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John Miller, Wood County Republican Chairman

With one month to Election Day we have plenty to do. We hear a lot about polling data and the "imminent demise of the Republican Party." The Democratic Party, and many in the media, want you to believe that there is really no reason for you to get out and vote this year, and certainly no reason to get out and volunteer for Republican candidates. Rather than offer solutions or ideas, their plan is to sling mud and try to demoralize Republicans. Their strategy is not new, it has not worked in the past and we cannot allow it to work now!

Here in Wood County we have strong candidates with a positive message, they have worked hard to keep unemployment low and our local economy strong. Commissioner Tim Brown and

State Representative Bob Latta have been successful at keeping existing, and creating new jobs for our county. They both deserve our support and help in their re-election bids this fall. Denny Parish of Perrysburg sits as the only judge on the sixth district court of appeals who does not reside in Lucas County. We need to keep him there to continue to represent us in this important position.

We cannot allow the opposition and the media to convince us that the elections are over before they begin. The Wood County Republican Party is alive and well because of people like you! Once again we need you to step up and prove the pundits wrong! It is true that every vote counts and there is no excuse for Republicans not to vote this

year. The absentee voting rules have been relaxed so anyone can vote absentee without giving any type of excuse for doing so, simply fill out the request form and mail it in.

Also we need your help to remind others to get out and vote, place yard signs in your neighborhood and volunteer in any way you can. Remember that our state and local ticket is well principled in Republican ideals. We cannot afford to sit by and simply watch our state and local governments turned over to the liberal likes of Ted Strickland and Sherrod Brown! Republicans can win this November and I am confident that with your help we will!

Matt Reger's Georgian Adventure

How is it that a family from the Midwest finds itself on the western edge of Asia in a city over 2,000 years old that is caught up in one of the most exciting and challenging era's in its history? The short answer could be that the husband/father of the family is still pursuing the elusive dream of adventure that working in a fledgling democracy can satisfy. But I think it is much more than that – being that person referred to above – I think it is that once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of something larger, more important, and ultimately longer lived than one's own self. Is that idealistic and filled with naïve hope? Yes, but a tangible part of one's psyche that I think everyone reading this can identify. Although I have not beguiled myself into believing I am anything more than one part of this whole process, a cog in the machine that can build democracy, I still feel I am doing something that has benefit.

As many of you know Heidi and Elizabeth have not arrived and I am filled with a sense of loneliness that many of you can imagine. They will arrive on October 12 after a long trip across the Atlantic from New York, a night stay in London, and a final five hour flight to Tbilisi that arrives at approximately 11:00 p.m. My flight almost mirrored this except I started in Toledo, then to Chicago, London, and then Tbilisi landing at 11:00 p.m. after almost 15 hours of travel time and a jump ahead in the clock of 8 hours. I am only now recovering from that change and jet lag. Although many of you may want to just know what I am doing I thought it would be appropriate to bring you an understanding of where I am. I needed to understand this so that I could see the big picture of what I am doing here and how all these NGO



(Non-Governmental Organizations) came to be part of this country's history. I send this with the hope that you read it and find out about another part of the world that we are linked to in ways you may never realize.

You can read more about and follow Matt's journey at:

<http://bg.woodcountyrepublicanparty.com/>

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The November election is approaching... are you ready for changes??

A Season of Change

By Terry L. Burton

In Ecclesiastes we are reminded, "To everything there is a season". This holds particular meaning to we who are involved in the election process. Election season is once again upon us and once again the election rules have changed. With the enactment of Ohio HB 3 in January both voters have new rules and procedures that will have a substantial affect on the voting process and may also impact the campaign strategies of both candidates and parties.

The most noticeable change for voters will be the new identification requirement. A voter going to the polls on Election Day will be required to show to the polling official a current and valid form of identification before being allowed to cast a regular ballot. For most voters this identification will be their Ohio Driver's License. Other forms of identification that may be used includes; current and valid Ohio state identification card, military identification that shows the voter's name and current address or a copy of utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or government document showing the voter's name and current address. Board of Election notices do not count as valid identification. Voters who are unable to provide the identification will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. A provisional voter must provide either the last four digits of their Social Security number or their Ohio Driver's License number.

