

# True Blue

The Adams County Democrat  
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Dear Editor,

I hear a great deal of rhetoric coming from the Republican Party asking, "ARE YOU BETTER OFF?" I would like to take this opportunity to respond by telling my personal story of change and transition forward.

In October 2008 at Shawnee State University, I had the opportunity to see President Obama speak. I attended seeking change for my country, and learned that change, began with me. That evening for me, was a call to action. It left me with a sense of purpose I had never felt before.

I found change that October evening and it was beautiful... Education was among the covered topics at the rally. I had been considering a return to school, but had no idea what I would like to do. Little did I know, I would have my answer just four months later. In January 2009, I was the 12th Juror selected to serve in the Adams County Common Pleas Courtroom of Judge Brett Spencer.

The courtroom just simply felt like... home. I quickly realized my answer had been provided. Only two other times had I felt such certainty, the day I met my husband and the day I named my daughter. At the end of the day, I returned home and contacted a university to begin the admissions process. On September 11, 2012 I graduated with Honors from The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and received my Bachelors of Science in Paralegal Studies from Kaplan University.

Also in attendance that evening was my young daughter, then age 9. As a result of our attendance, she became interested in politics and has followed the Obama Administration. Now age 13, she is following the re-election campaign and has requested to volunteer. Her journey is just beginning. I can only imagine where she will go in life, but I know its forward. On September 9, 2012 we attended another Grassroots Event in Portsmouth, OH where Vice President Biden was the guest speaker. We are very proud to have stood among both parties featured on the 2012 democratic ticket.

Now that I have witnessed change, I too must move forward. I have accepted a Fellowship with Organizing For America where I can work with the Obama Re-Election Campaign until the November Election. It's my way of saying, "Thank You", and paying my experience forward. Just like this country, I have witnessed change and my journey too continues forward. This winter I will be getting my Ohio Notary Certification. In early 2013, I intend to return to Kaplan University for my Masters in Legal Studies.

As a result of this majestic journey, I discovered that I am a strong woman. A woman who could triumph adversity, having overcome poverty, domestic violence and disability. A woman who when given the chance, is capable of doing great things. I believe in this administration, because it believes in me. It has given me hope, strength and courage. For the first time, I am confident and comfortable just being myself. **So to those who ask, "Are You Better Off?" I simply say, "Why yes I am...Let me tell you a story..."**



Success is not how well you are doing, it's how well we are all doing.

Michelle Obama

Barack and I see a future where no one is forced to live in the shadow of intolerance.

Joe Biden

Vice President Joe Biden stopped for a piece of peach pie at Cruisers Diner on September 9, 2012. Here he joins Jerry Grooms and Steve Stepp to talk strategy.

## Achievements of Obama's Presidency: Moving Forward in a Complex Era

Our nation has been faced with multiple, complex issues since President Obama was sworn into office in January, 2009. Those who oppose him often ambiguously profess that he and his presidency have "failed." Yet, objective review of facts reveals our nation and the Obama administration are making remarkable progress on multiple fronts. The following information highlights just some of the forward movement made by our nation during the Obama presidency.

