

# PETTIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JOHN C. RYAN PICNIC

*The Pettis County Republican Party will sponsor the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual John C. Ryan Picnic on Thursday, August 3, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., featuring Senator Delbert Scott as the keynote speaker. This year's celebration will be held at Shelter House No. 3 in Liberty Park, Sedalia, Missouri. This summer picnic traces its origin to a picnic held in 1942 hosted by the late Missouri State Senator John C. Ryan. The Ryan Picnic has become an annual summer celebration of Republicans in our community. Meat and drink will be provided. All participants are asked to bring their own table service and covered dishes. Many candidates, including state-wide and local, who are running for election in the August primary election will attend. This event is free and is open to the public. For more information, contact [Carla Young](#).*



*Senator Delbert Scott, 28th  
District*

## PRIMARY ELECTION

**Republican Primary voters will decide the Republican Candidate for State Auditor, U.S. Congress, State Representatives for the 116th, 117th, 118th and 120th District, and numerous Pettis County positions. Contested races include:**

State Auditor - **Jack Jackson, Mark Wright, Al Hanson, Sandra Thomas, and John C. Loudon.**

U.S. Representative 4th District - **Lloyd D. Sanders, Alan Connor, Jeff Parnell and James Noland** are candidates.

State Representative of the 118th District - Incumbent **Todd Smith**, 2405 Woodland Dr, Sedalia, MO 65301, is facing **Philip J. Sherman**, 719 E 15<sup>th</sup>, Sedalia, <http://www.philipjsherman.org/>.

Clerk of the Circuit Court - **Kevin Tylar**, 501 South Ada St, Green Ridge, MO 65332, , [ktylar@earthlink.net](mailto:ktylar@earthlink.net); **Frank Higgins**, PO Box 297, LaMonte, MO 65337, , <http://circuitclerksite.com/>.

and **Susan Sadler**, 1755 Cypress Lane, Sedalia, MO 65301, <http://www.susansadler.org/>. are the candidates.

County Auditor - Incumbant **Connie Purchase**, 3250 Sandstone, Sedalia, MO, , [pettisauditor@hotmail.com](mailto:pettisauditor@hotmail.com); is facing **Kathleen Boswell**, 312 South Sneed, Sedalia, MO, 826-6143, [boswell@iland.net](mailto:boswell@iland.net).

Collector of Revenue - **Ron Yates**, 303 East 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Sedalia, MO, , [ronyates9@hotmail.com](mailto:ronyates9@hotmail.com); and **Richard DeFord**, PO Box 2186, Sedalia, MO, , Richard DeFord, PO Box 2186, Sedalia, MO, , <http://www.deford4collector.com/>.

Candidates who have no opposition include Prosecuting Attorney **Jeff Mittelhauser**, Circuit Judge **Robert Koffman** and Associate Circuit Judge Division Six **Robert M. Liston**.

Candidates with no primary opposition include Associate Circuit Judge Division Five **R. Paul Beard**, 316 South Ohio, Suite B, Sedalia, MO, <http://www.judgepaulbeard.org/>. Presiding Commissioner **Rusty Kahrs**, 28576 Blue Bird Hollow Rd, Hughesville, MO 65334, <http://www.rustykahrs.org/>. ; Assessor **Dean Dohrman**, PO Box 234, LaMonte, MO, <http://www.deandohrman.org/>.and County Clerk candidate **Vincent Phang**, 1508 S Moniteau, Sedalia, MO, 826-4709, [cphang@charter.net](mailto:cphang@charter.net). Links to these and other Republican candidates can be found at [www.pettisGOP.org](http://www.pettisGOP.org).

Please be sure to take the **REPUBLICAN BALLOT** on Tuesday, August 8, 2006.

## **Organizational Meeting of the Republican Central Committee**

*The bi-annual organizational meeting of the Pettis County Republican Central Committee will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pettis County Courthouse, Sedalia, Missouri. It is important that all committeemen and committeewomen elected in the primary election and other interested individuals be present to organize the Republican Party for the next two years. The agenda will include the election of officers and making plans for the November election. All candidates for election in November will be recognized. The Committee may fill any vacancies in a township or precinct. The positions to be filled include Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Carla Young, Pettis County Chairman, recently announced her intention to seek re-election to this important position as Pettis County Chairman. For more information, please contact [Carla Young](#), Pettis County Republican Chairman.*

## **MISSOURI STATE FAIR**

The Missouri State Fair is expected to be an exciting event for local Republicans. Chairman Carla Young is encouraging all local Republican candidates and officials to participate in the Missouri State Fair Parade on August 10, 2004. Participants should line up at 4:30 p.m. The Parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. Additionally, Stanley Cox, Vice-Chair, has asked for volunteers to work at the Missouri State Fair Republican Tent on the fairgrounds on "Pettis County Day" which is Sunday, August 20, 2004. If you are willing to volunteer, this is a great opportunity to meet Republicans from across the state. Please contact [Stanley Cox](#).

# *Guest Commentary*

*by F. Douglas Kneibert*

**How should Republicans vote next November on an expected constitutional amendment that would give legal protection to embryonic stem cell research in Missouri?**

**People with a lot of money to spend are urging you to vote yes. They are promising "life-saving cures," economic progress in Missouri and high-paying jobs. All you have to do is agree that it's OK to create human life in the lab and then destroy it so its stem cells can be harvested.**

**Yes, it's cloned life (despite what the amendment's backers tell you), but human life nevertheless.**

**We've been told before that it's OK to destroy developing human beings. The U.S. Supreme Court approved abortion on demand in 1973, and more than 45 million unborn babies have paid the price of that tragic decision with their lives.**

**Democrats quickly jumped aboard the abortion bandwagon, and have fought tooth and nail to see that this "woman's right" is not abridged in any form. But Republicans have been different. They historically have opposed legalized abortion on moral grounds. President Ronald Reagan brought millions of disaffected Democrats into the Republican Party by standing firm on the sanctity of life issue.**

**In Missouri this year we are seeing a serious erosion of the Republican Party's pro-life ethic. Many of our political leaders have endorsed this proposed amendment, and are working for its passage. Some leading Republicans we have looked to in the past for support in the right-to-life arena are now indistinguishable from Democrats on this issue.**

**But the Republican Party is more than just its elected leaders. It's composed of millions of people who, day in and day out, support and work for the party in different ways. It is their party, and many of them don't like what they're seeing.**

**It's time for rank-and-file Republicans to reclaim their party's pro-life heritage, and refuse to amend their Constitution — which is supposed to protect human rights, not abridge them — to please the "clone and kill" lobby.**

**There are several reasons to oppose this amendment: It is misleading and deceptive in its wording; it promises cures that are wildly unrealistic; it will lead to the exploitation of women to obtain their eggs; Missouri taxpayers could well end up footing the bill for embryonic stem cell research. And that's just a sampling of reasons.**

**In the final analysis, however, Republicans should work to defeat this measure because it is fundamentally wrong. It is not right to destroy a developing human being for our supposed benefit. Our party's leaders have occupied the moral high ground in the past: Abraham Lincoln in his opposition to slavery, Dwight Eisenhower in refusing to condone Southern segregation, and Ronald Reagan's leadership in the fight against abortion.**

**Missouri has a hard-won and well-deserved reputation as one of the most pro-life states in the nation, and Republicans deserve most of the credit for that. A strong "no" vote Nov. 7 on this proposed amendment would send a resounding message that Missouri is not about to change.**

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