

# The Republican

Lee County Republicans



For political junkies, this is the time of year when folks get engaged and motivated in campaigns. As for the Nussle Campaign, we're fired up and marching toward victory on November 7<sup>th</sup> with Jim Nussle and Bob Vander Plaats' positive vision to Energize Iowa's Future.

Just out this week is the latest *Wall Street Journal*/John Zogby "Battleground States Poll" showing *Jim Nussle leading Chet Culver 46-43*. It's a great example of just how tight this race is now

– and will be – through Election Day. We are pleased with this most recent poll, but need to keep in mind that Jim is the underdog in this race, given that Chet Culver's name has been on the ballot in two statewide elections. As more polls are released in the coming weeks, Iowans should know we expect results will vary across the board. As we all know the only poll that matters is the one on Election Day.

Campaigns are won or lost in the trenches. Jim Nussle and

Bob Vander Plaats have the most sophisticated grassroots network ever assembled for an Iowa Governor's race. Our volunteer network personally has touched more than 100,000 voters in the last two months.

This race really comes down to leadership and connecting with voters. Jim Nussle is sharing with Iowans all across the state his positive vision to achieve world-class education, create jobs, grow Iowa's economy, make Iowa the renewable energy capital

of the world, provide access to affordable health care, and strengthen Iowa's strong quality of life.

There are only 55 days until Iowans head to the polls. As our momentum and message continue to build, we look forward to sharing our ideas and principled solutions with all Iowans – Republicans, Democrats and Independents. As Jim says, together we will Energize Iowa's Future.

## Bob Abel, candidate for Lee County Supervisor (District 3)

Bob is a fifth-generation resident of Lee County who lives in Fort Madison with his wife Susan (Merideth) formerly of Keokuk. He has two sons; Ryan and his wife Erica live in Memphis, TN. His other son, Matt and his wife Richar live in Fort Madison with their two children. Bob is the Director of Technology for the Holy Trinity Catholic School System and teaches as an adjunct instructor for Southeastern Community College.

He attended Southeastern Community College and Iowa Wesleyan College, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. Bob served in the US

Navy for more than twenty-one years and retired in 1995 as a Commander (O-5). Among his many awards and citations, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding leadership and management abilities and the Air Medal for a difficult and dangerous rescue of four persons from a burning vessel at sea.

Bob believes that his educational background in Biology provided a foundation for his interest in agriculture, and that his vast experience flying military aircraft and working in the computer technology field has encouraged him to embrace emerging technologies. This is especially true

as it relates to value-added agriculture. Bob believes that we should continue to support existing technologies while keeping our minds and options open for advances in value-added agricultural production.

Economic development and job creation must be at the forefront of the county's plans for the future. Existing businesses should be given every opportunity to succeed so that prospective employers see Lee County as a business-friendly environment. The county's location relative to rail, river and highway transportation make it an ideal place to locate industry and businesses. He believes that

the county should develop an aggressive marketing campaign to highlight our positive features and show potential employers that Lee County offers the things they need to thrive.

Bob feels that he is the right person to foster an atmosphere of coordination and cooperation within county government, and between the county and its incorporated areas, and with the citizens of Lee County. He believes that this can be facilitated by effective communication between the Board of Supervisors and all levels of county, city and township governments, and with the residents of the county.



As my first term as Iowa's State Auditor is coming to a close, I can truly say it has been an honor and privilege serving the citizens of this great State. My first term has been all about accountability—both fiscal accountability and government accountability. While we have accomplished much over the last three and a half years, my work is not done. I'm asking for your vote so I can continue towards my vision—Iowa government operating with true accountability. In return, you can count on me to continue to be your watchdog of the state treasury with a very loud voice for each and every taxpayer. Remember, there is no such thing as government money—there's only your money, taxpayer's money! [www.davevautd.com](http://www.davevautd.com)



As the race winds ever closer to November 7<sup>th</sup>, we feel the need to make sure all voters understand the consequences of the race for Iowa Secretary of Agriculture. My vision for Iowa agriculture is completely different than my opponents. I believe we are at one of the most exciting times in Iowa agricultural history. Iowa is a leader in the production of corn, soybeans, hogs, cattle, eggs, dairy products and renewable energy including ethanol, biodiesel and wind generation.

The Iowa Secretary of Agriculture must be a leader and supporter of these industries and a participant in making sure Iowa continues to lead in these industries. Food safety and security, a clean environments and consumer protection are also important responsibilities for the Secretary. I look forward to the opportunity to be your voice in state government for agriculture. First things first – we have to make the most out of every day left before this election! I appreciate your financial support and your willingness to let your friends, families and neighbors know about the importance of this race.

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Iowans for Jim Leach

Dear Friends,

It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Lee County. Few places symbolize more the values of the Midwest -- diligence and hard work.

I am particularly appreciative of the friendship of Pauline and Ralph Ritter, your county chairs. It is dedicated people like the Ritters who bring such thoughtfulness and commitment to the Republican Party.

I am pleased to report that the House of Representatives has finally passed legislation I introduced and have been fighting to pass for more than eight years to curb Internet gambling. With the Internet readily available in libraries, schools, homes and offices, Internet gambling can find its way into our families, particularly our children's lives, with relative ease. Once there, it can become highly addictive and ruin the lives of those caught in a web of betting against the odds.

