as well as feel safe. The Department of Justice needs to focus its resources on criminals and work with, not against, the business community, to accomplish that. Handgun violence is a major issue that needs to be addressed, not by restricting the right to own or carry one, but by focusing on those who misuse it. The use of computers to entice children for sexual purposes, as well as to deliver child porn, is out of control and needs to be moved up to a priority. The escalating, and seemingly out of control meth problem in North West Wisconsin, needs to be dealt with through education and intervention. We need the business community to work with us on that and to educate pharmacies and store clerks as to what to look for when selling the precursors to that drug. Election fraud, real and imagined, needs to be dealt with swiftly and aggressively. No more talk. We need action on that front and we need it now. All these areas I have worked in and am familiar with. I am a problem solver, not a person who creates problems. I want to turn the Department around.

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world. It should also be the number one issue for the state Attorney General. We can very easily and efficiently put programs into place to provide leaders throughout the state the training they need to know how to best prevent terrorist acts and what to do if they occur. This training and the subsequent data collection need centralized leadership and that is most logically placed in the office of Attorney General. Methamphetamine may be the most destructive and addictive drug we have ever seen. It is spreading from west to east in our state and needs to be addressed more strongly and soon. It is not a new problem but we cannot wait much longer to attack it as one strong force across the western edge of the state. We need a unified approach led from the Attorney General's Office and with new legislation that has been successful elsewhere. Voter fraud undermines our very system of government. If the Governor won't deal with it through appropriate legislation, the Attorney General, as the chief law enforcement officer for the state needs to make sure training takes place so pollsters are advised in a uniform fashion on how to uphold the law. The same "legal" standard of who is entitled to vote needs to be enforced throughout the state.

RS I enjoyed seeing you at the Outagamie County Lincoln Day Dinner last month. I imagine you have traveled across the entire state since announcing your run for Attorney General. What kind of reaction are you receiving for your candidacy so far?

JB During my campaign, I have already traveled to all parts of the state. The reaction I have been receiving thus far is incredibly positive. People are apparently very cognizant of our need for a new Attorney General and have strong faith in my ability to deliver that leadership. They see the successes we have had since President Bush entrusted me to be his law enforcement leader for two-thirds of the state and they would like me to bring those same successes to the entire state.

RS J.B. thanks for your time and good luck with your campaign.

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test, her personal use of a state vehicle-just to name a few. What is your take on our current Attorney General's problems and their impact on her office?

PB As I indicated earlier, she has spent a currency that she had no right to spend: trust and respect. This Attorney General has done more damage in two years than any other Attorney General in the history of the State. The legacy she is leaving me is one that is going to take me a great deal of time to get rid of. No one is entitled to trust and respect. You have to earn it. In this case, as a result of her own action, I am going to have to travel the State and convince people that they can trust the Department and they can trust me. That is unfortunate because there are so many other things I want to do as Attorney General that have been neglected, but that is simply not going to be possible until I re-establish the trust that has been destroyed. It is impossible to convince local leaders and law enforcement to buy into a program I announce when they do not respect the office. The current AG should apologize not only for her personal acts, but for the enormous damage she has inflicted. I don't expect that is forthcoming. She also has embarrassed local law enforcement officials, like myself. I think many of us have been able to separate our role from the AG, but why should we have to do that? Shouldn't we be working together rather than running away to avoid being tainted? She should have resigned. The fact she did not speaks volumes about her priorities. Law enforcement is number two. Her political career or ego is number one.

RS The Governor's budget calls for the shortening of probation sentences on misdemeanors to help balance his budget. Do you feel this is good budget policy or a compromise of public safety? Why has the current AG been quiet on this issue?