The second major change is to the rules on absentee voting. Any voter may now apply to absentee

vote without any stated reason. Voters who wish to receive an absentee ballot by mail may submit a request to the Board of Elections containing their name, voter registration address, mailing address (if different), date of birth, Ohio Driver's License number or last four digits of Social Security Number and signature. It is also recommended that a phone number or e-mail address be provided as well. In addition voters who wished to vote an absentee ballot in person at the Board of Elections may do so beginning the week of October 9th. Voting absentee may now be used as a convenient alternative to going to the polls on Election Day.

Other provisions of HB 3 include; Notification of Election Cards to be sent to all voters before Federal Elections through 2009, circulator's of initiative and referendum petitions must be Ohio residents, prohibits a candidate from seeking more than one office in a single election and eliminates at the poll challengers.

While HB 3 was firmly aimed at the voter process, the absentee provision has the potential to dramatically affect the campaign strategies of both political parties and candidates. This November both state parties and many special interest groups have already been mailing to their base voters in an attempt to encourage early absentee voting. Many of the statewide candidates also intend to issue mailings and advertisements promoting early absentee voting.

Election Workers Still Needed

Wood County has 96 precincts in 66 polling locations around the county. In order to keep these polling locations running the Board must find nearly 500 individuals willing to work on Election Day.

Workers and substitutes are still needed for the November 7th General Election. In order to be a poll worker, you must be a registered voter and be willing to declare yourself a Republican or a Democrat. Poll Workers are required to work from 5:30 am to approximately 8:00 pm and get a 1 hour lunch break. Substitute poll workers are kept on-call and contacted when an opening occurs up to and including 6:00 am on Election Day.

Poll Workers are paid \$85 for the day. All new poll workers are required to attend a two hour training session for which they will receive an additional \$25.

If you are interested in working at the polls, please contact Tonya Wensink at (419)354-9120.

Attention Central Committee Members

If you have not yet returned your poll worker appointments, please do so immediately. Contact Tonya Wensink at the Board of Elections by calling 419-354-9120

Congressman Paul Gillmor to Address October 24 Meeting

The U.S. House of Representatives has just adjourned for the 109th Congress and while we will return briefly this winter for a few pending measures, this has been a very successful Congress. In the past two years we have created a national energy policy and a federal highway plan, reformed our pension laws, designed new sex offender laws, and funded the efforts of our nation to fight terrorism abroad. And these accomplishments come on the heels of nearly \$5 million in direct appropriations since 2002 for Projects in Bowling Green, Haskins, North Baltimore, Perrysburg and, of course, \$17.25 million for the Fort-to-Port project.

Last year, I was the only Ohioan named to the Energy Conference which created our nation's first

comprehensive energy policy in more than 30 years. One of the most important provisions to Wood County which I successfully supported creates incentives for renewable energy such as wind power and ethanol production. Of course, the wind turbines in Bowling Green are a great example of what other American cities can do. In addition, since the Energy Bill was passed we have gone from almost no planned ethanol plants in Ohio to 7 possible sites in the Fifth District alone including one in Fostoria.

I have had many great visits this year in Wood County from the Pemberville Fire Department to plant tours in Perrysburg and Bowling Green, a Medicare forum in Bowling Green, and my annual Lincoln Day Dinner with Karl Rove at BGSU. This past month, I held a town

meeting in Perrysburg and had lunch with your elected officials in Bowling Green. Next, I am looking forward to coming back to Bowling Green on October 24th and to your continued support on November 7th.

On the web at:
<http://www.gillmorforcongress.com>



Greg Hartmann, candidate for Secretary of State

Greg Hartmann represents the next generation of leadership for Ohio.

As the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, Greg supervises a staff of more than 320 employees. Greg has earned a national reputation for modernizing the office and making it more accountable to taxpayers. Through careful fiscal management, Greg has returned over \$1.3 million to county taxpayers. He also has been featured in dozens of news accounts for his groundbreaking work in protecting Ohioans from identity theft.

Greg's professional career includes private-sector experience managing West Coast operations for Airline Distribution Services, Inc. Later, he attended Pepperdine University School of Law where he graduated with honors. Putting his law degree to good use, Greg became an Assistant Prosecutor in Hamilton County, where he prosecuted hundreds of criminal cases including many violent felonies.

Greg devotes much of his time to community causes such as the Catholic Inner City Schools Initiative,

the Cincinnati Community Action Now Commission, and the Ohio Reads Program.

Greg and his wife Tracy are raising their four children in Cincinnati.

On the web at:
<http://www.greghartmann.com>



Hartmann to Visit Bowling Green — Friday, October 6th

Easy Street Café (upstairs)
104 South Main Street

12noon to 1:00pm

Food and beverages will be provided.

