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State Treasurer  
*Sarah Steelman*  
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## ANNUAL McKINLEY DAY CELEBRATION

The Pettis County Republican Committee announces the Annual Pettis County "McKinley Day" Celebration scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at the State Fair Motor Inn-Best Western, 3120 South Limit Avenue, Sedalia, Missouri. A cash bar reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. The keynote Speaker will be Missouri State Treasurer Sarah Steelman. In addition, a live and silent auction will be held in connection with this event. An additional highlight will be the recognition of the officers of the Pettis County auxiliary organizations, including the Pachyderm Club, Pettis County Republican Women and T.A.R.G.E.T. (The Association of Republicans Getting Everyone Together). Tickets to this event are \$25.00 per person, or \$40.00 per couple, if purchased in advance. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$30.00 per person, or \$50.00 for two. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Pettis County Central Committee, or by telephoning Chairman Carla Young. The public is invited to this county-wide event.

## *Donations Invited for* **McKINLEY DAY AUCTION**

Auction items are needed for the live and silent auction which will be held in conjunction with the Annual McKinley Day Celebration. New items, as well as collectibles, are needed for donation. If you have items which you would like to donate, we would ask that you deliver your auction items to the home of Carla Young, Chairman, at 809 West Broadway, Sedalia, Missouri, or to the office of State Representative Stanley Cox, at 202 West Fourth Street, Sedalia, Missouri. These items should be delivered no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2006, in order that they may be prepared for the auction scheduled for the following Thursday. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

## PLANNING MEETING OF THE PETTIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

The Pettis County Republican Committee, with other interested individuals, will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2007, in the first floor Courtroom of the Pettis County Courthouse, for the purpose of adopting a 2008 Pettis County Republican Plan. Much of the success of the Pettis County Republican Party is derived from careful planning and effective execution of a political plan every two years. A copy of the draft plan will be sent to members of the County Committee prior to this meeting and will be available to other interested individuals by contacting Stanley Cox. If you have any questions about this important meeting, contact Carla Young.

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## PETTIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATIONS

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

Pettis County **TARGET** - "The Association of Republicans Getting Everyone Together". Officers: President Max Coble; Vice-President Stanley Cox; Secretary Meg Liston; Treasurer David Dick. For more information, contact Max Coble.

Pettis County **REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB**: Officers: President Teresa Kelley; First Vice-President Sherri Bond; Second Vice-President Cheryl Brown; Secretary Kristeen Cox; Treasurer Cathy Chancellor. Meetings are held in the evenings on the second Thursday of each month in members homes. Guests and new members are always welcome. Dues are \$15.00 per year. For more information, contact Teresa Kelley or Kris Cox.

Pettis County **PACHYDERM CLUB**: Officers: President William Hering; Secretary Rozanne Coble; Treasurer Max Coble. This club meets every Friday at 12:00 noon at the Big Ugly Café, 148 South Limit Avenue, Sedalia, Missouri. Guests are welcome. For more information, contact William Hering at our website at [www.PettisGOP.org/Pachyderm.html](http://www.PettisGOP.org/Pachyderm.html)

### Commentary - "Challenges Ahead"

In the last newsletter prior to the November 7, 2006, election, County Chairman Carla Young encouraged Republicans throughout the County to participate in the "72-hour Task Force". In the days prior to the general election, everyone realized that the state-wide race between Senator James Talent and his Democratic opponent would be very close. More than 70 volunteers worked over 500 hours in the last five days of the campaign in connection with the "72-hour Task Force". Everyone's hard work paid off with great dividends locally, even in a time when the national results were seriously disappointing. Although Senator Talent lost state-wide, he garnered approximately 55% of the Pettis County vote when compared to his Democratic opponent only. Through the efforts of the candidates and other volunteers, Pettis County was able to win four out of six of the hard fought Pettis County races, and were able to retain the 118<sup>th</sup> District State Representative District in the Republican column. Although somewhat diminished in each house of the general assembly, the Republicans continue to control the Missouri House of Representatives and the Missouri Senate. The challenges for 2008 are apparent. Undoubtedly, state-wide the Democrats will run aggressively against Governor Matt Blunt and the other state-wide Republican officials. It will be a serious challenge to hold on to both the Missouri House of Representatives and the Missouri Senate in 2008. We should all be proud of how we did here locally, but we cannot rest on our laurels. We need to organize and work hard if we are to be successful next year.

In addition to the McKinley Day Celebration to be held March 1, 2007, another important activity that needs your participation is the planning meeting scheduled for April 26, 2007. Please see the information about these events on the preceding page.

Locally, Susan Sadler led the Republican ticket with over 65% against her Democratic opponent, to be elected as Pettis County Circuit Clerk. Pettis Presiding Commissioner Rusty Kahrs and Associate Circuit Judge R. Paul Beard both polled over 56% against their Democratic opponents in hard fought campaigns. Dean Dohrman won by over 100 votes against a very strong Democratic opponent to be elected as Pettis County Assessor. In Pettis County, both Senator Delbert Scott (60.37%) and Stanley Cox (61.39%) won substantially. Although the County Clerk candidate Vincent Phang and Collector candidate Ron Yates were unsuccessful, they both demonstrated their character and their willingness to go against long odds in connection with these two campaigns. The hundreds of local volunteers made a real difference. We have much to celebrate and are proud to be represented by such fine individuals at our local and state level. We must keep our eye on the challenges ahead and must continue to work for good government here at the local and state level.

Stanley Cox