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COUNTDOWN '24

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There are just four months left until Iowa Republicans and Democrats plan to caucus Jan. 15, 2024. But there are still a number of remaining questions on the presidential nominating calendar in both parties:

- The Iowa Democratic Party [set its caucus date](#) for Jan. 15 on Saturday, but presidential preference results may not be announced – or even be due – on that night. No votes will be cast at the caucus meeting itself, as state Democrats are planning to implement a mail-in system. A timeline for sending out and returning presidential preference cards has not yet been announced.
- Iowa Republicans plan to caucus the same night and announce results that night. While Iowa Republicans intend to kick off the GOP presidential nominating cycle, [Republican Party of Iowa chair Jeff Kaufmann said](#) "anything can happen" before all states are required to submit their delegate selection plans to the Republican National Committee on Oct. 1.
- The Democrats' nominating calendar is also not written in stone. New Hampshire Democrats were still out of compliance with the Democratic National Committee's proposed contest order [as of Thursday](#), and given another extension to meet DNC requirements.

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[GOP presidential candidates focus on abortion, Israel, parental rights at evangelical event](#)



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Republican presidential candidates emphasized their support for abortion restrictions, parental rights and Israel while working Saturday night to win over evangelical Iowa caucusgoers.

All nine candidates who spoke to the crowd of 1,000 gathered in Des Moines for the Iowa Faith and Freedom Coalition annual fall banquet said faith plays an important role in their life and politics, and said they would bring those values to the Oval Office if elected. But there were areas where candidates differed: Ralph Reed, the founder and chairman of the Faith and Freedom Coalition, asked former Vice President Mike Pence and former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley to defend their comments at the first Republican presidential debate on the feasibility of a federal abortion ban. | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

Election deniers focus recruitment in ‘out of the way places’



(Photo by Emma Williams for the Daily Yonder)

For more than two years, Cathy Darling Allen, who runs the elections office in northern California's Shasta County, has spent much of her time fending off accusations that her office falsifies election results. In January 2023, the Shasta County board of supervisors decided in a 3-2 vote to cancel their electronic voting system contract after mounting pressure from election deniers.

The decision adds to the growing number of counties – rural, suburban, and urban – where election deniers have successfully urged local governments to recount election results or throw out electronic voting machines altogether. | [Daily Montanan](#)

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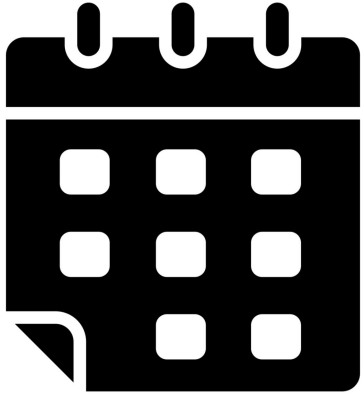
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- **New Hampshire secretary of state won’t block Trump from ballot in 2024 primary** | [Sea Coast Online](#)

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COMING UP *Calendar of events*



- **Sept. 27, 2023, SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA** | The second GOP presidential debate.
- **Oct. 1, 2023, NATIONWIDE** | The deadline for state Republican parties to submit their delegate selection plans to the Republican National Committee for the 2024 nominating process.
- **Oct. 23, 2023, FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA** | The trial date set for Trump codefendants Kenneth Chesebro and Sidney Powell.

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