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Judicial Elections

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For Judge of the Campbell Municipal Court

Term beginning 1/1/2018

Patrick P. Cunning

Office: Mahoning County – Campbell Municipal Court
Political Party Affiliation: Democrat
Age: 65
Residence: Campbell, OH
Email: N/A
Phone: 330-755-5638
Website: N/A
Occupation: Judge of the Campbell Municipal Court
Education: BSBA Youngstown State University 1975; MBA Youngstown State University 1977; J.D. University of Akron School of Law 1983
Work Experience: I have been licensed to practice law since 1984. I have been the Judge of the Campbell Municipal Court since 2006. I have worked in a supervisory capacity since 1975 when I was employed as an Office Manager at St. Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown OH. Thereafter, I worked as a foreman at the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., Warren Molded Plastics; and Republic Steel Corporation. In these supervisory positions I had the opportunity to interact with people of all socio-economic backgrounds and beliefs which prepared me to treat people with fairness, respect and dignity when on the bench.
Family: I have been married to the former Maleen Murphy for 41 years. We have four wonderful children and two beautiful granddaughters.
Affiliations: I am a member of the Campbell Academic Association and the Campbell Gridiron Club. I am the former President of the Pacentrano Club of Youngstown; the former Vice-President of the Men's Garden Club of Youngstown; and a past board member of the former Eastern Mental Health Board.
Endorsements: N/A
Bar Association Ratings: N/A
(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years): I served as an acting judge of the Campbell

Municipal Court under Judge John P. Almasy in 2004-2005. I was elected to a full term in 2005. I was re-elected for a second term in 2011. As Judge of the Campbell Municipal Court, I am an active member of AMCJO (Association of Municipal and County Judges of Ohio). In addition to participating in the bi-annual conferences of AMCJO, I previously served by appointment on the Specialized Docket Committee and I currently serve as a member of the Traffic Law Committee.

(2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge? I began my law career at Green Haines Sgambati, Co., LPA in 1983 where I remained, as a partner, until 2013 when I proudly became affiliated with Scullin & Cunning, LLC. I am a member of the Mahoning County Bar Association and the Ohio State Bar Association. I am also admitted to practice in the United States District Court Northern District of Ohio. As a practicing attorney for 33 years, I have had the opportunity to serve the needs of many clients. As such, I have developed empathy for people and an acute awareness of their challenges. This has helped me to develop a judicial temperament and ability to deal fairly and effectively with people of all walks of life.

(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat? I have proudly served as Judge of the Campbell Municipal Court for 12 years. In that capacity, I have presided over those issues that most frequently impact people's lives. I truly enjoy the opportunity to interact with the public and provide a positive view of the court system. I have run the court efficiently and with dignity. I have emphasized the need for drug treatment and rehabilitation through the intervention of our strong Probation Department and referrals to various community agencies for service and treatment. I truly believe that I have made a difference in people's lives and look forward to the opportunity to serving the citizens of Campbell and Coitsville.

Mark Joseph Kolmacic

Office: Mahoning County – Campbell Municipal Court
Political Party Affiliation: Democrat
Age: 59
Residence: Campbell, OH
Email: kolmacicforjudge@gmail.com

Phone: 330-755-3294
Website: N/A
Occupation: Attorney
Education: J.D. from The Capital University School of Law
Work Experience: Private Practice of Law since 1982
Family: Married with 3 children and 2 grandchildren
Affiliations: Catholic — Christ The Good Shepherd Parish
Endorsements: N/A
Bar Association Ratings: N/A
(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years): I have previously sat as Acting Judge of the Campbell Municipal Court after having satisfied the educational requirements by the Ohio Supreme Court.
(2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge? I have practiced law for over 35 years, much of it at the municipal court level. I served 2 terms as the Director of Law for the City of Campbell, where I gained experience in municipal corporations' law and in the prosecution of criminal and traffic matters. I believe I have a unique perspective from both sides of the bench.
(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat? I believe that aspiring to the position of judge is the natural progression of a lawyer's career. This judicial seat was previously held by my father. I would be honored to attain this position as a tribute to my late father. I also believe that I can run the court fairly and efficiently, maintaining the decorum necessary to preserve our rule of law.

