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## ***CANDIDATE AND COMMITTEE MEMBER FILING DEADLINES***

Filings for elective office begin on **Tuesday, February 28, 2012**. Local office filings will be 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 27, 2012. 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 include **Western District Commissioner, Eastern District Commissioner, Sheriff, Assessor, Coroner, Surveyor, Treasurer, Public Administrator, and our Presiding Circuit Judge**. In related events, our district commissioners, Larry Wilson and Rod Lindemann, have both announced that they will not seek re-election. Also, Pettis County Assessor Dean Dohrman has announced his intention not to seek re-election for that office, but to seek the office of Missouri State Representative District 51 this November. Pettis County Republican Chairman Carla Young recently stated "I sincerely appreciate Larry, Rod and Dean's service in these important positions. They are each fine public servants and I wish them good luck in all their future endeavors."

## **ABC CAMPAIGN SCHOOL**

The Benton County Republican Women's Club of the Missouri Federation of Republican Women is sponsoring the **4th Congressional District ABC Campaign School** to be held **Saturday, February 4, 2012**, at the **Lincoln School, off Highway 65, Lincoln, Missouri**, for **Republican candidates and Republican campaign workers**. The cost is \$25.00 and includes all materials and lunch. For more information, website at: [www.mofrw.org](http://www.mofrw.org) or contact Marilyn Drake, PO Box 1511, Warsaw, Mo 65355, or email Marilyn at [\\_mrdrake@iland.net](mailto:_mrdrake@iland.net).

## **2012 MISSOURI LINCOLN DAYS FEATURING GOVERNOR BOBBY JINDAL AND GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL**

The Missouri Association of Republicans is again sponsoring their **Annual Lincoln Days** at the **Westin Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri, on February 17-19, 2012**. This is the largest annual gathering of Republicans in Missouri and features Republican activists and elected officials from across the State and guest speakers from across the nation. This year the Friday speaker will be **Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal** and the Saturday speaker will be **Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell**. For more information or for registration, go to [www.mogop.org](http://www.mogop.org). If you do have internet access, please feel free to contact Stan Cox at for a copy of the itinerary.

## **McKINLEY DAY CELEBRATION**

State Senator David Pearce and State Representative Stanley Cox will both speak at the **Annual McKinley Day Celebration** to be held on **Thursday, March 1, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at State Fair Best Western Motor Inn**. Senator David Pearce has recently announced his candidacy for re-election in the 21st Senatorial District, which includes Pettis County. The officers of the Pettis County auxiliary organizations, including Pachyderms, Pettis Co Republican Women and Target will be recognized at this event. A live and silent auction will also be held at this event. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and \$40.00 for two, if purchased in advance. Tickets at the door will be \$30.00 each. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Republican Central Committee or by calling Chairman Carla Young. The public is encouraged to attend this event.

## **AUCTION DONATIONS INVITED**

New items, as well as collectibles, are needed for the live and silent auction to be held in conjunction with the Annual McKinley Day Celebration. Items should be delivered no later than Tuesday, February 28th, to Carla Young at 809 West Broadway, Sedalia, or to Stan Cox at 202 West Fourth Street, Sedalia. If you would like your items picked up, call Carla or Stan.

## **REPUBLICAN CAUCUS**

The **Pettis County Republican Caucus** will gather at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, 2012**, at the Pettis County Courthouse, for the purpose of selecting eighteen delegates and eighteen alternates to the **4th Congressional District Republican Convention**, scheduled to be held on **April 21, 2012**, and the **Missouri Republican Convention** scheduled to be held on **June 1-2, 2012, in Springfield**. The 4th Congressional District Convention and the Republican State Convention will choose the Missouri delegates to the **Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida, scheduled for August 27-30, 2012**. 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 Springfield will adopt the platform for Republicans of Missouri. For more information, contact Chairman Carla Young.

## CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT MEETING

The Pettis County Candidate Recruitment Committee has scheduled a meeting for **Thursday, February 2, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.** at the district office of Representative Stanley Cox, 202 West Fourth Street, Sedalia, Missouri.