- **Averted Economic Collapse; Resurrected, Restarted and Refueling an Economy which was in Free-Fall in Early 2009** – Obama signed the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act in 2009, spurring economic growth amid the greatest economic recession since the Great Depression. Within 12 months, private sector job creation surpassed job loss; job creation has continued to surpass job loss every month since. After the private financial sector precipitated the Great Recession, Obama decisively reregulated this industry by signing the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and by creating the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. His administration enticed infusion of private capital to recapitalize U.S. banks, at a net cost of zero to the federal government. Obama signed the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility, and Disclosure Act in 2009, curtailing credit card companies' rampant exploitation of individual consumers. Obama coordinated the international response to international financial crisis, averting a global recession of the world economy in 2009 and 2010. His administration saved the U.S. auto industry from collapse; it is now recovered and making reliable products and robust profits. The U.S. stock market and corporate profits are now at all-time highs. Unemployment figures for individuals remain a concern; employment rates are gradually increasing from their precipitous decline at the onset of the Great Recession.
- **Passed Health Care Reform** - President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act in 2010. This became a reality for our nation's citizens after five presidents, over the course of 100 years, had tried but not succeeded with the goal of creating universal health insurance. The changes in health insurance coverage require that insurance companies must devote a higher percentage of premiums to patient care. In 2012, a full \$1.1 billion dollars will be returned to consumers. Also, those who cannot afford health insurance, or do not like their employer's coverage, will be able to purchase insurance through a health insurance exchange. Persons making less than \$44,680 will be eligible for subsidies to help with costs. In 2014, persons with pre-existing conditions will no longer be denied coverage or be required to pay more for coverage.
- **Ended the War in Iraq and Began Drawdown of War in Afghanistan** - At President Obama's directive, the last troops left Iraq on December 18, 2011. From a peak of 101,000 U.S. forces in Afghanistan, this number is now 91,000, with 23,000 slated to leave Afghanistan at the end of summer 2012. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta states the combat mission there will be over in 2013.
- **Increased Support for Veterans** - With so many troops coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan with residual physical and mental health issues, yet facing long waits for services, the 2010 Department of Veterans Affairs budget was increased by 16 percent and the 2011 budget by 10 percent. President Obama also signed the new GI bill offering \$78 billion in tuition assistance to veterans. Multiple tax credits are now offered by the federal government, put in place to encourage businesses to hire veterans.
- **Increased National Focus on Fairness and Excellence in Education** - As part of the 2010 health care reform bill, President Obama signed a measure essentially kicking banks out of the college student loan business. In July 2010, students began receiving all federal student loans directly from the federal government, saving the US Treasury \$67 billion over ten years and curtailing predatory lending practices which targeted students and saddled students with educational debt. Pell Grants to lower-income students have greatly expanded. President Obama's administration has also created "Race to the Top," a program offering competitive grants as incentives for states to enact meaningful reform in K-12 education.
- **Enacted Multiple Measures Advancing Basic Rights, Freedoms, and Safety for Individuals** - By signing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009, President Obama ensured that women paid less than men for the same work can sue their employers after they find out about the discrimination, even if that discrimination happened years ago. Also in 2009, President Obama nullified Bush-era rulings that had allowed detainees in U.S. custody to undergo "enhanced" interrogation techniques considered inhumane under the Geneva Conventions. By repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" in 2011, Obama has ensured that gays and lesbians can now, for the first time in history, openly serve in the military.

## Achievements of Obama's Presidency: Moving Forward in a Complex Era - continued

- **Is Restoring Respect for U.S.A. in International Community** – With new policies, diplomacy, rhetoric, and action, the Obama administration has reversed a sharp decline in world opinion toward the U.S., which had become problematic during the Bush years. President Obama ordered the Special Forces raid of Osama bin Laden's compound in 2011. The terrorist was eliminated and a trove of intelligence to aid in the fight against terrorism was retrieved. Obama's administration helped topple Libyan dictator Moamar Gaddafi. We as a nation have reasserted U. S. leadership in the Asian-Pacific region, crafting multi-pronged alliances with countries in the region which had become uncomfortable with Chinese policies. The U.S. has led the world community in application of international sanctions and pressures on Iran for displays of aggression.
- **Displaying Decisiveness Amid International Threat to Americans** - At the time of this writing, a volatile crisis is unfolding at multiple American embassies in many Middle East cities. This situation currently is quite fluid; and President Obama has responded with measured and clear decisiveness and has secured international cooperation in seeking a path to justice.

As so powerfully outlined by President Bill Clinton in his address at the recent Democratic Convention, President Obama is effectively leading our nation through remarkably challenging times. We are moving forward as a nation, and the impetus begun with Obama's leadership must be carried forward.

