



The Pachyderm

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Matt Reger, BG Republican Club Chairman

Welcome to the second issue of the Bowling Green Republican Club's newsletter. This month we have dedicated the issue to Wood County officials. We hope you find something new and interesting and maybe even familiar in this issue.

One article I know you will all enjoy will be Mike Sibbersen's on the visit of William Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt to Bowling Green in 1912. Mike's interest in local history and his keen knowledge of the annals of this city truly make his article exceptional.

I want to point your attention to a segment of this newsletter advertising a special fun run taking place on July 1 of this year. The

Pickle Chase 5K and Bell Pepper Fun Run is being organized by friends of Jodie Stearns and proceeds from the run will be donated to the Cocoon Shelter and the Jodie Stearns/Tom Waldock Elmwood Scholarship Fund. Jodie was an exceptional person and this 5K and Fun Run would have been something she definitely would have supported and participated. I hope all of you can find the time to participate or support this worthy fundraiser.

Be sure to check out the website at <http://bg.woodcountyrepublicanparty.com> to do the following:

- **Sign up for email updates**
- **Join or renew your membership**
- **Get information about upcoming events**

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Mike Sibbersen, Wood County Auditor

Local history is near and dear to my heart and when asked to write a story for this newsletter, I determined to try to highlight some little known item connected with local political history.

In recent years the city of Bowling Green has played host to U.S. Presidents Reagan, Bush, and Clinton. Ronald Reagan spoke once at the university's arena (1984) and once from the courthouse steps (1988), while George Bush (1992) and Bill Clinton (1996) chose whistlestop appearances instead.

This writer has had some interest ever since concerning visits by earlier Presidents to Bowling Green. During the hotly contested Republican Primary of 1912, incumbent President William Howard Taft spoke from a platform erected at the courthouse steps on Friday, May 17. According to the next day's newspaper, he was the first President of the United States to visit either the city or the

county (while in office).

As is often the case, there were delays along the route caused by large crowds. The immediately preceding stop at Findlay attracted an estimated 9000. According to the local Sentinel, 1000 stood at the T. & O.C. railroad depot here upon arrival and another 1000 or more remained at the courthouse. It was observed that many had been forced to leave to attend to duties at home prior to Taft's address at 8:15 p.m. While they waited the crowd was entertained by the Bradner band. Twelve young ladies had been selected to present individual bouquets to the President.

In his remarks Taft said he was there to ask justice to his administration as an "Ohio man" and referred to the 1908 platform pledges which he felt had been kept. he defended his administration from Theodore Roosevelt's denunciations and reminded

those present of his progressive measures and anti-trust law enforcement. He said that a third term for Roosevelt was too many and that Roosevelt had thought so himself four years before when he endorsed Taft (his own Vice-President). He also contrasted the present government surplus with Roosevelt's deficit. It might be added that former President Roosevelt had visited the city the night before speaking from the rear of the train for a total of nine minutes.

Roosevelt was the victor in the Ohio Primary on May 21, and also won Wood County by a sizable margin. Taft came out of the national Republican convention as the nominee after which Roosevelt forces formed a Progressive/Independent "Bull Moose" ticket. This split caused both to lose to Democrat Woodrow Wilson in the General Election.



Tim Brown, Wood County Commissioner

The year 2005 saw a distinct resurgence in private sector investment in Wood County. Major initiatives included the relocation to Wood County of the headquarters for O-I, the \$75 million expansion of First Solar, and expansions to Charter Steel in Perry Township and American Warming and Ventilating in Bradner. Over \$182 million of new investment was attracted to Wood County during 2005 resulting in 1,234 new jobs created, and 1,315 existing jobs retained. From 1998 to 2003, Wood County added 787 new manufacturing jobs, being the only county in our 19 county region to show positive job growth.

Sales tax receipts increased by 6.5% from 2004 to 2005, providing over \$14 million to the County general fund. Sales tax receipts have remained healthy due to retail expansions in several areas of the county. Healthy sales tax revenues have helped to offset some of the revenue cuts from the state legislature. We will continue to emphasize initiatives that diversify the Wood County economy and promote tourism, thus building our local tax base.

This November, Ohio residents will most likely vote on an amendment to the Ohio Constitution known as TEL (tax and expenditure limitation). The amendment

would forever force state and local governments to follow an unworkable and rigid budgeting formula. Its inflexible spending formula, as it did in the state of Colorado, eventually would under-fund critical services that all Ohioans depend on such as public safety, senior citizens services, education, healthcare and maintenance of roads, bridges and highways. It would also jeopardize every levy-funded entity in the state of Ohio. As we get closer to the November election, you will hear more about this important issue. We believe it is imperative that we stand together to defeat this measure.



Jill Engle, Wood County Treasurer

Hello, I am Jill Engle, serving as your County Treasurer since 2000. I began my career with the county as an account clerk for the County Commissioners in 1976. In 1985, long time Wood County Treasurer Ed Nietz hired me as his chief deputy. I continued in that position through Treasurer Bob Van Horn's tenure until his retirement in April 2000 at which time I was appointed to the Treasurer's position. My first campaign began in January 2000 and I was sworn into office in September, 2001. I am currently in my second four-year term.

As County Treasurer I serve as the county's banker, investment manager, tax collector and safe keeper of all taxes. This past February, a little over \$69,000,000 was collected in real estate taxes with \$55,000,000 of that being paid during the month of February. Mobile home taxes are about half million dollars each collection and personal property taxes run about \$30,000,000 a year. Through the advent of electronic payments and by increasing efficiency, I have been able to maintain my office with only four staff members.