For Judge of the Struthers Municipal Court

Term beginning 1/1/2018

Damian P. DeGenova

9960 Springfield Rd.
 Poland, Ohio 44514

Dominic R. Leone III

Office: Mahoning County – Struthers Municipal Court
Political Party Affiliation: Democrat
Age: 39
Residence: Struthers, OH
Email: attydomleone@gmail.com
Phone: 330-750-6160
Website: www.facebook.com/leoneforjudge
Occupation: Attorney; Prosecutor
Education: J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley School of Law

Work Experience: Prosecutor since 2012; General Practice Attorney since 2007
Family: Single
Affiliations: Struthers Gridiron; Christ Our Savior Parish fka Saint Nicholas Catholic; Struthers/Poland Rotary Club; YMCA (Young Mens Christian Association); Ohio Municipal League Prosecutor and Law Director sections; Mahoning County Young Democrats; 224 Corridor Democrats; Mahoning Valley Democrats
Endorsements: 224 Corridor Democratic Club & Young Mahoning Democratic Club
Bar Association Ratings: N/A
(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years): N/A
(2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge? I was twice elected as the City of Struthers Law Director. I have been the Chief Prosecuting Attorney for the Struthers Municipal Court for the past 6 years and have prosecuted over 15,000 cases in the Court. I have done everything from hand type Murder Complaints to doing neighborhood mediation in the Struthers Municipal Courts Jurisdiction. I have been on call 24/7 for the past 6 years working with all the police departments that come through the Court. Since I took office, based on FBI reported statistics, crime has substantially been reduced. In addition to criminal practice in the Court, I have a small practice where I focus on bankruptcy law but have done hundreds of evictions, small claims complaints, and regular docket municipal civil work. I currently work with the City of Struthers on Budgeting and have stayed under Budget for the Law Department during my tenure. I plan to work more with the City in the future on budgetary items to save money and bolster the financial integrity of the Court. I have a Masters Degree in Economics and a Business Degree in Business Administration.
(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat? I am very passionate about starting a Drug and Veterans Court in our Court's Jurisdiction. I believe there is a need to fight this opium epidemic head on by offering a year of treatment to those willing to participate. In addition, we have no programs for veterans who suffer from treatable conditions to assimilate

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them back into society. I believe I can further reduce crime by stopping recidivism by offering treatment in a Drug and Veteran Court. In addition, I believe I take the Court into the 21st Century by updating the website to offer some online based forms (i.e. evictions, license suspension, and other civil forms).

For Judge of the Youngstown Municipal Court

Term beginning 1/1/2018

Carla Baldwin

523 Mistletoe Ave.
Youngstown, Ohio 44511

Mark Anthony Hanni

41 Federal Plaza East
Apt. 110
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Local Elections

Candidates

Question: What are the most serious problems facing your city, township or village and what are your solutions to those problems?

(D) – Democrat
(NP) – No party declared
(R) – Republican
(WI) – Write in

Alliance City

(overlap with Stark County, questionnaires not sent to the candidates)

President of Council

Arthur D. Garnes (R)

1445 Inwood Rd.
Alliance, OH 44601

Treasurer

Dennis R. Clunk (D)

2820 Edgewood Ave.
Alliance, OH 44601

Council at Large

3 to elect

Donald W. Bartolet, II

1842 Carriage Ln Apt. 204
Alliance, OH 44601

Brandi Douthitt (R)

255 Shadyside Ct.
Alliance, OH 44601

Julie A. Jakmides (R)

628 Vincent Blvd.
Alliance, OH 44601

Roger Rhome (R)

154 E. Columbia St.
Alliance, OH 44601

Brian K. Simeone (D)

862 Serenity Ln.
Alliance, OH 44601

David Smith (D)

1135 S. Arch Ave.
Alliance, OH 44601

2nd Ward

Cindy C. King (D)

837 Haines Ave.
Alliance, OH 44601

3rd Ward

Lawrence A. Dordea (R)

