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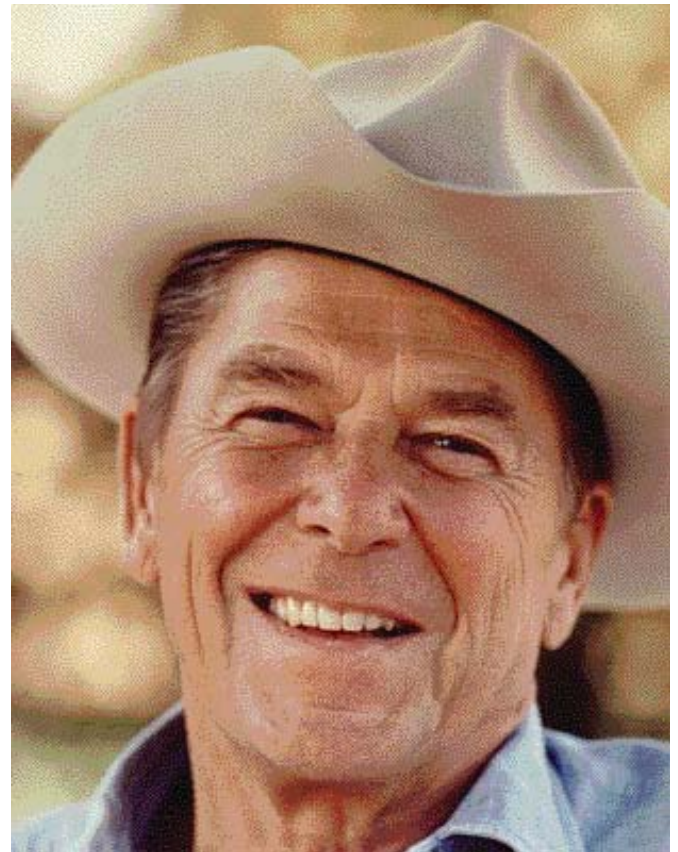
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Jackson County GOP News

New Officers Elected

We also have two new officers. Mike Swope has stepped up to the plate to finish this crucial year as Chair of the Jackson County Republicans due to Rick Baxter having to resign to run for County Treasurer.

Julie Francis is frantically working to keep our books in good order as Treasurer. There are a ton of rules and regulations which are required due to new presidential year requirements. Greg Wilson is leaving Michigan for warmer climes. Jared Vickers was also elected as the Deputy Treasurer.

Jackson GOP celebrates another Lincoln Day Dinner

The Jackson County GOP celebrated another successful Lincoln Day Dinner on June 5, 2008. The keynote address this year was given by Deputy Administrator Jovita Caranza of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Rick Baxter received the Republican of the Year Award and Jon Throne and Ira Combs were inducted into the Emeritus Committee.

Jackson GOP holds 113th Under the Oaks Celebration

The Jackson County GOP held their 113th annual Under the Oaks celebration at the Under the Oaks Park at the corner of Franklin and Second Streets. Speeches were given by GOP candidates for office and other dignitaries were on hand for the event. State Rep. candidate Leland Prebble sang three patriotic tunes.

New Executive Committee Members Elected

Since the last publication of the newsletter, we have many faces on the Executive Committee. Our new members include County Clerk Amanda Riska, Marvin Huizenga, and Granville Hayworth. They are great additions to the Executive Committee.

Chairman's Message by Mike Swope

I have a lot to do in the short time I will be chairman. Although I did not seek the chairmanship, I intend to do as well as I can while I have it. We have several tough races in November with great candidates running. In Congress, our common-sense conservative voice is Tim Walberg. We have two solidly conservative state house candidates in Leland Prebble and Ray Snell. These candidates need your help. The Democrats are wrong in

Lansing, wrong in Washington, and wrong for Jackson. Conservatism works every time it's tried, but only if we can get good candidates elected. Our campaigns need money, but they also need your time and talent. The stakes are high for the party, but even higher for Jackson County. This is no time for good Republicans to dither.

-Mike Swope

U.S. Congress: Walberg Legislative Update



Congressman
Tim Walberg

After Speaker Nancy Pelosi adjourned the House of Representatives August 1 for a five week vacation, I and several other members of Congress stayed

on the House floor to give speeches about the fact that leadership in Congress packed its bags and headed off for a five week vacation rather than debate and vote on energy policy to increase all forms of American energy. Speaker Pelosi had the lights turned off in the House chamber and forced CSPAN to turn off its cameras, which only emboldened us in our efforts to speak out.