PB The Governor's proposal on this is extremely poor policy. It is shortsighted and places the budget before public safety. The only reason the Governor has proposed this is to save money. It has nothing to do with rehabilitation or monitoring dangerous offenders. To say we can effectively help a person, much less monitor him/her in 6 months, is a joke. To place a one year cap on probation really adds

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fuel to the fire. Most misdemeanor defendants need alcohol and drug treatment. Also in cases of Domestic Violence they also need anger management and domestic violence treatment. To say we can accomplish that in 6 months or one year is simply misleading and disingenuous. There is already a mechanism for early termination if a person on probation is doing so well that they don't need the balance of the time. Why not use that? I would rather have a probation agent ask for early termination because a person is doing well, than a person return to the system with a new crime because we did not give that person the time and resources needed the first time around. Very short sighted. The AG should be screaming about this proposal. Instead, where is she? The problem gets back to the lack of respect. No one takes her seriously. She has lost all credibility and ergo the ability to lead. There are several provisions in the Governor's budget she should be vocal in opposing, but has not done so. Why not? Did the Governor even consult with the AG before he introduced this budget? The answer is fairly obvious. The question then becomes why not? Lack of trust? Respect? The AG is currently simply not relevant anymore in this discussion which is even more concerning than her own personal problems.

RS What will be the top three priorities for Wisconsin's Department of Justice headed by Paul Bucher?

PB I have answered this I am sure in several of the earlier questions. Restore integrity and trust. Deal with the election fraud/public official integrity issue immediately. Deal with the methamphetamine issue effectively. Use the powers of the Department of Justice appropriately and work within the business community to accomplish this. Assist crime victims and their families in a fashion that is meaningful and long lasting. Implement programs and allocate resources to protect our children from internet predators. I have several concrete proposals that I will be announcing as the campaign progresses in each of these areas.

RS Paul thanks for your time and good luck with your campaign.



Mark McGinnis for Judge
by Rick Sense

RS Mark, thanks for taking time to discuss your candidacy for Circuit Court Judge, Branch 1 in Outagamie County. I've known someone from your family since I was in high school. Your Dad was my driver's education instructor, your sister Molly is a neighbor and you and I share a fondness for family evening's at JD's Restaurant in Appleton. Would you provide Scoop readers with more background on your family life and childhood. How has your family impacted your career to date?

MM I was born and raised in Appleton. My father was a high school teacher at Appleton East. My mother stayed at home with me and my five siblings. I attended Lincoln Elementary School, Wilson Junior High School, and Appleton West High School. My family was heavily involved in the church and the community, especially with sports. My family has impacted my career in many different ways. The biggest impact is the values instilled in me which include a strong work ethic, great integrity, honesty, and trying to make the community where we live a better place to be. As a lawyer, I have handled many cases on a pro-bono basis to provide legal assistance to individuals in our community that cannot afford to pay a lawyer. My values and my belief that it is important to serve the community is the primary reason I want to become a Judge.

RS Why did you decide to run for Circuit Court Judge?

MM The role of a Judge in this community is to be the leader in the justice system. Judges are responsible for assuring that justice is achieved in each case. The responsibilities on the bench and the obligations to the community are very important.

I will make a difference for the justice system and for the citizens in Outagamie County.

RS Many in our country are concerned with the role of the courts in our nation's governance. Should judges administer the law or legislate from the bench?

MM The Judiciary's role is to administer the law. Judges should not legislate from the bench. That responsibility is with the legislative branch.

RS What will be your top priorities as an Outagamie County Circuit Court Judge?

MM My top priorities will be to provide fairness and justice to all cases and situations that I preside over as a Judge, to set precedent in our community, and to be actively involved in our community. It is important for Judges to communicate to the community what is going on in the judicial system.

RS With the recent attacks on judges and their families in Atlanta and Chicago, do you have any trepidation on becoming a judge?

MM No. I am extremely excited with the opportunity to serve the citizens of Outagamie County as Judge.

RS Finally Mark, if Scoop readers are interested in helping you in your efforts and campaign-how can they contact you to become involved?

MM I can be contacted by email at mark@mcginnisforjudge.com and at my home at 993-1965. At this time, the most important way that individuals can contribute to the campaign is to make sure that they get out to vote on April 5, 2005 and encourage their friends and neighbors to join them.