Chairman Betty Hopkins has vowed to assist in recruiting qualified candidates for all elective offices.

Persons interested in running for elective office in Pettis County are encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact Betty Hopkins or contact Chairman Carla Young.

## 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 Nick LaStrada; Vice-President, Barbara Clevenger; Secretary Meg Liston; Treasurer David Dick; Board Members Stanley Cox and Lorraine Jackson. For more information, contact Stanley Cox.

**PETTIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN**—President, Sherri Bond; 1st Vice-President Cheryl Brown; 2nd Vice-President Kris Cox; Secretary Barbara Clevenger; Treasurer Stacey Beard. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, Feb-Apr and Sept-Nov at the FCS Financial Bldg, 2600 South Limit, Sedalia. May and Dec meeting locations vary. Guests and new members are welcome. For information, contact President Sherri Bond.

**PETTIS COUNTY PACHYDERM**— President Vaughan Hart; Vice-President Diane Hering; Secretary Betty Hopkins; Treasurer Meg Liston. This club meets every Friday at 12:00 noon at State Fair Motor Inn in the Gambler's Room. Guests are welcome. For more information, visit our website at [www.PettisGOP.org/Pachyderm.html](http://www.PettisGOP.org/Pachyderm.html).

**PETTIS COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS**—President Brennan Moriarty. For more information, please contact Brennan.

## COMMENTARY - "Protecting Taxpayers from Sponsoring Abortions"

Missouri has a long history of prohibiting public funds to be used to pay for abortions, unless the abortion is necessary to save the mother's life. This makes sense regardless of one's views as to whether abortion should be legal. I am of the belief that a person's life begins at conception and so abortion is the killing of an innocent human life. Should my tax dollars be used to support and pay for an action I believe to be an unjust killing of innocent human life. I would be made an accomplice against my will.

In these economic times, I do not believe that I have to work very hard to convince the good people in my district that their tax payments should be used to fund unnecessary abortions. Unfortunately, Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers receive significant amounts of money from the federal government pursuant to Title X of the federal Public Health Service Act, more commonly known as simply "Title X." Title X is a program for the federal government to fund family planning programs run by various clinics, so long as Title X funds are not used for programs where abortion is considered a method of family planning.

So what's the problem? Public funds should not be used to fund abortions and both Missouri and the federal government have taken pre-

ventative to ensure that public funds are not used to pay for abortions. The problem is that money is easily manipulated. Say I had an alcoholic friend who I gave money to under the strict conditions that my money not be used to buy more alcohol. My friend takes the money and buys some groceries. Now he has extra grocery money and he buys some alcohol. He never used my money to buy alcohol, he used his own.

Planned Parenthood takes Title X funds from the federal government and uses the money to defray the cost of abortions. A worker will tell the mother not to say whether she wants to have an abortion or not and then will use the Title X funds to do a preliminary ultrasound and other work necessary preparative work for an abortion. Once the preparation is done, the worker will ask the mother if she wants and abortion and then will charge only for the actual abortive procedures. Title X funds can be used for follow up care once the abortion is completed. Title X funds never actually paid for the abortive act, but indeed were used to ensure that the Planned Parenthood could provide abortions at the cheapest rate possible.

I have filed a bill, House Bill 1385, which will require abortion providers who receive Title X funds to file an accounting with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

which will account for every penny received through Title X. This accounting will be a public record and the identity of the patients of the abortion providers will be protected. Our tax dollars are being given to organizations such as Planned Parenthood by the federal government and we should be able to see just exactly how our money is being spent.

Please contact me with any suggestions that you may have for Missouri legislation. Also, if you should experience problems in contacting or resolving an issue with a Missouri state agency, please feel free to call my Capitol office at (573) 751-9774 or email [stanley.cox@house.mo.gov](mailto:stanley.cox@house.mo.gov)

Thank you for the honor to serve as your Representative in the Missouri House of Representatives. If you would like to subscribe to my Capitol Reports which are sent by email, please provide your email address to: [karen.henry@house.mo.gov](mailto:karen.henry@house.mo.gov)



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