On Monday and Tuesday of last week, I returned to Washington, D.C. and continued to call on Speaker Pelosi to hold a debate and vote on increasing American energy production and bringing down gasoline prices. Speaking to assembled tourists, interns and guests in the House chamber, I called for a comprehensive, “all of the above” energy plan with more drilling and more alternatives.

While I and other members of Congress spoke on the House floor, Speaker Pelosi was busy promoting her new book, which is currently ranked 1,769 on the list of Amazon bestsellers. In fact, Speaker Pelosi even made time to stop in Ann Arbor last Thursday night for an event to promote her book. Unfortunately, customers and local residents were only granted an audience with the Speaker if they purchased a copy of her book.

As the Speaker continues her book tour while failing to bring the House back into session to vote on energy

policy, I will not stop calling for a comprehensive energy plan. High gas prices demand action, and right now the American people are being let down by Congressional leadership.

I am willing to work with Democrats to pass a new energy bill, and there are several pro-production Democrats willing to work on a bill that increases American energy production, develops alternatives and breaks our dependence on foreign oil. Before Congress adjourned, a bi-partisan group of legislators unveiled a new energy plan that would lift most restrictions on offshore drilling and encourage the development of alternative energy sources. This is a strong attempt to break through partisanship and work on a comprehensive energy plan.

We need to make such a bill a reality, especially with the pocketbooks of families really feeling the effects of high prices. Many of you provided me with stories about how high prices have affected you and your families, and I invite you to read some of these stories on my blog at walberg.house.gov/Blog.

If you were unable to provide a story and would like to do so, I am carrying five gallon gasoline cans around south-central Michigan to collect gas receipts and stories from my constituents. You can also mail your gas receipts and notes to my Jackson office at 800 West Ganson Street, Jackson, 49202, and I will continue to share your stories as we fight for a comprehensive energy plan.

- Congressman Tim Walberg

Editor's note:

One of the reasons there is no national campaign news in this issue has to do with campaign finance reform as noted when introducing Julie Francis. We have strict limitations on the amount of money we spend where we mention candidates on the national level without having to open a federal banking account and adhere to filing dates, regulations, etc., etc.

Therefore, I encourage you to access the blogs we have listed where you will find links to the various candidates' websites and information on their campaigns. Also, we are looking for volunteers to staff both our Jackson office and the McCain Victory Center which is located in the Southpointe office complex on Horton Rd.

Thank you in advance for all your help. Go GOP!

Websites of interest this election cycle:

John McCain for President
www.johnmccain.com

Jack Hoogendyk for U.S. Senate
www.jackformichigan.org

Tim Walberg for Congress
www.walbergforcongress.com

Leland Prebble for State Rep.
www.prebbleforstaterep.com

Ray Snell for State Rep.
www.65thdistrict.com

The Truth About Mark Schauer
www.thetruthaboutmark.com

Lola Sez
lolapete.blogspot.com

Right Michigan
www.rightmichigan.com

State Senate: Richardville Legislative Update



State Senator
Randy Richardville

Michigan's unemployment numbers are shocking. Senate Republicans continue to lead the effort to enact economic measures aimed at jump-starting

Michigan's economy and helping our job providers and struggling families. In May, Michigan's unemployment rate shot up to 8.5%, the highest the state has seen since October, 1992. Michigan's jobless rate is 55 percent higher than the national average of 5.5%.

The new figures remind us that state government must live within its means and cut spending. Reducing the size and scope of government is the fiscally responsible way to spur economic growth and create jobs in Michigan.

The Senate has passed numerous key pieces of legislation designed to help turn the state's economy around. I sponsored some of these new laws that will: expand Michigan's brownfield

redevelopment program (Public Acts 200-204 of 2007); allow more communities – including Jackson – to use SmartZones for economic growth projects (PA 104 and 105 of 2008); and re-establish the Commercial Redevelopment Act to provide property tax benefits to companies that rehabilitate obsolete commercial facilities in downtown business districts or build new structures in previously developed areas (PA 227 of 2008.)

Despite some accomplishments, many economic initiatives are lingering in the House. Instead of taking action to make real change, they are sitting on legislation that will help Michigan job providers stimulate our economy and make the future brighter for tens of thousands of Michigan families.