This is not a fundraising event.

Upcoming Events

October 4

Commissioner Tim Brown picnic (Otsego Park)

October 6

Greg Hartmann Meet and Greet—12noon (Easy Street)

October 8

Grand Rapids Apple Butter Festival

October 15

Bowling Green League of Women Voters candidate forum—7:00pm (First United Methodist Church)

November 7

Election Day

Election Night Party @ Stone Ridge—7:00pm

December TBD

Holiday Party (Cucina di Betto)

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

info@bowlinggreengop.com

Volunteer Opportunity

The Ohio Republican Party has opened a Victory Center at 113 North Main Street in Bowling Green. The phone bank at the Center is operating Monday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30pm.

Whether you can spare a little or a lot of time, your assistance will help to identify and get Republicans out to vote this November. This will benefit Republican candidates at all levels; from the county to statewide.

You can also help raise funds for the BG Club. For each call made by a Club member, 10 cents will be contributed to help the Club support candidates. Just identify yourself as a club member when you arrive.

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>

2006 Republican Candidates

State Representative

Bob Latta

Wood County Commissioner

Tim Brown
www.wcnet.org/~twbrown/

Wood County Auditor

Mike Sibbersen

Common Pleas Judge

Reeve Kelsey

Governor/Lt. Governor

Ken Blackwell/Tom Raga
www.kenblackwell.com

Attorney General

Betty Montgomery
www.bettymontgomery.com

Auditor of State

Mary Taylor
www.citizensformarytaylor.com

Secretary of State

Greg Hartmann
www.greghartmann.com

Treasurer of State

Sandra O'Brien
www.sandraobrien.com

5th Congressional District

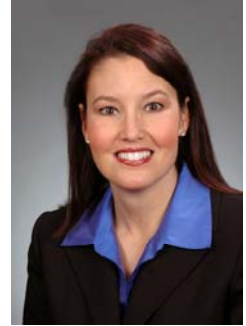
Paul Gillmor
www.gillmorforcongress.com

6th District Court of Appeals

Dennis Parish
www.judgedenny.com

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**For state auditor
Taylor would be first CPA to oversee Ohio's books
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*Columbus Dispatch***



In the race for state auditor, the financial watchdog of all of the state's public bodies, The Dispatch endorses Republican state Rep. Mary Taylor in the Nov. 7 election.

The auditor is responsible for overseeing the books of all public bodies, from villages up to state agencies. The office employs about 1,000 people, among them 700 auditors. Auditing services also are contracted out to private companies.

Taylor, who lives in Green, near Akron, and represents the 43rd House District, has a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in taxation. She would be the first certified public accountant to be elected Ohio's auditor.

The coin-investment scandal involving GOP fundraiser Thomas W. Noe and the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation illustrates the need for improved internal auditing in state agencies, Taylor said.

She advocates minimizing political influence over this function by putting each agency's internal auditor into an independent department. It would report to an independent board that would set auditing standards.

Under this plan, internal auditors would not be under the thumb of agency chiefs who might want to cover up unwise and illicit agency financial dealings. This, she believes, would mean that questionable schemes would come to light quickly.

Such a plan would require legislative action after exhaustive public debate, but in proposing it, Taylor is demonstrating initiative.

Taylor said she would put to vigorous use the office's new authority to audit the Medicaid program, which comes from legislation she introduced at the request of current state Auditor Betty D. Montgomery.

Medicaid is 38 percent of annual state spending, and that huge chunk is growing out of control. Taylor wants to use the auditor's office to ensure that Medicaid money is being spent with maximum efficiency.

Taylor's opponent, Democrat Barbara Sykes, has a long history of public service, including stints on the Akron City Council, as deputy auditor for Summit County and three terms in the Ohio House.

Sykes maintains that the office already has the tools it needs, but that it requires skilled management. This is true, but Sykes has proposed far less than Taylor in the way of specific reforms and initiatives.

Taylor, with her accounting and taxation expertise, is well-equipped to get into the nuts and bolts of the auditing process.

For that reason, The Dispatch urges voters to elect Taylor as state auditor.

Citizens for Mary Taylor
<http://www.citizensformarytaylor.com>



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**The next meeting of the Bowling Green
Republican Club will be held on Tuesday,
October 24th at the Holiday Inn Express (across
from the Meijer store) in Bowling Green at
7:00pm.**

**Congressman Paul Gillmor will be addressing
the club.**

Yard signs will also be available.