191 Maplewood Dr.
Alliance, OH 44601

Austintown Township

Trustee

2 to elect; 4 year term

Dawn Blinsky

3903 Dunbar St.
Austintown, OH 44515

Age: 48
Education: Austintown Fitch Graduate 1987, Youngstown State University 1990-1994 Paralegal Studies

Occupation: Administrative Medical Professional
Qualifications: Austintown Resident, Dedicated, Embraces Diversity, Multi-Tasker, Efficient, Open-minded, Good Listener, Follow Through and Facilitator. I have a strong desire to help serve Austintown residents for the betterment of the community.

Answer: The problems facing Austintown currently are abandoned buildings and homes, increased drug abuse/activity, and a lack of new small business adventures. I feel that we could offer small businesses incentives for not only establishing themselves in

our community but for utilizing abandoned buildings or homes for their venture. To build pride in our community and make Austintown more attractive to these small businesses, I feel we need to do more community activities and do a better job advertising these events for more resident participation. The increased drug abuse and substantial drug activity in our area has become a safety concern. I believe that more research and working closely with the Austintown Police Department to establish better communication between the township, the school district, and community is essential for stopping this epidemic from getting further out of hand.

John A. Mashiska

3942 Artmar Dr.
Youngstown, OH 44515

Age: 60

Education: BSBA from YSU

Occupation: Retired

Qualifications: Worked 31 yrs.

For the Auditor of State and 2 yrs. 8 months for Austintown Township

Answer: Budget estimated to be in deficit. Solution: Look at all expenses and cut where feasible; Bring more businesses into township and promote economic growth; Must start collecting on delinquent taxes. Health insurance: We are being assessed an amount for a deficit balance, but there is no documentation to proof what the insurance agent has given the township. Solution: After 3 years of requesting the documentation for the deficit balance, we need to get a court order requiring the insurance agent to provide the proper documents to the township.

Jim Davis

4319 Wedgewood Dr.
Austintown, OH 44511

Age: 40

Education: High School – Austintown Fitch '95; Ohio Police Academy 2001

Occupation: Sales/Service Representative at Youngstown Propane; Austintown Trustee – 2010 to Present.

Qualifications: 16 years experience in law enforcement; 8 years experience as trustee; not afraid to address tough issues; excellent listener and communicator with residents.

Answer: The most difficult issue facing Austintown is federal and state budget cuts. Austintown has suffered over

two million dollars a year in reductions of local funding government funding. We have been forced to serve a growing community with less resources. Operational costs such as healthcare, fuel, and costs to replace aging infrastructure have increased while our budget resources have decreased. As a trustee, I have taken an active approach to reduce spending through regionalization of services such as 911, cooperative purchasing, and cooperative road resurfacing bidding with other townships. We have taken a progressive approach in applying for grants to supplement safety service staffing, equipment and vehicle purchases, demolition of blighted properties while growing our park system in both land and recreation offerings. We have been able to continue providing the services residents require and expect without raising township taxes over the past four years.

Kenneth Carano

1906 Countryside Dr.
Austintown, OH 44515

Age:

Education: BS in Education YSU

Occupation: Present Trustee, Partner in Mid American Resource Company, specializing in Economic Development and public and Private financing.

Qualifications: Successful Businessman, Educator and Coach, Former and Present Trustee, State Representative, Governor's Regional Director. Contacts at Federal, State, County and Local Levels.

Answer: The number one serious problem in Austintown is to maintain a budget that can pay Township Expenses after being crippled by the State and Federal authorities reducing our Governmental funds by two and half million dollars. This hurts our major concerns with road resurfacing, zoning and cemetery expenses and other issues of quality of life. I have evaluated the present budget to eliminate unnecessary expenses such as consultant fees and specialty funding. I have used my expertise in Government and business to work for Economic Development that will bring in tax dollars that will compensate for the loss of funds and will not be a burden to residents paying more taxes. I will continue to have open

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communication with private and public agencies to take advantage of grants, foundation funds and revolving loans. I will also continue to work with other political subdivisions to increase our purchasing power.