John Kindt, a professor of business at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, calls the Internet "crack cocaine" for gamblers. "There are no needle marks," he says. "There's no alcohol on the breath. You just click the mouse and lose your house."

Internet gambling has become as much a part of the college experience as late-night study sessions and rooting for the football team. Researchers have called gambling online addictive. Players attest to becoming obsessed with it. If my bill is enacted, authorities will have the tools to enforce the law.

I would like to close by again thanking you for your friendship.

Sincerely,

Jim Leach

## Dave Heaton—Representative House District 91

Over the past year, I have written in this column about some of the landmark pieces of legislation that passed this session which will help improve the future of Iowa – increasing pay to our teachers, raising the reimbursement rates for the healthcare providers who serve our friends and neighbors on Medicaid, and the initiatives to make Iowa the alternative energy capital of the world. None of these efforts would be possible if the state did not have the resources to make them happen. That requires making tough choices and maintaining fiscal accountability. This has been a principle of the Republican-led House. And this week, all Iowans saw the fruits of these efforts.

In the past few days, the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency announced that the state ended its fiscal year on June 30 with a surplus of \$327 million. This is the third straight year that the state has closed its books with a surplus. Because of this, we have refilled the Cash Reserve Fund and are only \$29 million away from refilling the Economic Emergency Fund. We have also kept our commitment to seniors by making an additional \$50 million repayment into the Senior Living Trust Fund.

I am very happy that we have made significant progress in repaying the Senior Living Trust Fund. At the end of the 2006 session, the Legislature had already approved \$32 million in repayments to the Fund. With the money from the year-end surplus, the state will have repaid \$82 million that was borrowed to sustain Medicaid services to our seniors. We also passed legislation that requires the state to fill the Fund up to the \$300 million endowment we envisioned back in 2000. As a person who was involved in this program from its inception, it is critical that we repay these funds to ensure our seniors have access to the in-home care that they want.

## Letter from the Chairman

Dear Friends,

We are fast approaching the election for governor and other state office holders, as well as local candidates. I won't take space here to sing their praises, but just want to say that we have the best qualified candidates running on the Republican ticket. Read their messages in this newsletter. If you want more information go to the Republican website at

[www.leecountyrepublicans.org](http://www.leecountyrepublicans.org) and link to the candidates websites.

If we are to control government spending and make government again responsible to the people of Iowa we must gain control of the Governor's office, the Iowa House and Senate, the Secretary of State's office, the Secretary of Agriculture's office, maintain control of the State Auditor's office, and the U.S. House and Senate. We must also elect more Republicans to the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

Please exercise your right to vote on November 7.

*Ralph Ritter, LCR Chairman*

## Hanusa for Secretary of State

Mary Ann Hanusa, a native of Council Bluffs, has been active in her community and Iowa politics. She worked for Senator Charles Grassley in his Council Bluffs office. Mary Ann Hanusa is a native of Council Bluffs, Iowa, where she received her K-12 education. She attended Concordia Teachers College, in Seward, Nebraska, and earned a degree in education with majors in history and political science. She continued her education at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, earning her master's degree in American History. A brief stint at the National Archives in Washington, D. C., working on archiving the Ronald Reagan presidential papers, led her to the George H. W. Bush White House, where she worked in the Correspondence Department for two years.

Mary Ann returned to Iowa and served as director of the Pottawattamie County Republican Headquarters, worked on various political campaigns, and from 1996-2001 was a Regional Director for Senator Charles Grassley in his Council Bluffs office. She served as President of the *Friends of the Union Pacific Museum*, a community group in Council Bluffs that raised several million dollars to restore the city's Andrew Carnegie library. It now preserves artifacts from the history of the Union Pacific Railroad. In 2001, she took the opportunity to return to the White House, where she was Director of the Office of Presidential Personal Correspondence.

LCR Headquarters are open in Fort Madison and Keokuk. The Fort Madison Headquarters is located at 1014 Avenue H and the phone number is (319)372-7454. The Keokuk Headquarters is located at 712 Main Street and the phone number is (319)524-5695. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday 3:00pm to 8:00pm and Saturday 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Please stop by and support the local candidates and any help that you may be able to offer is greatly appreciated.

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**BRADY SEEKS CHANGE IN SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 2**

Marie's desire is to serve the people of Lee County. She feels if a public servant has not effected positive change in twenty years it is time to make a change in who represents you. She asks for your support by going out to vote on June 6 and casting your vote for Marie Brady again on November 7.

**Education:**

- \* Ph.D. Professional Studies in Education (August2006)
- \* MPA Public Administration, Minor Agency Counseling Concentration
- \* BA Psychology Concentration

**Experience:**

- \* 30 Year resident Old Settlers Park
- \* Small Business Owner, Victoria Bed & Breakfast Inn & Studios
- \* Teacher K-16
- \* Artist, Researcher, Restorer of Historic Property
- \* Over 10 years as Counselor and in Administration at Iowa State Penitentiary
- \* Honorably Discharged U.S. Army Veteran

**Family:**

- \* Mother of 6 grown children, youngest son, U.S. Army Major David J. Paris, now serving with the 212th Medical Detachment, Iraq
- \* Widow of U.S. Army Major Jack Brady (Long time resident Ft. Madison)
- \* Wife of Mr. Lex Whitcanack, Pharmacist, Mac Farland Clinic, Ames, Iowa

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