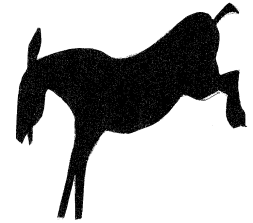


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Executive Board **Commission Candidates Fundraiser**

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We are hosting a fundraiser for the County Commission Candidates on Monday, September 18th at the **Cabbage Shed in Elberta** from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jim Clapp, Paul and Sharron May and Byron and Tim Joseph will entertain us with their wonderful music. We will have finger foods and there will be a cash bar. The Cabbage Shed is closed to the public on Monday's so we will have the entire place to ourselves and be able to have a grand time, many thanks to Jim Clapp.

Please plan on attending and making a \$10.00 donation to the candidate of your choice, they need all the support that we can give them. If you have the time, offer to drive the candidate for the door to door walking, or host a yard sign or help with whatever they need done. **Most of all vote on November 7th!**

Bake Sale Fundraiser

As our campaign budget could use a little boost, Joyce Skinner has offered to chair a Bake Sale at headquarters to raise money for phones etc.

The sale will be held on Saturday, September 16th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds will go towards the maintenance of the headquarters. Please bring baked goods to headquarters from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday September 15th or 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday September 16th, (Volunteers will price the baked goods). Any fresh vegetables and fruits are also welcome. Come and buy some homemade goods, and enjoy a free cup of coffee! Volunteers needed for 2 hour shifts. **Call Joyce Skinner at 275-2553 to volunteer.** Let's make this a great sale!

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers for all kinds of work are needed at headquarters and to help the candidates, we are looking for volunteers that can donate 3 hours per week of their valuable time to help staff the headquarters. We also need a list volunteers that we can call to fill in when someone needs to have their shift off. None of these jobs are hard, please call the headquarters at 882-9900, or drop in to see us and sign up today! We also are signing up volunteers for poll watching and driving and phoning on election day, we will have training for poll watchers beginning in October please come in and sign up. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 10:30 am—8 pm. Friday 10:30 am to 4:30 pm and Saturday 9 am to noon.

News from the Chair

Time For Action!!



The clock is ticking down to the last 60 days before each of us help paint a new landscape for America. There is no time for each of us to sit on the fence because of a single issue and not vote for a change in Benzie County, Michigan and in Washington. We need to stand firm and vote across the board for Democratic Candidates and send a strong message to our President, that he will hear a “no” from us on his vision of America.

It is time for a change in Benzie County; help the party make this happen by giving a helping hand at the party office in Beulah. You can answer phones, make phone calls, or greet people as they come to pick-up signs or come in to ask questions. You can aid your local candidate running in your district by giving money to their campaign, going door to door with them in your neighborhood, write letters to the editor supporting your local, state, and federal candidates running for office.

The last thing you can do is VOTE on November 7, 2006. You can make a difference. This is our election, this is our time to help America have a different landscape. Let us paint a landscape with hope, vision, transparency, diversity and shout loudly that we will bring fresh air to our community, state and nation with a Democratic victory on November 7, 2006.

Parting thoughts....

I want to thank the many people who gave their time, money and talents to the party over this election cycle. I want to especially point out Dewey Blocksma for the sign on our office building. Ben Pelch for the repair of our cooking equipment for the Bar B Que and the repair of the ceiling tiles in the bathroom of the office and Rosalie Pelch for chairing the successful Chicken Bar-B-Que. To Mary Robling for the work on the Granholm and Stabenow fundraisers which brought in over \$11,000.00 for the two Candidates. The summer home parties sponsors for Dan Scripps and the local party by the Armstrong's, Kell's, and Haan's. I know I missed people who deserve to be mentioned, but this gives you an idea of how much individuals have given to support the election this year. To those I have missed, I speak from the bottom of my heart, “Thanking you so much”.

By Ray Nichols

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*Don't
Roll Back
Progress*

VOTE
NO on **2**

This amendment will immediately eliminate opportunities for women and minorities to have equal access to jobs, education and contracts in Michigan. It is a huge step backward that will roll back progress made by women and minorities and thousands of Michigan families.

A group of California millionaires led by Ward Connerly, who was paid \$1.1 million in 2004 to push anti-affirmative action activities throughout the country is pushing this proposal. His organization operates in secret and refuses to give the names of contributors.

This proposal does not end preferences like businessmen and politicians hiring, promoting and giving contracts to their friends, and universities giving preferences to athletes and children of alumni when admitting students.

