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Benton County Dems July Meeting

Monday, July 24th, Lunch 11:00 am Meeting 12:00 noon

Golden Corral, 2605 W. Pleasant Crossing, Rogers

Our speaker this month will be Amy Gillespie. Amy is a candidate for the Bentonville School District, Zone 2 which includes the East side of Bella Vista



Amy is well known as the administrator of the popular Facebook page, Bentonville Public Schools United, where she has been a trusted source for news on school board meetings since 2014. She is a small business owner with experience in secondary education, corporate compliance, and broadcasting. Amy is the mother of a rising 3rd grader and a kindergartner at Cooper Elementary. Since 2015 she has served as the secretary of Cooper PTO and currently volunteers on both the Cooper and Bentonville School District parental involvement committees.

There will be a question and answer period at the end of the presentation. For reservations please contact Rusty Masticola 855-9588 or rusty1214@gmail.com or indicate "will attend" on meetup.com. Reservations are not required but appreciated by the Friday prior to the meeting



President's Message

Standing in line at Walmart the other day, I had a brilliant idea! Frankly, the best idea anyone had, ever. A tremendous idea! I had been mulling over what to write in this space for July. I had been toying with the idea of comparing a quote from Jimmy Carter's so-called Malaise Speech with Trump's statement that he didn't want poor people making decisions about the economy. That would have been fleshed out with an unbiased comparison of the characters of the two presidents and their respective attitudes toward materialism. Another theme I was flirting with involved the way in which the Coast Guard gets so much less attention than the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines. And I thought about writing something about the achievements of the Franklin Pierce Administration—the innovative use

of camels by the Army Quartermaster Corps, for example—and the impact of these achievements on our lives today, 160 years later.

But all of these enticing prospects paled beside the amazing idea that I generated in the long Walmart wait, standing with seven other customers behind the man who insisted that the pomegranate he was buying was marked \$2.17, not the \$2.29 that the scanner indicated. His worn T-shirt urged the immediate impeachment of President Obama on the front and something about guns on the back. During the lengthy price-check, my mind was free to wander, and my eyes came to rest on the cover of the *National Enquirer*. The lead headline indicated that Trump would soon unveil a totally workable plan for world peace. I remembered earlier covers that promised to reveal evidence of terrible crimes