IT'S DÉJÀ VU ALL OVER AGAIN

by Chris Lato

At least 82 felons illegally voted in Milwaukee in '04 election; newspaper report similar to story of 361 felons voting in 2000

In a revelation that will sound familiar to those who recall the cases of fraud in 2000, at least 82 felons illegally voted in Milwaukee in 2004, according to an analysis conducted by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* which the newspaper calls 'clear evidence of fraudulent voters in the November election.'

In the 2000 election, the *Journal Sentinel* found 361 felons illegally voted in Milwaukee.

"To all the Democrats such as Jim Doyle who kept saying they wanted to see evidence of fraud before taking action on election reforms, they now have their evidence," Republican Party of Wisconsin (RPW) Chairman Rick Graber said. "There is no more room for weak excuses and inaction.

"It is now time to put a stop to this outrageous misconduct that disenfranchises honest voters and consistently threatens to hijack elections," Graber added. "The photo ID bill that will soon be on the governor's desk is an excellent first step. I trust with this evidence in hand, Doyle will reconsider his stated opposition to this common-sense reform measure."

The newspaper reports the number of felons voting in 2004 is likely much higher, because more than 600 matches were found between felons and the list of those who voted. However, a 2003 state law barring access to the birth dates of voters prevented the newspaper from conducting a complete investigation.

After the 2000 election, Milwaukee County District Attorney E. Michael McCann dropped the attempted prosecution of a mere three of the 361 felons in question. For cover, McCann used a convoluted opinion from the office of then-Attorney General Jim Doyle which argued the felons could

not be successfully prosecuted if they were not aware they were breaking the law.

Graber expressed hope the current investigation into 2004 election 'irregularities,' which includes the FBI and McCann's office, will take a tougher stance in punishing election misconduct.

"Felons cannot vote in Wisconsin, and polling places are required to post the laws and penalties," Graber noted. "Ignorance of the law is no excuse. I trust prosecutors will no longer try to hide behind such weak and flawed reasoning as employed by Jim Doyle."

In a related story, RPW filed an open records request Feb. 1 with the state Corrections Department seeking a current list of felons to conduct its own statewide review. 45 days later, the request remains unfulfilled.

Graber noted the irony, as Doyle recently declared this to be 'Sunshine Week,' a national effort by news organizations to highlight the public's right to open government information.

"At the same time Doyle is patting himself on the back for being such a strong supporter of open government, his own Corrections Department has been sitting on a simple open records request for more than a month and a half," Graber stated. "Doyle can talk the talk, but yet again he fails to walk the walk."

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**Interviews with Milwaukee County
Executive and Gubernatorial Candidate-
Scott Walker**

**Wisconsin Speaker of the Assembly
John Gard**

**President's Radio
Address
March 19, 2005**



White House photo by Eric Draper

On this day two years ago, we launched Operation Iraqi Freedom to disarm a brutal regime, free its people, and defend the world from a grave danger.

Before coalition forces arrived, Iraq was ruled by a dictatorship that murdered its own citizens, threatened its neighbors, and defied the world. We knew of Saddam Hussein's record of aggression and support for terror. We knew of his long history of pursuing, even using, weapons of mass destruction, and we know that September the 11th requires our country to think differently. We must, and we will, confront threats to America before they fully materialize.

Now, because we acted, Iraq's government is no longer a threat to the world or its own people. Today the Iraqi people are taking charge of their own destiny. In January, over eight million Iraqis defied the car bombers and assassins to vote in free elections. This week, Iraq's Transitional National Assembly convened for the first time. These elected leaders broadly represent Iraq's people and include more than 85 women. They will now draft a new constitution for a free and democratic Iraq. In October, that document will be presented to the Iraqi people in a national referendum. Another election is planned for December to choose a permanent constitutional government.