Matt Schriner

275 3rd St.

Austintown, OH 44515

No response received.

Beaver Township

Trustee

2 to Elect; 4 year term

Pamela L. Simmons

290 E. Calla Rd.

Poland, OH 44514

Age: 51

Education: Kent State Graduate, associate degree, Radiologic Technologist, and certified Personal Trainer

Occupation: Pilates Instructor, Consultant for Food Service, Small Business owner

Qualifications: Business Background (hiring, interviewing, retention, marketing, customer service) assistant church

treasurer, previously employed as buying group coordinator. Lived in Beaver Township for 29 years.

Answer: Beaver Township has been a wonderful community to raise my children. In preparing for my candidacy, I interviewed most of the departments. In order to be an effective township trustee, communication with the department heads is a key component. I feel that I could improve on this aspect of being a trustee. As a "Liaison" between the community and the services the township provides, I have a duty to also understand the needs and wants of the residents. I feel this is another area that could be improved dramatically, especially with the internet. The last serious problem on the horizon is the decision concerning the township offices. Our township offices are currently located in a plaza. The township rents this space. Rent vs. Purchase is an important decision, it needs researched, taxpayer input needs to be considered, and funding needs to be secured. Communication, research, and accessibility is key!

Larry S. Wehr

1100 W. Pine Lake Rd.

North Lima, OH 44452

Age: 56

Education: 1979, South Range High School. 1984, The Ohio State University, Bachelors of Science, Fisheries Management.

Occupation: 31 years Aqua America (Owner of Pine Lake) currently Instrumentation Technician and Process Control Engineer.

Qualifications: Resident of Beaver Township for 51 years. Highly involved with Beaver Township Ruritans, church leadership, served 20 years township trustee.

Answer: Beaver Township's most serious issues are not unique to our township. All Ohio local governments are experiencing reduced funding from the state. Additional funding has been lost from the elimination of the Inheritance Tax. Expenses are increasing via inflation, and health care costs are skyrocketing. Providing the level of services expected by our residents without asking for new levy money is an increasing challenge. Accomplishing this is not to the credit of any one person. All three trustees, along with the fiscal officer, must work together to achieve success. The Beaver Township Road Department works closely with several neighboring townships to share equipment and manpower to patch our township roads. Our fire department provides and receives mutual aid to numerous neighboring communities, while still relying on mostly-volunteer members. Our township benefits from having strong department heads within our safety services, road department, zoning department, and office staff.

Erik J. Tabor

800 E. Middletown Rd.

North Lima, OH 44452

Age: 46

Education: Ohio State ATI, Regional chamber: Mahoning Valley local gov. leadership Academy 2012

Occupation: self-employed: President of Tabor's Landscaping & Garden ctr. Inc.

Qualifications: 25 yrs.

Experience as a business owner, gov.t leadership class, site design review committee 1999 Village of New Middletown, NARI Board member of Youngstown, HBA Green Industry Council

Answer: I see a real problem

with unsustainable growth in Beaver twp. With the proposed interchanges and road systems being implemented, we must have the right trustees in place to be pro business, and to have teamwork with other municipalities, and to have a well defined growth path for the future. We must also bring Beaver twp. into the current technology era with a new website to inform voters about current business in the township as well as current and past meeting minutes, upcoming events and activities, etc. to help keep our township transparent.

Scott Conway

149 E W. Reserve Rd.

Poland, OH 44514

Age: 59

Education: High School Graduate 1977

Occupation: Business owner 41 years Conway Commercial Cleaning

Qualifications: I have been Beaver Twp. Park Administrator for 5 years before that I was a member of the Beaver Twp. Park Board I have worked with all departments. I have vast knowledge of our township government. I have worked with several township groups and many residents.

Answer: *Communication – I would say being able to hear from our residents listening to their concerns. I will have office hours *Blight. We have alot of vacant homes and properties that need cleaned up I will work to find solutions to clean up these properties *A new home for our administration office *Grants – I want to work on getting grants and supporting our departments.

Thaddeus Ted J. Lyda, Jr.