**Let's lean forward as citizens, keep hope alive, and re-elect Barack Obama as President of the United States of America!**

### PAUL WORLEY

What an exciting summer! I have truly enjoyed the past few months, meeting so many wonderful people as I've campaigned across Adams County. I am thankful for all the support and help I have received from everyone, whether you walked in a parade or mentioned my name to a friend, it is all part of building toward a victory in November, and I am very grateful.

As an Army Infantry Captain serving overseas, I had the experience of advising and assisting the local Iraqi government in infrastructure building projects. Working hand in hand with the Iraqi military we provided humanitarian aid to thousands of Iraqi citizens and brought doctors to remote areas to give the people medical care. I have the experience of working with tribal leaders and government officials to solve problems and to listen to everyone's concerns and points of view, while still providing the citizens with the services they required.

I was responsible for over \$30 million dollars of government property and equipment, managed the movement of over 4,000 troops from the United States to Kuwait and into Iraq, and commanded 145 soldiers in combat.

We face full-time challenges in Adams County and I believe that the county needs a full-time commissioner to deal with these challenges. We need a leader who puts Adams County first and is solely focused on new, creative solutions to bring jobs to the county. I will serve Adams County with the same dedication, integrity, and hard work instilled in me by the Army.

We still have a long way to go, but I'm very grateful for all the support and help from my fellow Adams Countians. See you on the campaign trail!

For more information, check out our website [www.paulworley.com](http://www.paulworley.com)





## **Paul Worley for County Commisioner**

### **5 Point Economic Plan – A plan that is focused on getting the job done.**

Adams County's high unemployment rate has negative impacts in nearly every aspect of our lives and worsens the problems common to everyone: crime, drug use, school funding, and a falling standard of living. The unemployment rate in Adams County is among the highest in the state at 10.5% with the rate in Ohio at 7.2%. More importantly, the "real" unemployment rate including discouraged and underemployed workers is probably closer to 20%.

#### **1. Make job creation a top priority.**

- We need a stronger emphasis on job creation in county government and every decision made, the question should be asked, "How does this create jobs and/or keep the jobs we do have in Adams County?"

#### **2. Invest in the infrastructure of the county.**

- We need to move with a sense of urgency in providing natural gas, sewer, water, broadband internet access, and cell phone service to attract the types of businesses that are going to create good paying jobs.
- Maximize use of grants and incentives available to the county.

#### **3. Provide job training/skills for our current work force.**

- We need to partner with existing businesses and academic institutions to provide the skills necessary for our unemployed workers to find a good paying job. It will also provide our workers with an opportunity to advance their employment by acquiring new skills and qualifications.

#### **4. Make our local government more efficient.**

- The Adams County Commissioners should meet at least twice a week and make the meeting times more accessible to business people and citizens who want to attend, but are unable to take off work.

#### **5. Enhance the vitality of our current businesses.**

- We can enhance our local business through targeted expansion and aggressive promotion.
- We should pursue new investment from companies and firms already in our region of Ohio.

I believe that a great plan will result in nothing without full-time, dedicated, and enthusiastic work. I believe when a person is paid a full time salary with benefits that they should be working full-time for Adams County. As a county commissioner I will work full-time in order to serve the people and help create good paying jobs.

**MARK TOLLE FOR ADAMS COUNTY  
RECORDER**

**MARIE HOOVER FOR 4<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT COURT  
OF APPEALS JUDGE**

#### **The Republican Argument**

In Tampa, the Republican argument against the president's re-election was actually pretty simple — pretty snappy. It went something like this: "We left him a total mess. He hasn't cleaned it up fast enough. So fire him and put us back in".

Bill Clinton, Democratic Convention 2012

#### **Vote Yes on Issue 2**

An Ohio Redistricting Amendment, also known as Issue 2, is on the November 6, 2012 ballot in the state of Ohio as an initiated constitutional amendment. The measure would create a 12-person citizen commission to draw legislative and congressional district maps. According to supporters of the measure, the commission would create districts that would reflect the state's geographic, racial, ethnic and political diversity. The initiative would also bar lobbyists and elected officials from joining the commission.



