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CANDIDATE AND COMMITTEE MEMBER FILING DEADLINES

Filings for local office will begin on **Tuesday, February 26, 2008**, at the Pettis County Clerk's Office. This filing will include all members of the Pettis County Republican Committee. The deadline for filing is four weeks later, which is Tuesday, March 25, 2008. In addition to the Pettis County Republican Committee candidates, all local county offices shall be filed in the same time frame. The local county offices to be elected in November, 2008, include **Western District Commissioner** and **Eastern District Commissioner**, which are currently occupied by incumbents **Larry Wilson** and **Rod Lindemann**. Additionally, the offices of **Sheriff**, currently occupied by incumbent **Kevin Bond**; **Assessor**, currently occupied by incumbent **Dean Dohrman**; and **Coroner**, currently occupied by incumbent **Skip Smith**, will also be elected this November.

The positions to be elected in November which are occupied by Democrat incumbents include Surveyor, Treasurer and Public Administrator.

PETTIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The **Pettis County Republican Women** will meet **Thursday, February 21, 2008**, at the home of Stan and Kristeen Cox, 1700 Hickory Lane, Sedalia. A time of refreshments and social will begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

James A. Hanson, Candidate for **Municipal Judge in the April 8, 2008 Election**, will be the **special guest speaker**. James will discuss his qualifications, the issues in this election, and the changes he proposes if elected in the April 8th election.

Jim will also highlight his **Ham & Bean Dinner Fund Raiser** to be held **Saturday, February 23, 2008** at **Parkview Christian Church, 1405 East 16th Street, Sedalia, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.**

STATE TREASURER SARAH STEELMAN TO ADDRESS ANNUAL MCKINLEY CELEBRATION

State Treasurer Sarah Steelman will be the keynote speaker at the **Annual Pettis County Republican McKinley Day Celebration, to be held Thursday, March 20, 2008, at 6:00 pm at State Fair Motor Inn.** Treasurer Steelman has announced her candidacy for Governor.

Congressman Kenny Hulshof, also a candidate for Governor, will be in attendance.

The officers of the Pettis County Auxiliary Organizations, including Pachyderm, Pettis County Republican Women, TARGET and Young Republicans will be recognized. A live and silent auction will also be held at



Sarah Steelman

this event. Tickets for this event are \$25.00 per person, or \$40.00 for two, if purchased in advance. Tickets at the door will

be \$30.00 each. Tickets may be purchased from members of the Central Committee or from Chairman Carla Young. The public is encouraged to attend.

PETTIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The **Pettis County Republican Caucus** will gather at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2008**, at the Pettis County Courthouse, for the purpose of selecting seventeen delegates and seventeen alternates to the **4th Congressional District Republican Convention**, scheduled to be held on **April 19, 2008, in Sedalia**, and the **Missouri Republican Convention** scheduled to be held on **May 31 and June 1, 2008, in Branson**. The 4th Congressional District Convention and the Republican State Convention will choose the Missouri delegates to the **Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, scheduled in September, 2008.**

All participants must be registered voters in Pettis County and must certify that they are Republicans. The local caucus will also consider the platform issued by the Missouri Republican Party. The State Convention in Branson will adopt the platform of the Republicans of Missouri.

For more information, contact Chairman Carla Young.

SPECIAL PACHYDERM MEETING

You are invited to a unique evening on **Tuesday, March 18, 2008.** **Eric Greitens**, Oxford PhD. and former Navy Seal (recently returned from Iraq), will join us to talk about the **Center for Citizen Leadership**. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping wounded and disabled veterans transition into a new phase of their lives.

Social time begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Parkhurst Commons on the SFCC Campus. Eric will tell us about the **Center** and entertain any questions you might have concerning him, his experiences or the **Center**. Please join us for this special evening. Eric is a very interesting and insightful speaker with a patriotic cause. Please plan to attend.

COMMENTARY

“THE MIRACULOUS MISSOURI TURN AROUND”

Although they do not always get credit, Republicans who occupy National, State and Local offices deserve a lot of credit for making our lives better.

On the National level, President Bush has been successful in protecting us from another attack similar to that which occurred on September 11, 2001, and has filled vacancies in the U.S. Supreme Court with two strict constructionist, pro-life candidates.

At the local level, our various office holders have dealt with many challenges and have effectively managed the day-to-day operations of our local government.

Recently, incumbent Governor Matt Blunt announced that he would not seek re-election this November. It seems appropriate to consider what Governor Blunt and the Republicans in the State Legislature have done over the past four years to make our lives better.

When Governor Blunt took office, Missouri had recently lost 70,000 jobs, and physicians were threatening to leave the State because of the high cost of malpractice insurance. Since the election of Governor Blunt in 2004, the State has seen an increase of 90,000 new jobs and effective tort reform and workers compensation

reform has been put in place.

Regarding the budget, instead of a deficit as occurred under the previous governor, Missouri now has a substantial surplus and has transformed the previous bankrupt Medicaid system to a system that provides better services to truly needy persons.

Governor Blunt promised never to withhold funds from public education as had been the case with the previous governor. Currently, the level of support for public education is the highest it has ever been. Likewise, higher education is being supported at a level never seen. Last year, the Missouri General Assembly approved an additional 20,000 additional needs based scholarships for students attending higher education, for a total of 36,000 annual scholarships.

The improvement of our state highways is remarkable.

Missouri went from the largest Meth-amphetamine production state to a 55% drop since the election of Matt Blunt.

Consistent with the national trend, Missouri experienced the lowest number of abortions since 1975.

Thanks to the economic turnaround that occurred as a result of the actions by the General Assembly, the General Assembly was able to cut taxes for seniors who had

previously paid taxes on Social Security and public pensions, such as teachers, policemen, veterans and fire fighters.

Although Missouri faces new challenges ahead, the Republican Governor and Republican House and Senate are clearly responsible for the miraculous Missouri turnaround.

Missouri now has more jobs; a fiscally sound budget; smaller bureaucracy; improved roads; more money for education; more money for healthcare; more money for energy assistance; more money for children's assistance programs; and safer communities as a result of tough measures decreasing production of Meth-Amphetamine; along with the passage of measures such as Jessica's Law and Right to Carry in the State of Missouri.

Stanley Cox



State Representative Stanley Cox
District 118

REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATIONS

One of the best ways to get involved in Republican politics is by affiliating with one of the fine Republican auxiliary organizations which exist in Pettis County. The current officers of these organizations are provided for your information.

PETTIS COUNTY T.A.R.G.E.T. (The Association of Republicans Getting Everyone Together). President Frank Higgins; Secretary Meg Liston; Treasurer David Dick; Board Members Marsha Boesch and Nick LaStrada.

PETTIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN—President, Teresa Kelley; 1st Vice-President Sherri Bond; 2nd Vice-President Cheryl Brown; Secretary Kris Cox; Treasurer Cathy Chancellor. Meetings are held Feb-May and Sept-Dec in members homes. Guests and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact Secretary Kris Cox.

PETTIS COUNTY PACHYDERM— President Keith Kirby; Vice-President Rodney Boone; Secretary Betty Hopkins; Treasurer James Hanson. This club meets every Friday at 12:00 noon at State Fair Motor Inn (Conference Room). Guests are welcome. For more information, visit our website at www.PettisGOP.org/Pachyderm.html.