


# Letter to the Editor

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## Library staff under attack

Dear Wackadoodles (you know who you are), faking an LGBTQ display in the children's section of the Oconee County Library just shows how morally repugnant and mentally impotent you truly are. Shame on you. There isn't anyone holding a gun to your head to make you check out books for you or your family members. Don't like a book, don't check it out...simple.

Leave my library and our librarians alone. Our librarians have time to help our community (and they do that well!) but do not have time for narrow-minded nonsense.

—Karen S Howard  
Watkinsville

## OC Dems respond to editorial

While it is true that the Oconee County Democratic Committee did disavow three local candidates after qualifying, it has nothing to do with their voting record in Republican primaries. In Oconee County, we Democrats often have to pull GOP primary ballots if we want any say whatsoever in local elections due to the at-large and partisan nature of all county offices.

As mentioned in the editorial, two of these candidates have publicly objected to LGBT themed library books in recent months. Over the last few years, these objections have been coming from conservative groups all over the country, not from Democrats.

These candidates did nothing wrong or illegal, and to be perfectly honest, we Democrats are scratching our heads as to why they thought it was a good idea.

The Democratic Party of Georgia rules say that county committees can't pick favorites in a Democratic primary race, but we do not have to blindly support anyone who qualifies as a Democrat, especially when it is obvious that they do not share our values. I imagine the local GOP might react the same way if I qualified to run as a Republican. And they'd be right.

If these candidates have truly had a change of heart, we will admit our mistakes, and we welcome their support this summer and fall when we are out knocking doors trying to flip our legislative representation at all levels and re-elect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. We will not, however, be holding our breath.

—Eric Gisler  
Watkinsville

## GDOT's standards are deplorable

To the Board of Commissioners, I have been begging, pleading and asking as kindly as possible for help making Experiment Station safer. I have emailed you all and shown up to a Town Hall to speak on the subject matter. I have contacted the Georgia Department of Transportation directly, and while I did receive a call back, nothing improved. I am beyond sickened by what happened last week when I came home to 10 emergency vehicles due to a fatal accident.

If these are national GDOT road conditions, they are deplorable.

A few weeks ago, as I sat at Stonebridge and Experiment Station Road, a man was clearly driving the wrong way on Experiment Station trying to turn onto Stonebridge. He was older, and I am convinced he believed he was simply in a turn lane. That day, we all realized what was happening and were able to stop in time.

One day at the same intersection, I was faced head-on with a barrier as if it was deliberately put there, and had to get out and move it at 11 p.m. The same day one had blown down due to wind on Loch Lomond, where it was so un-

stable it could have hit anyone's car easily.

Road workers also choose for whatever reason to drive through my neighborhood at 60 mph. And when I ask them to slow down, they have cussed me out.

A few minor changes, such as slower speed limit signs or flashing traffic lights, could ultimately create less stress and help us navigate more safely.

Please tell me, in no uncertain terms, how it has come to this? It's too little too late at this point. The road is more unsafe than ever, and an innocent person lost their life.

—Kirsten Magee  
Watkinsville

## Some ideas are dangerous

Why do Republicans run as Democratic party members when no one will believe their lies here in Oconee County?

Why do people build mock LGBTQ+ displays in our new Watkinsville Library? Why does the resigned former Mayor Bob Smith whine in all capital letters screaming stuff that no one cares about anymore? Maybe because their ideas are old, outdated and dangerous.

—Dan Matthews  
Watkinsville