

For Primary

To The Editor:

We are candidates in the upcoming primary for County Democratic Committee representing Colton. District 1 candidates are Roger Dusharm and Christine Murphy and in the hamlet of South Colton District 2 candidates are Dennis Eickhoff and Al Gotsch.

We would like your support on Sept. 9, 2008.

The main responsibility of the Colton Democratic Committee is recruiting and supporting candidates to represent our community for positions such as Supervisor, Town Council, Highway Superintendent, Assessor and Town Clerk.

It is important that our elected officials understand their roles and responsibilities, can maintain fairness and objectivity in decision-making and are aware of current issues facing the Town. It is equally important that voters have every opportunity to participate in all aspects of the election process.

Colton's current procedure for selecting Democratic candidates for the general election is a caucus. This has long been the Town's practice and we feel it is time for a change. The last caucus was held in Aug. 2007 with only 28 voters participating, currently there are close to 400 registered Democrats in Colton's two districts.

We believe a primary would better serve the people of Colton by increasing the opportunity for voter participation. Whereas a caucus might only last an hour or two, a primary would run from Noon until 9 p.m.

Our democratic system of government provides us with many opportunities, but needs the support of the people to function properly. We would appreciate your vote on Sept. 9, 2008.

Roger Dusharm
Christine Murphy
Dennis Eickhoff
Al Gotsch