Some of the Senate economic measures still awaiting action by the House include:

- Increasing small business tax relief by allowing more firms to qualify for the small business credit and the Michigan Entrepreneurial credit (SB 1198.)

-Providing a refundable state income tax credit to homeowners equal to the amount of their "pop-up tax" (SB's 790, 791 and 1065.)

-Renewable Fuels legislation to increase the use and production of biofuels, including biodiesel standards and tax relief for purchasing new biomass harvesting machinery. (SB1119-1123, 1126-1130 and 1132.)

-Prohibit the state from establishing costly, mandatory ergonomic standards that go beyond any other state or federal requirement (SB 843.)

The time for the House to act is now. Michigan families and job providers can't afford to wait. The longer it takes the Democrat-controlled House to pass these sensible reforms, the more jobs Michigan risks losing to other states.

I will continue to work for real reforms to help turn our economy around and be a voice for the people of Jackson County in the Michigan Senate.

-Sen. Randy Richardville

Jackson County Fair Question of the Day Wrap-Up

As has become a ritual or tradition, the Republican booth at the JACKSON COUNTY FAIR puts up a "Question of the Day" after which in the early years we reported to the local radio stations, but now chat with Bart Hawley on JTV when the results come in.

This year's efforts resulted in:

Should the United States drill for oil as part of our energy plan in our own lands and shores?

Yes 405
No 33

Has Michigan's term limit policy been a success?

Yes 48
No 52

Should the focus of the War on Terror be "changed" from Iraq to Afghanistan?

Yes 66
No 66
(yes-our first tie)

Should illegal aliens be eligible for Michigan driver's licenses?

Yes 22
No 189



2008 Jackson County Fair Booth

64th District State House: Leland Prebble

I really enjoyed spending time at the Republican fair booth and meeting dozens and dozens of people from around the area. Added to that are the 16,000 folks whom I have met by knocking at their doors most are receiving my message very eagerly.

I also want to thank the citizens of the 64th District for voting for me in the Republican Primary on August 5, 2008. I feel it was a great showing and will give me momentum into the general election.

I was recently endorsed by Right to Life of Michigan and Citizens for Traditional Values. I am honored to receive their support.

The spaghetti dinner in Spring Arbor

was attended by about 100 people and was a real boost and very encouraging.

I want to thank those of you who have allowed me to plant yard signs on your lawns in strategic places before the primary and ask that anyone who wants a sign to give me a call.

As you get to know more about me and my positions on the issues it would also be very much appreciated if you would write a letter to the editor in any of the city or townships in the district.

Thanks again for your support and if you have any questions or suggestions for my campaign, please call me at 206-4491.

- Leland Prebble



**Visit Leland
Prebble's Website:**

www.prebbleforstaterep.com

65th District State House: Ray Snell

Over the past few months I have been hard at work campaigning. I have had the pleasure of knocking on almost 9,000 doors and have spoken with thousands of constituents. It has been a joy speaking with many of you and hearing your concerns for our community, state and nation.

With Michigan families and companies struggling financially, it is time for a change. With Michigan unemployment rates almost twice the national rate, it is time for a change. We the people of the 65th district have suffered economic losses due to the demands of our current legislature. It is time to call for a change and reform our government. It is our duty to demand that our state start adopting policies that will strengthen our economy! Raising taxes, increasing

spending and adding to the regulatory burden of businesses and individuals has hurt our State's economy and we have all felt the effects of it.

As your legislator I will make sure that the budget is balanced without an increase in taxes. I will work to immediately repeal the job killing surcharge tax on businesses. I will work to reduce regulations, eliminate unnecessary government spending and help bring jobs back to Michigan. I want to help you keep more of the money you earn because I believe it is better spent by you, not the State government.

The campaign is well underway and I hope that you will join me in saying ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!! I look forward to meeting you and working with you to better our district and



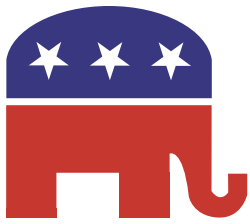
state. If you have any questions, concerns, opinions or would like to help me out with the campaign, please do not hesitate to contact me at rcsnell@comcast.net or 517-242-4545.

Thank you for your support!

Ray Snell

This could be your last issue of Elephant Tales!

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You can also purchase your tickets to the Reagan Ranch BBQ at our website:

www.jacksonrepublicans.com

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