Free governments reflect the culture of the citizens they serve, and that is happening in Iraq. Today, Iraqis can take pride in building a government that answers to its people and honors their country's unique heritage. Millions of Americans saw that pride in an Iraqi woman named Safia Taleb al-Suhail who sat in the gallery during the State of the Union address. Eleven years ago, Saddam Hussein's thugs murdered her father.

Today, Safia's nation is free, and Saddam Hussein sits in a prison cell. Safia expressed the gratitude of the Iraqi nation when she embraced the mom of Marine Corps Sergeant Byron Norwood who was killed in the assault on Fallujah.

To all the brave members of our Armed Forces who have taken part in this historic mission, and to your families, I express the heartfelt thanks of the American people. I know that nothing can end the pain of the families who have lost loved ones in this struggle, but they can know that their sacrifice has added to America's security and the freedom of the world.

Iraq's progress toward political freedom has opened a new phase of our work there. We are focusing our efforts on training the Iraqi security forces. As they become more self-reliant and take on greater security responsibilities, America and its coalition partners will increasingly assume a supporting role. In the end, Iraqis must be able to defend their own country, and we will help that proud, new nation secure its liberty. And then our troops will return home with the honor they have earned.

Today we're seeing hopeful signs across the broader Middle East. The victory of freedom in Iraq is strengthening a new ally in the war on terror, and inspiring democratic reformers from Beirut to Tehran. Today, women can vote in Afghanistan, Palestinians are breaking the old patterns of violence, and hundreds of thousands of Lebanese are rising up to demand their sovereignty and democratic rights. These are landmark events in the history of freedom. Only the fire of liberty can purge the ideologies of murder by offering hope to those who yearn to live free.

The experience of recent years has taught us an important lesson: The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. Because of our actions, freedom is taking root in Iraq, and the American people are more secure.



Famous Republican: Herbert Hoover

Herbert Hoover's life is an interesting study of selfless public service and commitment to others that is often overlooked because of the Great Depression. The son of a Quaker blacksmith, Herbert Clark Hoover brought to the Presidency an unparalleled reputation for public service as an engineer, administrator, and humanitarian.

Orphaned at an early age, Hoover achieved international success as a mining engineer and world-wide gratitude as "The Great Humanitarian" who fed war torn Europe during and after World War I. In the process he developed a unique philosophy - one balancing responsibility for the welfare of others with an unshakable faith in free enterprise and dynamic individualism. In time this would lead him to feed a billion people in 57 countries.

Born in West Branch, Iowa in 1874, he grew up in Oregon. He enrolled at Stanford University when it opened in 1891, graduating as a mining engineer.

He married his Stanford sweetheart, Lou Henry, and they went to China, where he worked for a private corporation as China's leading engineer. In June 1900 the Boxer Rebellion caught the Hoovers in Tientsin. For almost a month the settlement was under heavy fire. While his wife worked in the hospitals, Hoover directed the building of barricades, and once risked his life rescuing Chinese children.

One week before Hoover celebrated his 40th birthday in London, Germany declared war on France, and the American Consul General asked his help in getting stranded tourists home. In six weeks his committee helped 120,000 Americans return to the United States. Next Hoover turned to a far more difficult task, to feed Belgium, which had been overrun by the German army.

After the United States entered the war, President Wilson appointed Hoover head of the Food Administration. He succeeded in cutting consumption of foods needed overseas and avoided rationing at home, yet kept the Allies fed.

After the Armistice, Hoover, a member of the Supreme Economic Council and head of the American Relief Administration, organized shipments of food for starving millions in central Europe. He extended aid to famine-stricken Soviet Russia in 1921. When a critic inquired if he was not thus helping Bolshevism, Hoover retorted, "Twenty million people are starving. Whatever their politics, they shall be fed!"

After capably serving as Secretary of Commerce under Presidents Harding and Coolidge, Hoover became the Republican Presidential nominee in 1928. He said then: "We in America today are nearer to the final triumph over poverty than ever before in the history of any land." His election seemed to ensure prosperity. Yet within months the stock market crashed, and the Nation spiraled downward into depression.