**KEITH SWEARINGEN FOR  
ADAMS COUNTY ENGINEER**

## **KEITH SWEARINGEN**

I have the experience, knowledge and desire to improve the highways and bridges for all Adams County residents. I have worked with state and federal agencies including FEMA and the Federal Highway Administration during flooding, wind damage and snow storms for Emergency Response and Recovery for the citizens of Ohio.

These times require everyone to tighten our budgets and I have experience in acquiring state and federal funds for projects to keep Adams County moving forward.

Adams County has a large highway network and faces many challenges. I want to tackle these challenges and will focus on the following areas.

**Safety:** Safety is personal to me. My oldest son was involved in a serious accident on a county road. Smooth highways and sound bridges contribute to safety. Safety also includes the county workers as well the traveling public.

**Jobs:** I will perform work as allowed by state law by the workers and businesses in Adams County.

**Roadway Improvement:** I will develop a long range plan to systematically widen bridges, culverts, pavements and shoulders to improve safety for school buses, farmers, tourists and the citizens of Adams County.

## **SHERROD BROWN FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR**

Senator Sherrod Brown is running for re-election and has consistently supported many projects and bills pertinent to residents in Adams County. Here are a few of his many aims and accomplishments.

- \*\* He supports the Affordable Care Act that aims at universal healthcare coverage and will save \$143 billion in its first decade and another \$1 trillion in the next. (Congressional Budget Office)
- \*\* He supports returning the tax rates on the wealthiest Americans to where they were during the Clinton Administration when our country created 23 million jobs.
- \*\* He supports closing loopholes that allow companies to ship American jobs overseas.
- \*\* He supports protecting Social Security and Medicare from privatization and other short-sighted attempts to undermine the guaranteed benefits retirees earned and deserve.
- \*\* He is a leading voice in Congress for policies to help manufacturers retool and expand their operations into clean energy production.
- \*\* He has led the fight in Congress to dedicate crucial broadband funding to rural Ohio.
- \*\* He introduced legislation adopted as part of the 2008 Farm Bill that promotes locally-led food access initiatives that increase the availability and affordability of healthy fresh foods, increases vegetables in school meals and removes the barriers that keep local farmers from selling products to schools.
- \*\* For his work on the 2008 Farm Bill he was named Legislator of the Year by the National Corn Growers Association.

**Senator Brown is a loyal and courageous public servant who has made a difference in the lives of rural Ohioans.**

The strength of our nation must continue to be used in the interest of all our people other than the privileged few. It must continue to be used unselfishly in the struggle for world peace and the betterment of mankind.

Harry S. Truman

### \$\$\$ Politics \$\$\$

Just how much influence does money have in political campaigns and ultimately on our government policies? I remember when those in government were public servants. I wonder if we have reached the point that Bobby Kennedy spoke of when he said, "The problem of power is how to achieve its responsible use rather than its irresponsible and indulgent use—of how to get men of power to live for the public rather than off the public."

We are bombarded by political ads, many containing half-truths or worse. The number and frequency of these political ads is mind numbing and a turn off to many voters. The ads have fueled skyrocketing campaign costs and have shut many average citizens out of pursuing public office.

In the recent Primary, Republican presidential candidates spent huge sums to bash one another in the media thanks to Super PACS and the Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court. Newt Gingrich said on national TV, "I think the current system is rigged, frankly, in favor of the wealthy." The major contributor to Gingrich was billionaire casino king, Sheldon Adelson. Adelson recently switched to Romney by contributing \$10 million, yes you read that right, \$10 million to a Super PAC supporting Romney and indicated he had "limitless" contributions to come. In the 2008 presidential race John McCain spent \$370 million and Barack Obama spent \$750 million. How much more money will be spent this round? With the Citizens United decision, it appears the amount spent by Super PACS may be "limitless." Meanwhile, wealthy Mitt Romney embraces this excess spending by saying, "Corporations are people, my friends."

