



Eaton County Dems & Friends

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April & May 2006 meetings:

I apologize for not reporting more timely on our last two, very informative, meetings. Capt Leroy Hummel, Charlotte Fire Department, spoke to us in April about the Community Emergency Readiness Team and its role in enhancing the activities of first responders in the event of a large scale emergency. The CERT has trained volunteers throughout Eaton County who will be called on if the need arises. If you'd like to find out more about this initiative, contact Capt. Hummel at the Charlotte Fire Department. (Delta Township has a team as well, so if you are in Delta, contact them!)

In May, our speaker was Chris Dewitt from the Granholm campaign. We talked about undertaking a ground roots letter-writing campaign to help counter the millions of dollars the opposition has to spend on advertising (99% false, we might add). Cal Simpson has researched DeVos' background with documented factoids you can use in your letters. We are in the process of putting Cal's research on the website, but if you have a particular question, let me know, and I'll put you in touch with Cal.

Subcommittees of D&F, primarily the county commission candidates and a couple of advisors, have been meeting to work on the county commission campaigns. Current commissioners have been helpful in outlining issues, and the group has met with printers to develop literature, etc. As you can imagine, even county commission candidates need to raise money for their literature and yard signs (we have very few billionaires among us). To that end, I'm attaching a list of the candidates and their committee information. Please take a look at it, find your commissioner, and send him/her a contribution!

Also running on the Democratic ticket are Victor Braatz, for 71st District State Representative, Mike Simpson, for 65th District State Rep., and Suzzette Royston, for 24th District State Senate. I don't have a mailing address for Suzzette Royston, but you can get it from her through her email address. They also need help, so please be generous!

I personally have been very busy with helping Judge Reincke retain her seat. Her race is nonpartisan, so we are not officially endorsing, but we can help individually by walking in parades, putting up yard signs, hosting fundraisers, and inviting her to speak at meetings of their civic groups. You will be getting (and have received already) messages from me about her campaign, separate from Dems & Friends. Thanks to all who have helped so far!

Hope to see you on the 29th at the Dickinsons.

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