976 E. Calla Rd.

Poland, OH 44514

No response received.

Beloit Village

Council at Large

4 to elect for the full term

Sherry L. Augustein

13404 Church St.

Beloit, OH 44609

No response received.

Ronald Armitage

13537 Main St.

Beloit, OH 44607

No response received.

Rodney L. Sturms

14308 Main St.

Beloit, OH 44609

No response received.

Chelsea Cappa

13620 Main St.

Beloit, OH 44607

No response received.

Matt R. Hutton

17933 Fairview Dr.

Beloit, OH 44609

No response received.

Council at Large

1 to elect for an unexpired term

Debra Gabrelcik

18225 5th St.

Beloit, OH 44069

No response received.

Berlin Township

Trustee

2 to elect; 4 year term

Denny Furman

6999 S. Pricetown Rd.

Berlin Center, OH 44401

Age: 65

Education: Graduate of South High School & Choffin Vocational

Occupation: Owner Denny's Auto Supply in Berlin Center since 1976

Qualifications: I have been a township trustee since 2013

Answer: Crime is always a problem. I will do my best to keep Berlin Center safe and solvent.

Jodi R. Kale

7514 S. Pricetown Rd.

Berlin Center, OH 44401

Age: 53

Education: 1982 Genoa High School Graduate

Occupation: 2006-present Full Time Township Trustee; Volunteer positions: Mahoning County Township Association Secretary 2009-present, Board of Health District Advisory Council Secretary 2009-present, Board member Mahoning County Board of Developmental

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Qualifications: Experienced, Honest, Dedicated, Committed, Fiscally Responsible, Accessible, Enthusiastic, actively Involved.
Answer: The most serious problem facing Berlin Township is the continuous reduction of revenue streams in combination with the ever increasing costs of doing business. As Trustee, I remain committed to being a good steward of taxpayer dollars; I will continue striving to provide the most cost effective services for the betterment of my community and actively pursue every grant opportunity available. I maintain a positive, established working relationship with other elected officials, including county and state elected officials. Working together, utilizing shared services with other communities and taking advantage of cost saving opportunities is not new to townships and being creative and thinking outside the box is needed now more than ever.

Christopher L. Wills

14778 Hoyle Rd.

Berlin Center, Ohio 44401

No response received.

Boardman Township

Trustee

2 to elect; 4 year term

Brad Calhoun

103 Southwoods Ave.

Boardman, OH 44512

Age: 54

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education; Master's Degree in Educational Curriculum

Occupation: Educator, Boardman Local Schools 28 years; Trustee, Boardman Township 8 years

Qualifications: Experience in contract negotiations, attended educational seminars on Township government, worked collaboratively with local/state officials for cost saving programs and initiatives, active member on several local government associations

Answer: Boardman is a maturing community, maintaining the integrity of the neighborhoods to retain property values and attract families to call Boardman their home. Crime, several years ago the community supported our

efforts to hire 10 additional offices to create a police department that can be proactive in their goals of protecting our community. Fire; recently we began construction of a new main fire station replacing the nearly 100 year old facility. This new station will allow us to improve response time and provide improved training of those who serve. Zoning; over the next year we will update zoning regulations and codes to better meet the needs of the public. Roads; as cost of paving rises, we must continue to seek grants to help maintain our infrastructure. Storm water management, we have an aging infrastructure and working with Austintown and Canfield to seek funding to help move water efficiently and quickly.

Thomas P. Costello

8470 Hitchcock Rd.

Boardman, OH 44512

Age: 67

Education: Attended

Youngstown State, with various business related classes

Occupation: James & Sons Insurance where I have worked since 1981, President since 1999.

Qualifications: I have run a successful company since 1999 with 17 employees, providing me a large base of experience and knowledge to go with my years in office.

Answer: As a first ring community Boardman faces certain challenges such as, an aging housing stock which creates both zoning and fire concerns. It is imperative that we continue to fund and provide the current level of fire protections, with zoning protecting the integrity of our many fine neighborhoods. Another challenge is the ability to maintain our infrastructure of roads and storm sewers as costs escalate. Also keeping our police department the finest in the valley takes constant work to have the right people and equipment. My priority is to provide the best services (police, fire, road, zoning) available to the residents while living within a very tight budget. Our budget is restricted because our tax dollars still go to Columbus but fewer return to our local community.