In Why Nations Fail, Massachusetts Institute of Technology economist Daron Asemoglu and Harvard political scientist James Robinson, make the case that nations start falling apart when their elites amass enough wealth and power to essentially "rig the game" on their own behalf. These rich attempt to bulldoze away anything and anybody that stands in their way. If they succeed, their societies eventually collapse.

In a world where people are starving and in a county where drugs are rampant and children are in need of health care, food, and clothing, I find excess campaign spending obscene. How much more could be accomplished if strict spending caps were imposed and adhered to? I think campaign spending caps could help ensure a government of, by and for the people rather than the best government money can buy.

### Where are the Jobs?

Since 1961, for 52 years now, the Republicans have held the White House 28 years, the Democrats, 24. In those 52 years, our private economy has produced 66 million private sector jobs.

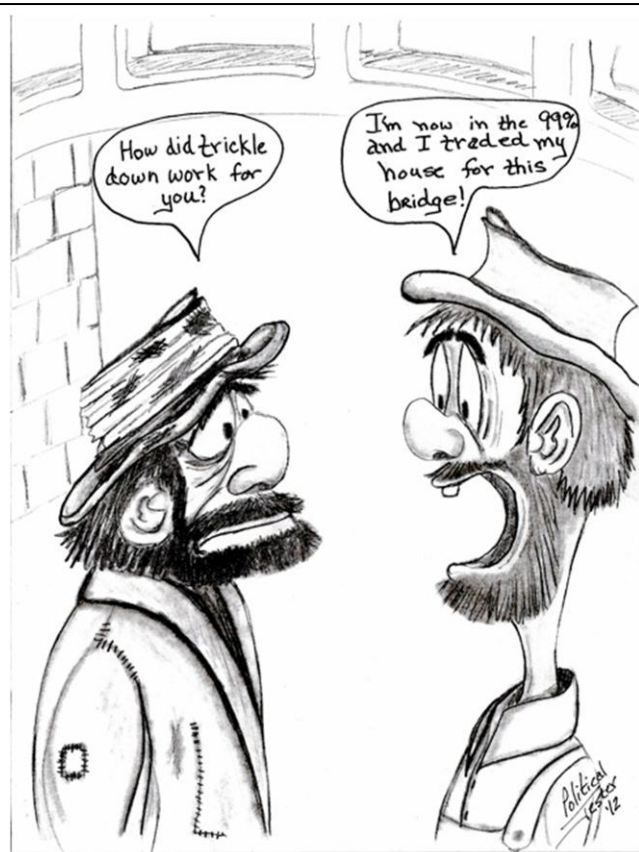
So what's the job score? Republicans, 24 million; Democrats, 42 million. Now, there's a reason for this. It turns out that advancing equal opportunity and economic empowerment is both morally right and good economics. Why? Because poverty, discrimination and ignorance restrict growth. When you stifle human potential, when you don't invest in new ideas, it doesn't just cut off the people who are affected; it hurts us all. We know that investments in education and infrastructure and scientific and technological research increase growth. They increase good jobs, and they create new wealth for all the rest of us.

Bill Clinton, Democratic Convention 2012

### Job Statistics (2009 - 2012)

President Obama: + 4.5 MILLION  
Congressional Republicans: ZERO

Bill Clinton



Democrats think the glass is half full - Republicans think the glass is theirs.



## NUNS GIVE YARDSTICK TO RYAN

(from The Progressive Populist, 8/1/12)

Catholic nuns seem to have an uncanny ability to spot the insincere, the hypocritical and the uncaring. Thus, it should be no surprise that House Budget Chairman Paul Ryan – selected by his Janesville, Wisconsin high school classmates as “Biggest Brown-Noser” at the same time they elected him prom king – would fail to pass the sniff test of progressive nuns.