My husband Mark, who is a self-employed electrical

engineer, and I reside on our family farm in rural Wayne. Our older daughter Leslie Oestreich (Matt), graduated from BGSU and is currently attending classes in education. Our younger daughter Jenny will graduate from The Ohio State University in June and is planning to wed in December. We have one grandchild, Katie Oestreich.



Upcoming Events

June 10-11

Wood County Heritage Days

July 28-30

Stony Ridge Festival

September 22-24

Luckey Festival

June 24-25

Weston Days

July 29

2nd Annual BG Republican Club Golf Scramble

October 8

Grand Rapids Apple Butter Festival

June 26

Northern Wood County Republican Club meeting

August 1-7

Wood County Fair

November 7

Election Day

June 27

BG Republican Club meeting

August 16-19

Pemberville Free Fair

September 16

Millbury parade

If you are aware of an event that should be added to the calendar, please send the information to:

info@bowlinggreengop.com

July 1

Jodie Stearns Pickle Chase 5K

September 16

Harrison Rally Day

2006 BG Republican Club Golf Scramble



The Second Annual BG Republican Club Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, July 29th at Forrest Creason Golf Course at Bowling Green State University.

Last year's event was a great success and we look forward to another great outing this year.

This year, proceeds will go

towards supporting our candidates at the county level and preparing for the upcoming city council and mayoral races.

Check-in and lunch will begin at 12 noon, with the first group scheduled to go off at 1:00 pm.

Prizes will be award for such contests as longest drive and closest to the hole.

Please use the attached registration form to reserve your spot in this year's event.

If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Brian Dicken at 419-353-1673 or by email at dicken@att.net.

2006 Republican Candidates

State Representative

Bob Latta

Governor/Lt. Governor

Ken Blackwell/Tom Raga
www.kenblackwell.com

Treasurer of State

Sandra O'Brien
www.sandraobrien.com

Wood County Commissioner

Tim Brown
www.wcnet.org/~twbrown/

Attorney General

Betty Montgomery
www.bettymontgomery.com

5th Congressional District

Paul Gillmor
www.gillmorforcongress.com

Wood County Auditor

Mike Sibbersen

Auditor of State

Mary Taylor
www.citizensformarytaylor.com

6th District Court of Appeals

Dennis Parish
www.judgedenny.com

Common Pleas Judge

Reeve Kelsey

Secretary of State

Greg Hartmann
www.greghartmann.com

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Mary Taylor to Address BG Republican Club on June 27th



As a Certified Public Accountant, Mary Taylor excelled at the firm of Deloitte and Touche, her first job right out of college. She would eventually work her way up to Senior Tax Consultant. From there, Taylor joined the Akron based CPA firm of Bober, Markey, Fedorovich & Company where she was the Director of the firm's tax department and a senior manager of the Employee Benefits practice.

Taylor decided to run for public office to advocate for issues important to her community. Elected to serve the first ward as a council member for the City of Green, Taylor quickly realized her passion for assisting constituents so she sought the opportunity to expand her public service when deciding to seek election to the Ohio House of Representatives.

Taylor first ran for the Ohio House of Representatives in 2002 based upon her platform of less government through comprehensive tax reform and reduced spending. Winning 53% of the vote, Taylor was elected to represent the 43rd House District, the most Democratic seat held by a Republican House member during the 125th General Assembly. There she served as a member of the very important House Finance and Appropriations Committee. In addition, she passed legislation to strengthen corporate accountability in the wake of national corporate scandals. With a record of rational, professional decision making and conservative values, along with the commitment to her constituents, Taylor hit the campaign trail once again in 2004. This time she obtained nearly 58% of the vote.

Today, Taylor is a member of the House Education, Ways and Means and Economic Development and Environment Committees.

Taylor is currently a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Ohio Society of CPAs, where she previously served as a Director for the Akron/Canton Chapter and a chair of the Professional Forums Committee. Taylor is also a 2003 graduate of the BOWHAY Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD) program. In addition, Taylor is a former adjunct professor at Walsh University where she taught accounting and tax courses.

Pickle Chase 5K and Bell Pepper Fun Run

Our community lost an incredible woman in Jodie Stearns who had made an outstanding contribution to many segments of the community. To honor her memory, the first Pickle Chase 5K and Bell Pepper Fun Run will be held on Saturday, July 1, 2006.

The race will begin at Elmwood High School at 8:30 AM with the Fun Run

following at 9:15 AM. The school is located at 7650 Jerry City Road, Bloomdale, Ohio.

This race not only honors Jodie's memory and to recognize her love of running, it is also to benefit and to raise money for a domestic violence shelter and the Jodie Stearns/Tom Waldock Scholarship fund that Jodie and Tom created

some years ago. These are both worthy causes that were important to Jodie.

For more information, please go to:

<http://www.picklechase5k.org>

Resources on the Web...

Wood County Republican Party
<http://www.woodcountyrepublicanparty.com>

Northern Wood County Republican Club
<http://nwc.woodcountyrepublicanparty.com>

Wood County Board of Elections
<http://www.co.wood.oh.us/boe>

Republican National Committee
<http://www.rnc.org>

Ohio Republican Party
<http://www.ohiogop.org>

The White House
<http://www.whitehouse.gov>

US House of Representatives
<http://www.house.gov>

US Senate
<http://www.senate.gov>

State of Ohio
<http://www.ohio.gov>

Ohio General Assembly
<http://www.legislature.state.oh.us>





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The next meeting of the Bowling Green Republican Club will be held on Tuesday, June 27th at the Holiday Inn Express (across from the Meijer store) in Bowling Green at 7:00pm.

State Representative Mary Taylor, Republican nominee for Auditor of State, will be our guest speaker for the evening.