After the crash Hoover announced that while he would keep the Federal budget balanced, he would cut taxes and expand public works spending.

In 1931 repercussions from Europe deepened the crisis, even though the President presented to Congress a program asking for creation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to aid business, additional help for farmers facing mortgage foreclosures, banking reform, a loan to states for feeding the unemployed, expansion of public works, and drastic governmental economy.

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At the same time he reiterated his view that while people must not suffer from hunger and cold, caring for them must be primarily a local and voluntary responsibility.

His opponents in Congress, who he felt were sabotaging his program for their own political gain, unfairly painted him as a callous and cruel President. Hoover became the scapegoat for the depression and was badly defeated in 1932. In the 1930's he became a powerful critic of the New Deal, warning against tendencies toward statism.

In 1947 President Truman appointed Hoover to a commission, which elected him chairman, to reorganize the Executive Departments. He was appointed chairman of a similar commission by President Eisenhower in 1953. Many economies resulted from both commissions' recommendations. Over the years, Hoover wrote many articles and books, one of which he was working on when he died at 90 in New York City on October 20, 1964.



Why I'm Running

by Peter J. Stueck
Candidate for Alderman
Appleton's 9th District

I'm running because I believe our representatives on the common council should not be promoting their own personal opinions, agendas our conduct on the citizens of Appleton. By proposing the smoking ban, my opponent, Alderman Shiloh Ramos, is doing just that. I believe the purpose of the common council is to run the city, not the people in it.

My focus will be to do everything I can to make sure the city remains a safe place to live and work by supporting our Police and Fire departments, making sure they have everything they need.

I **will** be responsive to my neighbors' questions, requests and comments, even if we don't agree. I will do my best to keep everyone in our district informed. And I will do what ever I can to make Appleton a desirable place to live, play, work and grow a business.



Mark Green Unveils Legislation to Expand School Choice Opportunities for Low-Income Students

"SCHOOL Act" grants individuals and businesses tax credits for donating to scholarship organizations that help students attend the school their families' choose

To help expand educational opportunities for all of America's students – particularly those from low-income families – U.S. Rep. Mark Green introduced legislation in the House of Representatives that would expand school choice by providing tax credits to individuals and businesses that donate to scholarship organizations.

"Helping students receive the education they deserve is one of the biggest challenges we face as a nation," Green said. "Too often our students are shut off from new opportunities by neighborhood and economic factors beyond their control. This legislation will help tear down those barriers by providing more funds for scholarships to students who want a better education." Green's proposal, known as the "Supportive Communities Helping

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Offer Opportunities for Learning (SCHOOL) Act,” would allow individuals and businesses to receive dollar-for-dollar tax credits for donating to scholarship organizations. By receiving more donations, scholarship organizations would then be able to award additional scholarships to K-12 students, with a special emphasis on students of low-income families. “This legislation will allow students to expand their educational horizons by placing them in academic settings that better fit their learning needs and interests,” said Green.

Green said his bill, which has been endorsed by Advocates for School Choices, would allow individuals who donate to scholarship organizations to receive up to \$3,000 in tax credits, or \$6,000 for married couples. Businesses that donate could receive up to \$20,000 in tax credits, or five percent of their total liability, whichever is lower.

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- Individuals may receive up to \$3,000 in tax credits (married couples filing jointly may receive up to \$6,000); and
- Businesses may receive up to \$20,000 in tax credits, or five percent of their total liability (whichever is less).

By providing more potential funds for donations to scholarship organizations, the SCHOOL Act would allow them to award more scholarships to students in private, public or home school settings.

- More private and religious school students may receive scholarships to cover their tuition and fees;
- More public school students may receive scholarships for transportation costs they incur when traveling to a school outside of their school district; and
- More home school students may receive scholarships to cover the costs associated with home school education – such as text books and other learning materials.

The SCHOOL Act requires scholarship organizations to award a percentage of their scholarships to students of low-income families.