A group of nuns from NETWORK, a national Catholic social justice lobby, decided to take to the road on an excellent adventure, pointing out the disastrous impact that Ryan’s budget would have on those outside the top 1%, particularly the poor. Beginning in Ryan’s hometown, the nuns went on a nine-state bus trip, meeting with hundreds of American workers - some on picket lines - and driving home the connection between corporate class warfare and Republican class war waged via the budget.

“As Catholic sisters, we must speak out against the current House Republican budget, authored by Representative Paul Ryan,” reads a statement on the group’s website. “We do so because it harms people who are already suffering.”

The leader of the nuns’ bus tour, Sister Simone Campbell, went on to speak movingly at the Democratic Convention in August.

## Occupying Consciousness (John Beck)

Something every American ought to understand, and few of us do, is that the USA has a split consciousness. Over the last sixty years national security has usurped the leading role in our national consciousness – the role long held by the words of the Declaration of Independence. It has meshed with our commercial interests, and it is now turning its controlling attentions to the internal affairs of the USA.

The first duty of government is to protect the powerless against the powerful.

The Code of Hammurabi

It is not want but rather abundance, which makes avarice.

Thomas Fuller

Romney lives by a different code: people are numbers on a spreadsheet. If Mitt Romney were Santa Claus, he would fire the reindeer and outsource the elves.

Ted Strickland

## THE VOICE OF TREASON

(Turning the Tables, Part 2)

In light of the Casino mentality of the American economy and the progressive decline of the middle class, is it surprising that pessimism, despair and anger are rampant today? With all the millions of corporate dollars poured into politics, it’s not hard to understand how and why platforms and politicians owe their first allegiance to corporate interests, but how do the people get manipulated into pretending it’s not happening?

Fear and anger have always been used to subdue large portions of the American public. We have an unfortunate history of exploiting hate by appealing to fears. When people feel threatened, when they are reminded of their mortality, they tend to become more conservative – and political thinking moves to the right. Hate appeals can be dressed up in many disguises: religious conflicts, ideological differences, concerns over law and order, terrorist threats, states’ rights, right-to-life convictions and more. These issues create a lot of smoke – but obscure the fire.

A mood of aggressive activity hides an outright assault on the Constitution. Historically, moving to the right out of fear threatens our constitutional rights. There are several examples taken from American history. 1) During the John Adams Presidency the “Alien and Sedition Act” was passed, instigated by threats of war with France. During those years, American citizens, journalists who wrote critically about the President or Congress, were jailed for exercising their freedom of speech. 2) During the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, when the Bolsheviks took power in 1917 in Russia, the resultant “Red Scare” led to Gestapo-like tactics with Americans who were regarded as communist sympathizers. 3) In the era of Senator Joe McCarthy in the early 50s charges of disloyalty were aimed at those who did not think like/with him. American citizens were hounded, grilled and “black-balled”. McCarthy and his troops used “fear and smear” tactics to take control of the congress and the presidency.

Today, our Republican opponents specialize in the use of these aggressive and reprehensible tactics. They push legislation that threatens our constitutional freedoms. They support the Supreme Court’s decision that corporate money is free speech. They took the country into war for fabricated reasons. They persistently support the use of torture. They refuse to accept the legitimacy of the President. They engage in voter suppression. They block the public’s right to collective bargaining and consumer protections. They give corporations a free hand in influencing legislation. Through the use of bullying tactics, contempt and downright lies, they persist in supplying whatever is best for the money changers while disregarding what is best for the people.

**By consolidating power in the hands of a few and by making “profit margins” the country’s major moral consideration, have partisan politicians and corporate greed crossed the line into treason?**

## Those Who Can't Remember the Past Are . . .

Stanford I. Weill may not be a household name but in his office he has a plaque that lists his accomplishments and the list includes the end of the Glass-Steagall Act. Glass-Steagall was a "New Deal" act that limited the size and power of the nation's banks. In today's climate where government interference and regulation are seen as preventing economic growth from succeeding, it is often forgotten that the free-wheeling banking of the 1920's was one of the major causes of the depression. Now back to Mr. Weill.