What will happen if this proposal passes:

All state and local affirmative action and outreach programs will be immediately eliminated. That means:

- ◆ No outreach programs to encourage women and minorities to enter key fields such as engineering, law enforcement and health care—or to attend college.
- ◆ Gender-specific programs including breast, prostate and cervical cancer screenings will be at risk.
- ◆ Scholarships and financial aid aimed at women and minorities are prohibited.
- ◆ State and local governments' ability to decide their hiring and contracting policies will be taken away.
- ◆ No housing programs to ensure people are treated fairly when buying homes or renting apartments.
- ◆ Michigan will be back to the 1960s, when there were few opportunities for women and minorities.

Republican, Democrats, business, labor, civil rights groups, social, youth, senior citizens, religious, environmental and women's organizations are all among many others opposing the California amendment.

Michigan is coming together to oppose efforts by California millionaires to roll back progress. Join One United Michigan to keep Michigan moving forward and vote NO on Proposal 2

www.oneunitedmichigan.org



VOTER SLATE – NOVEMBER 7th



“BE EMPHATIC – VOTE STRAIGHT DEMOCRATIC”

◆ Indicates Incumbent Candidate

◆
***JENNIFER GRANHOLM/*JOHN CHERRY**

Governor & Lt. Governor

AMOS WILLIAMS – Attorney General

CARMELLA SABAUGH – Secretary of State

***DEBBIE STABENOW** – U.S. Senator

KIMON KOTOS - 2ND District Congress

ANTOINETTE SCHIPPERS – 35th District State Senate

DAN SCRIPPS - 101ST State House

REGINALD TURNER & CASANDRA ULBRICH

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JEFFERY SANDMAN

County Commissioner District 3, Frankfort, Elberta, Gilmore Township

ANNE DAMM

County Commissioner, District 4, Benzonia Township

KATHY RALSTON

County Commissioner, District 5, Homestead Township

LAURA DRAEGER - Colfax Township Treasurer

M. CARROLL VOLPE - Homestead Township Trustee



NON-PARTISAN BALLOT

***MICHAEL CAVANAGH** - Supreme Court Justice

JANE BECKERING - Supreme Court Justice

PROPOSALS

Vote “NO” on Proposal 2 – “Anti Affirmative Action”

Save and take to the Polls with you!

Wanted

- ◆ **Volunteers for Headquarters and Election Day and Drivers for Candidates**
- ◆ **Precinct Captain for Colfax Township. Call Jerry Solanics at 882-5173 for information.**
- ◆ **Your attendance at the Cabbage Shed Fund-raiser on Monday, September 18th!**



Benzie Democrats’ Core Values

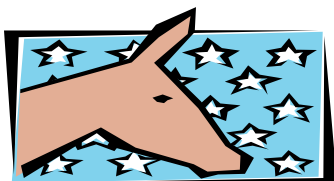
Integrity: *We believe that government, as well as the Benzie Democratic Party, must operate with transparency.*

Stewardship: *We are responsible for caring for and nurturing our human and natural resources.*

Tolerance: *We believe respecting differing points of view and the dignity of others are strengths.*

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BENZIE DEMS DATEBOOK

September 18, 5-8 p.m.: Commission Candidates Fund-raiser* at the Cabbage Shed, Elberta –Music, Food and Fun For \$10.00 donation to a Commission Candidate. Cash Bar.

October 7, 9 a.m.: Regular Meeting, Campaign Office

November 4, 9 a.m.: Regular Meeting, Campaign Office

November 7: Election Day

November 11, 9 a.m.: County Convention to elect Executive Board and Officers - Close Office following Convention.

November 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Women's Spa Day* Best Western Eden Hill Resort

December 1, 5-8 p.m.: Pot Luck Christmas Party at The Gathering Place Senior Center, Honor—Bring dish to pass and table service

**Designates fundraiser*

Everyone is welcome to attend meetings - to be on the agenda, please call Ray Nichols prior to the meeting .

Important Reminder



Be sure to vote the Non-partisan section of the ballot. Judges are important!

Our Choices are **Justice Michael Cavanaugh** and **Jane Beckering**.

Women's Spa Day

Plans for the Women's Spa Day to be held at the Best Western Scenic Hills Resort & Spa on **November 18th** will soon be finalized and the day planned will be bigger and better than last year!

Watch the Benzie Record Patriot and the Web site "BenzieDemocrats.com" for news about this event and we will soon have sign up information and forms at headquarters within a couple of weeks.

Pre-registration is required so please drop in or call us at 882-9900 for more information.

There will be water aerobics and yoga activities as well as several classes of interest following our theme of "**Caring for Ourselves, as We Care for Others**". The day will begin with a keynote speaker at 10 a.m. that you won't want to miss, so put November 18th on you calendar now!

The Benzie Kicker Newsletter Staff

Jim Dulzo - Jerry Solanics - Carroll Volpe

Please let us know what you think! Send us your comments and suggestions! Call Carroll at 325-6692 or e-mail her at mcvolpe@centurytel.net. If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter send a note.