David Moliterno

2038 Wingate Rd.

Boardman, OH 44514

Age: 27

Education: Studying for the designation of FSCP at The American College of Financial

Services

Occupation: Insurance agency owner and advisor

Qualifications: I have a strong background in finances, budgeting and future planning. I would like to use these skills to help direct the future of the township in the rapidly changing economic climate.

Answer: Boardman Township is largely a brick-and-mortar community. With the increasing push towards digital and online commerce, Boardman needs to take steps to ensure that we do not get lost in the rapidly changing economy. The Mahoning Valley relies on Boardman as the commercial hub of the county, and we need to develop our future now so that we don't get lost in the past.

City of Campbell

Mayor

1 to elect; 2 year term

Nicholas Phillips

480 Sycamore Dr.

Campbell, OH 44405

No response received.

Director of Law

1 to elect; 2 year term

Brian J. Macala

63 16th St.

Campbell, OH 44405

No response received.

Council President

1 to elect; 2 year term

George Levendis

840 Carlton Dr.

Campbell, OH 44405

No response received.

Member of Council by Ward

1 to elect for each ward; 2 year term

First Ward

Michael D. Tsikouris

651 Robinson Rd.

Campbell, OH 44405

No response received.

Second Ward

Bryan Tedesco

765 Whipple Ave.

Campbell, OH 44405

No response received.

Third Ward

Joseph Mazzocca, Jr.

475 Peters Dr.

Campbell, OH 44405

No response received.

Fourth Ward

Robert J. Stanko

380 Coitsville Rd.

Campbell, OH 44405

Age: 46

Education: Struthers High School Graduate, 1989; Certified plumber, electrician, and HVAC technician, Penn Foster

Occupation: Senior Maintenance Technician, Petro Girard.

Qualifications: -30 year city resident with strong ties to the community – 24 years experience in construction and maintenance – Coordination and supervision of large construction projects – Knowledge of local building codes and EPA regulations

Answer: I believe the largest problem facing not only the 4th Ward, but the entire city of Campbell, is the steady decline of our populations. Many of our aged have passed on. Our children grow and seek their fortunes elsewhere, encouraged by their parents, hoping for greater opportunities. The unfortunate end to this is the loss of tax revenue, which leads to a decline in city services and more abandoned, blighted homes. If elected, I will work to retain and restore our population. I would attract new businesses to the city, giving our children greater opportunities right here. That opportunity, along with our very affordable properties, quaint neighborhoods and great schools will attract young, working-class families back to the city. My goal is to bring Campbell into the 21st Century and forge it stronger than it ever was! I thank you for your consideration this November.

Juanita Rich

680 12th St.

Campbell, OH 44405

No response received.

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City of Canfield

Mayor

1 to elect; 4 year term

Richard A. Duffett

340 Neff Dr.
Canfield, OH 44406

Age: 59

Education: US Naval Academy (1981); Canfield HS (1977)

Occupation: Securitas Security Services, USA, Inc. @ Delphi

Qualifications: A native of Canfield, I have a strong passion for the people of Canfield. Graduating from The Naval Academy and serving our Country as a Naval Officer, I desire to serve Canfield.

Answer: CHALLENGES:

LEADERSHIP: Both the City Manager and the Mayor are retiring. **FINANCES:** The State's decision to cut financial resources to cities like Canfield has hurt budgets. The challenge facing

The Mayor and City Council is to increase the tax base WITHOUT increasing taxes. **SOLUTIONS:** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & STRONG LEADERSHIP. The reason I am running for Mayor is my strong record of Leadership. Due to the retirements mentioned, Canfield will need a strong, proven, passionate, leader that knows and understands Canfield. Being a Naval Academy Graduate and an experienced Naval Officer and Security specialist, I bring strong leadership, management, and public relations. Additionally, having previously served as a Naval Legal Officer, this experience will serve the citizens well in The Mayor's Court. My Mission is to 'Strengthen Relationships for a Strong Tomorrow.' The Community of Canfield is our Schools, City, and Township. I will strengthen these relationships through teamwork for more efficiency.