In the 1990's Stanford Weill was able to turn a small bank in Baltimore into a colossal investment bank and insurer and engineered a merger between Travelers and Citicorp which formed Citigroup. He lobbied in Congress to deregulate the banks and the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 ended Glass-Steagall when it allowed banks insurance underwriting. His efforts at banking deregulation led in 2000 to the marriage of J.P. Morgan and Chase Manhattan to JPMorgan Chase. Big banking was on the move and Mr. Weill had achieved his dream; but as luck would have it, things didn't quite work out. In 2009 Mr. Weill's Citigroup needed a multibillion-dollar bailout from the government.

An ironic situation but how interesting was it that Mr. Weill in the middle of July was testifying before a Congressional investigation on the banking industry and stated the following: "What we should probably do is go and split up investment banking from banking. Have banks do something that's not going to risk the taxpayer dollars, that's not going to be too big to fail." In brief, Mr. Weill was asking for the return of Glass-Steagall. Give Mr. Weill credit for realizing his error and telling Congressmen to go back to government regulation. Too many other shocked bankers are calling for a continuation of the status quo.

Let us remember that the banking crisis of the 1920's was one of the causes of the "Great Depression." Have we already forgotten the role of banks in the present crisis? Do we have the ability to solve this crisis and follow the advice of Mr. Weill. President Obama and many democrats in Congress know we need a new Glass-Steagall and without the separation of commercial banks from investment banks, the economy is set up for another banking disaster that is just around the corner. Remember: those who can't remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

### Looking Back

In his first inaugural address in 1933, FDR criticized the sort of near-sighted Wall Street greed that precipitated the Great Depression. He said "They only know the rules of a generation of self-seekers. They had no vision, and where there is no vision the people perish."

"It is well enough that the people of the nation do not understand our banking and monetary system, for if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning."

Henry Ford

"I sincerely believe...that banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies".

Thomas Jefferson

### 12 REASONS WHY I'M VOTING DEMOCRATIC

BECAUSE TAX CUTS FOR THE RICH DON'T CREATE JOBS.

BECAUSE WHEN I SAY WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT BUDGET CUTS.

BECAUSE RENEWABLE ENERGY WILL NEVER MELT DOWN OR POISON THE PLANET.

BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT WOMEN ARE PEOPLE AND CORPORATIONS AREN'T.

BECAUSE I'M STRAIGHT BUT NOT NARROW.

BECAUSE EVERYONE DOES BETTER WHEN EVERYONE DOES BETTER.

BECAUSE WE WERE ALL IMMIGRANTS ONCE.

BECAUSE I LOVE OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND SUPPORT OUR TEACHERS AND CIVIL SERVANTS.

BECAUSE DEMOCRATS PROTEST UNJUST WAR AND INTOLERANCE . . . REPUBLICANS PROTEST HEALTHCARE.

BECAUSE FOR THE LAST 4 YEARS THE GOP HAS KEPT MILLIONS OUT OF WORK TO PUT 1 MAN OUT OF A JOB.

BECAUSE WE DON'T NEED NEW TAXES – WE JUST NEED TO MAKE THE WEALTHY PAY THEIRS.

**BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN MOVING  
FORWARD!**



## Candidate for Senator from Massachusetts

If you build a factory, good for you. But remember, you moved your goods to market on roads all of us paid for. You hired workers the rest of us paid to educate. You were safe in your factory because of the police and fire departments the rest of us paid for.

