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Rawhide Boys Ranch Founder Gillespie to Co-Chair Bucher Campaign
John Gillespie Joins Mark Neumann and Steve King in Campaign Leadership

John Gillespie, the founder of Rawhide Boys Ranch, will co-chair the Bucher campaign for State Attorney General, the campaign announced Thursday. He joins Former Congressman Mark Neumann and Former State Party Chairman Steve King as co-chairmen of the campaign.

“Paul Bucher has shown a lifetime commitment to kids. Not only did he found FACT-DARE of Waukesha County to educate children on the risks of drugs and alcohol, he’s spoken at more than 500 DARE graduations since. He’s received the highest possible awards from Mothers against Drunk Driving and the Boy Scouts of America. Jan and I are supporting Paul Bucher because he not only talks the talk, he walks the walk when it comes to helping young people find the right path,” said Gillespie.

Gillespie and his wife, Jan, founded The Rawhide Boys Ranch in 1965 and were joined in its support by Green Bay Packer Great, Bart Starr and his wife Cherry, the following year. Rawhide is a successful, faith-based, residential care facility, emphasizing a family-centered environment to teach court-referred young men how to live responsible lives. It began as one home serving seven boys and has grown to six boys’ homes and numerous foster homes, serving up to 100 boys daily from throughout Wisconsin. Gillespie ran for the U.S. Senate in 2000, receiving nearly 1 million votes against U.S. Senator Herb Kohl, and in 2001, founded [1776 American Dream](#), a non-profit group dedicated to educating children about their American Heritage.

“I am honored to have someone who has made such a huge difference in the lives of so many troubled children helping direct my campaign,” Bucher said.

The Gillespie announcement follows former Congressman [Mark Neumann joining](#) the campaign last week and on the heels of winning two straw polls. The Sheboygan Press reported that Bucher beat out J.B. Van Hollen by 65 percent to 35 percent, and in Kenosha Bucher won a poll conducted by the Kenosha County Republican Party.