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I can see clearly now the rain is gone...

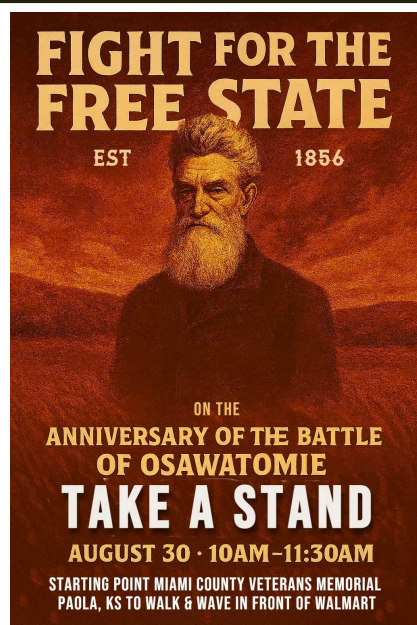
By Elena Super

There are times in life that I fail to recognize that the gap between my age and the youth of the world who will fill our shoes in the future is getting wider. With that being said, I may be dating myself by reminiscing about a song that was sung by Johnny Nash years ago titled *I Can See Clearly Now*. The lyrics in part went:

I can see clearly now the rain is gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun shiny day
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This song came to mind several weeks ago when my husband and I took a drive out to Hillsdale Lake. The sun was out, the temperature wasn't too hot, and there was a lot of activity on the lake. As we drove from cove to cove, families were picnicking, playing games and having a great time. The families were primarily brown skinned, and over the shouts, laughter's and music you could hear families conversing in their native language. Then for the first time that I can remember, I caught myself looking at the families through a different set of lenses. My view became deeply clouded with concern and worry as my mind raced to current events of raids and arrests. I wondered what would I do if lights and sirens approached from behind us? Would I flee the scene not wanting to get involved, or would I stop to come to the aid of those in need? For me, there would be no doubt: my decision would be the latter. My humanity would have it no other way.

We've been living in a constant storm now for 9 months. It's time that we say enough is enough! It's time for us to stand up, stay strong, and speak out! It's time for the clouds to clear, so we can all once again enjoy a "bright, bright sun shiny day."



Are you ready to Take a Stand, sit, or walk????

Then gather your signs and come join others as we use our voices to fight for our Democracy. Let's see if we can get enough people to line the stretch of Baptiste from Hospital Drive to Hedge Lane.

Feel free to wear your Walk for Democracy shirt. Don't have one? We have two shirts remaining in stock: 1 medium and 1 large (\$25 each). Text 913-259-4455 to purchase.



September Meeting Update

The Celebrating Uncle Sam Fundraiser is taking the place of our regularly scheduled meeting. See you on Sept. 13!



Contacts to add to your speed dial

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SUMMER EVENTS

September 1, 2025 – Monday

NO Monthly meeting as we are participating in the Louisburg Labor Day Parade
Louisburg (Broadway) 10:00 a.m.

September 13, 2025 – Saturday

Miami County Democrats Fundraiser

Hope to see you there!

September 27, 2025 – Saturday

Spring Hill Fall Festival Parade 10: 00 a.m.

October 6, 2025 – Monday – Monthly Meeting

Guest Speaker Rina Khan with Loud Light

November 10, 2025 – Monday – Monthly Meeting

Guest Speaker Chris Courtwright – Understanding property tax

December 8, 2025 – Monday – Holiday Meeting

Details to be announced at a later date

Member Spotlight Denise Vrana



It's important for each of us to do whatever we can to make a difference during these challenging times. When Federal funding cuts to Medicaid and other critical services transpired, Denise Vrana recognized the devastating impact that these changes could have on her community and our state. She grew concerned for those with limited resources who might find themselves in need and at the same time grew frustrated with popular communication platforms that use algorithms to control communications and narratives. Thus, she felt compelled to create Tempest-Tost: an alternative option to traditional communication platforms.

She describes Tempest-Tost as "our chaos contingency forum where "we the people" will create order in the midst of those who wish to do us harm. It was developed out of an ever-increasing need for a safer place to share away from the typical social media sites. A place where we can freely share resistance ideas, local needs, and community building efforts with a vision towards the future."

This is a very restricted program, and members can only join by receiving a referral from a current member, and the referral process continues from that point forward. For additional information please contact Elena Super by email at elena.super@yahoo.com.

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