The website for this group states: “We Are Ohio formed in 2011 and led the effort to veto Senate Bill 5 by a 62-38% margin last November. We Are Ohio is a citizen-driven, community-based, bipartisan coalition that includes public and private sector workers and employees, autoworkers, police officers, firefighters, teachers, nurses, pastors, small business owners, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, local elected officials and business leaders, students, Moms, Dads, family members, and your neighbors.” The group continues to fight for working families and the middle class. Currently, it is focusing its work on protecting worker rights and voter rights.

## Democratic Sample Ballot

Barack Obama, President of the United States  
& Joe Biden, Vice President of the United States

Sherrod Brown, United States Senator

William Smith for Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

John Hass, State Representative, 90<sup>th</sup> District

Paul Worley, County Commissioner

Mark Tolle, County Recorder

Keith Swearingen, County Engineer

Todd Book for State Board of Education, 10<sup>th</sup> District

Yvette McGee Brown, Justice Ohio Supreme Court

William O'Neill, Justice Ohio Supreme Court

Mike Skindell, Justice of the Supreme Court

Marie M Hoover, 4<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals Judge

## Election Day

**November 6, 2012**

Polls Open 6:30 am – 7:30 pm

Early voting started on Tuesday 10/2/2012 and ends on Friday 11/2/2012.

The Board of Elections will be open for early voting on weekdays only. You may walk in to vote, or request an absentee ballot.

Tuesday 10/2/2012 through Thursday 10/19/2012, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Closed 10/8/2012 for holiday.

Monday 10/22/2012 through Thursday 11/1/2012, 8:00am – 7:00pm.

Friday 11/2/2012, 8:00am – 6:00pm.

There is no Saturday voting.

Adams County Board of Elections  
215 North Cross St  
West Union, Ohio 45693

**\*Remember to bring ID or proof of Residence\***

## Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots must be postmarked by Monday 11/5/2012. Absentee ballots may be hand delivered by the voter or family member, no later than 7:00 pm on Election Day 11/6/2012.

You may request an absentee ballot in person at the Board of Elections, or call 937- 544-2633.

**October 9, 2012**

**Last day to register to vote**

## Ohio Democratic Party 2012 State Convention & State Dinner

The Ohio Democratic Party held the 2012 State Convention on Saturday, July 28 at the Columbus Convention Center. Vicki & Tim Brady served as Adams County's delegates as Adams County was required to have 1 male delegate and 1 female delegate along with the Party Chair. Steve & Linda Stepp also attended as delegates. The purpose of the Convention is for delegates to elect members of the Electoral College who, after the November General Election, the delegates meet in December as the Electoral College, to cast their vote for President Obama. In addition to the Convention business, we heard from Connie Shultz, Senator Sherrod Brown and Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. Sometimes it's easy to let others define us, but Connie Shultz shared an African American saying that struck a chord with the crowd which was, "What they call you is one thing; what you answer to is something else." Reverend Moss spoke with passion about the importance of voting rights and our responsibility to fight back against the voter suppression laws that Republicans are pushing to disenfranchise voters as it is a threat to democracy. He encouraged us not to be afraid to stand up and fight for our beliefs and for the rights of others by sharing this quote attributed to Maggie Kuhn, "Speak your mind even if your voice shakes."

Those attending the State Dinner were: Judy Peterson, John R. Sininger, Jack & Ina Hendrix, Keith & Diane Swearingen, Tim & Vicki Brady and Steve & Linda Stepp. We heard from Frances Strickland and Senator Sherrod Brown along with other Democratic notables. The highlight of the evening was the keynote speaker, Governor Brian Schweitzer of Montana. He has a solid record and was an inspiration as he reminded us of what it means to be a Democrat. Adams County participated in the Silent Auction. Thanks to Steve & Sandy Schwering for donating items from Serpent Mound and thanks to Keith Swearingen, candidate for County Engineer, for having the winning bid and bringing the basket of items home to Adams County!

## Democratic Headquarters

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Please visit us for information, yard signs and the opportunity to talk with staff.

We can provide rides to the polls if needed.

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