

## John Beard

### Candidate for House District 16

My Iowa roots are deep. Our family cow/calf operation is on a farm that has been in the family for over 150 years.

As a young man, I lived, worked, and traveled widely, spending time in 49 states and several foreign countries. I worked on a Green Turtle farm on Grand Cayman Island, as a farrier in Pennsylvania and Iowa and built water towers nationwide. For the last 27 years I have owned and operated J.W. Beard Welding and Machine in Decorah. My life is made rich by my teacher/gardener wife RoJene, our 15 year old son, Chance, by wonderful relatives and friends and by 4 dogs, 2 cats and 2 horses.

I love this land and its people and I feel a responsibility to protect their futures. Assigning the proper value to land and landscape, air and water, and our educated hard-working people is critical because these are the foundations of our wealth.

Sustainability in all things should be our goal, whether it applies to energy and natural resource use, or funding for education, roads, and bridges. The scope of some of the challenges we face, healthcare for instance, can only be addressed from within the framework of government.

We must replace our cynicism about government, with constructive thinking and energy. We must remember that

public opinion is more politically powerful than any special interest. In addition, we must bring fairness and accountability back to government by establishing public campaign financing.

We should set goals that involve every citizen in the solutions. For example, by giving incentives at the household level we could work towards energy independence through innovation and conservation.

We must ensure that all business, including farms, can compete by leveling the playing field and by maintaining our investment in education and research. Making "made in Iowa" synonymous with quality and innovation will allow us to prosper in the global economy.

I believe the people of our district care first that their representative is fair, open-minded, honest, hard working, and constructive. I believe I have a reputation for those qualities. I believe that my life experiences in business, farming, the Winneshiek County Conservation Board and volunteer work have given me an understanding of life and demonstrate my commitment to the public good. As a public servant, I will be guided more by good policy than by political winds.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Meade

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My Name is John Franzen and I'm running for State Representative in District 16. I am from Northeast Iowa and I am for Northeast Iowa.

I've been politically active since early in life. In school I was chosen to attend Iowa Boys State, was elected Class President and on Student Council 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades and was part of the first Student Exchange to Great Britain at North Fayette High School in West Union. I've attended a Dale Carnegie course on Human Relations, have owned, and operated my own small businesses.

Recently, I attended a Camp Wellstone Seminar for Progressive Government. I am a Certified Bi-Lingual Auctioneer. I am a member of the Knights of Columbus. I am a member of the Iowa Farm Bureau. I am currently Co-chair of Winneshiek County Community of Hope Growing Project for the Food Resource Bank. My Family and I are members of the Calmar Lutheran Church. I've been married to my wife Juli for 17 years and we have 4 children who attend Decorah Community Schools.

I believe District 16 is faced with many issues. I will touch on a few of the major issues we are dealing with now and will be dealing with in the near future. Ultimately your issues are my issues.

**EDUCATION** - I believe we need to raise standards and

expect accountability in our schools. This includes giving teachers the authority to maintain discipline in the classroom, so all students have the opportunity to learn. Students should master the basics- reading, math, science and history- before they can graduate. Parents also have a responsibility in their child's educational success so we must encourage more parental involvement. We must continue to increase teacher quality and teacher pay.

**ENERGY** - Make Iowa a World Leader in renewable fuel. By bringing our Iowa Universities together with the biotech industry, Iowa will be a world leader in the research and development of alternative fuels and renewable energy. Ethanol and soy diesel are just the beginning of what Iowa can do to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil. Iowa has become a net exporter of fuel. We must build upon this, making Iowa the world leader within the next 10 years. In addition, we must explore other renewable fuel sources from Iowa crops and other alternative energy sources, like wind and solar to make Iowa energy independent. This will also encourage companies to come to Iowa and stay, providing more opportunity for good paying jobs with benefits.

**ENVIRONMENT** - When we protect the quality of our air, land, and water, we will protect the quality of life for everyone. Iowa should be known as the greenest state in America.

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HEALTHCARE - My first goal will be to make sure that every child in Iowa has health-care coverage. I believe coverage and care should be universal or near universal and accessible to all. Reforms must be sustainable, do no harm, drive quality improvements, and contain costs.

I believe I have the ability to win the State Representative seat because I am able to communicate and negotiate in a bipartisan way. I believe my greatest strength is my ability to listen and comprehend what is on people's minds, what they want and why! I also believe that being honest, hardworking, persistent, fair minded and thoughtful will be traits that every Republican voter will find attractive in the next State Representative from House District 16. I will reach out to Republicans and all voters to ask for their support and their vote in 2008. I

believe in the importance of participatory democracy and giving citizens a voice in the political process. After all, as Senator Paul Wellstone said, "We all do better, when we all do better"!

I know with hard work and persistence we can win District 16. So I'm asking you to join me by donating your time and expertise, by donating to my campaign, or to help out in anyway you can.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me anytime. Cell#563-379-0004

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Thank You,  
John Franzen

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### *Calendar of Events:*

- Saturday, January 12, 2008 - Central Committee Meeting - Gus & Tony's 11:00 AM,
- Saturday, January 19, 2008 - County Convention Committees Meet (Platform - Committee on Committees - Rules - Credentials - Arrangements) at Roby Library, Waukon 10:00 AM.
- Saturday, March 15, 2008 - County Convention - Farmers & Merchants Bank at 9:00 AM.
- Saturday, April 26, 2008 - District Convention - Time and place TBA.
- Tuesday, June 3, 2008 - Primary Elections.
- Saturday, June 14, 2008 - State Convention - Time and location TBA.
- Monday, August 8, 2008 - National Convention, Denver, CO.

## Tom Hansen Candidate for House District 16

I am 45 years of age and have been married to my wife, Jeanett, for 20 years. We have one daughter, Addie, age 15. We live 11 miles North of Decorah on the farm, which has been in Jeanett's family since 1872. We have converted it to organic and raise corn, hay, and beef under the label Rock Cedar Ranch. I also have run my own business, Hansen Refrigeration, in Northeast Iowa for 19 years. I am a graduate of Operating Engineers Local 501 Apprenticeship Program, have been an EMT, and am an avid historian. Although I was not born in Iowa, I believe the values instilled in me by my family, those of hard work, honesty, and not merely passing through this world but trying to change it for the better, are borderless and have been the guiding principles of my life.

In the past, here in Iowa, we had the best schools in the nation; were able to go to sleep at night without locking our doors; and were able to eat the fish out of any of our waterways. While we do not need to go back to the days of the horse and buggy, neither can we continue the legislative policies that have de-

cayed our rural communities and hence our society and environment. In a state where 90 percent of our land is devoted to agriculture, we must pass legislation, which recognizes and promotes the new and prosperous face of sustainable agriculture and gives emphasis to the educational and economic advantages the individual needs to be successful and self-sufficient. This coupled with environmentally friendly urban manufacturing paying a livable wage will provide a square deal to everyone and return Iowa to greatness.

I believe my strengths are name recognition, long time community involvement, and the fact that my beliefs and actions are not tied to any one group but are in step with James Madison when he stated "that the public good; the real welfare of the great body of the people is the supreme object to be pursued".

"Returning Iowa to Greatness" is a phrase I believe represents me and my campaign to represent Iowa's House District 16.

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