Don Dragish

150 Brookpark
Canfield, OH 44406

Age: 44

Education: BFA Design / Marketing – YSU

Occupation: Business Owner / Consultant

Qualifications: 2 Years City Council; 2 Years President of Council; Negotiated with Canfield Township to establish the first Joint Economic Development District in Mahoning County ·

an increased income tax base · additional service revenues
Answer: Maintaining the quality of services provided for the City with decreasing financials – A new City manager will be hired by the end of the year and with the help of our seasoned professionals in management positions, they can help make the transition as smooth as possible. We must keep sharpening our pencils on the financials of the City and evaluate all personnel to make sure that we are moving the right direction financially for the citizens of Canfield. If that means realigning administration to better serve Canfield to keep the quality of services top notch we will. We must keep looking and moving forward to make Canfield even better for ALL the citizens.

Council at Large

4 to elect; 4 year term

Charles H. Tieche

130 Wadsworth St.
Canfield, OH 44406

Age: 72

Education: BS in BA – Major Accounting – YSU

Occupation: Retired – City Manager

Qualifications: Retired Canfield City Manager with 45 years of local government experience in water, sewer, zoning, finance and management. I am a current Council member and am familiar with most aspects of local government and understand the duties and responsibilities of Council.

Answer: 1. Canfield has residential property that is not being maintained. The City has a property maintenance Code, but it needs improved. I propose to modify it by adding BASIC HOUSING STANDARDS and permitting interior housing inspections when justified. This should reduce dilapidated structures.

2. Canfield needs to provide a consistent revenue source to maintain City operations. The electorate just passed a 5 year police levy, but this is temporary. The real need is to increase business growth and/or increase the income tax rate by 1/2%. Canfield's current tax rate is 1% and has been since 1972, (45 years of consistent revenue). If we are not successful in attracting new business then we must increase the tax rate. The Income Tax is

a consistent revenue source that grows with earned income and has proven it can sustain the City for several years.

Marc Masternick

31 White Oak Ct.
Canfield, OH 44406

Age: 37

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Youngstown State University

Occupation: Licensed nursing home Administrator, Civic Affairs Coordinator

Qualifications: Experience in budgets, marketing, customer service and relations, regulations, human resources and conflict resolution, as well as working with different local, state and federal governing bodies and associations.

Answer: A serious problem facing Canfield city is low revenue, low budgets, and rising costs. The City must be cost conscious and concentrate on high priority areas of spending. Another issue is vacant buildings, and homes and buildings in disrepair. We need to try and attract new, viable businesses to come into these vacant buildings. This would increase revenue to the City as well. As far as the 'Eye Sore' properties, the City must hold the owners' responsible and accountable for the condition and appearance of their properties.

Vicki Palmer

125 Callahan Rd.
Canfield, OH 44406

Age: 40

Education: I attended Canfield Local Schools K-12 and then went on to attend the Ohio State University

Occupation: I am a National Recruiter and sales leader for Avon

Qualifications: I have been a lifelong resident of Canfield and am well versed on our local traditions and what would work for our community.

Answer: I would say the most serious is our financial situation. To help solve that I want to help bring more businesses to our great little city. Canfield has a lot to offer and is a community I am proud to be a part of!

Joseph R. LoCicero

60 White Oak Ct.
Canfield, OH 44406

Age: 74

Education: Youngstown East High School, Bachelor Engineering YSU, Bowling Green Post Graduate Study Organization Development, Cardinal Stritch

University Management Masters
Occupation: Canfield City Council 2016, Harley Davidson Motor Company, Saturn Car Company, GM Argentina, Packard Electric Delphi, US Steel

Qualifications: 43 years private sector experience in planning, organizing, decision making and problem solving.

Answer: Changes in tax laws and recent state cuts to local governments have reduced revenues. Citizens have made it clear that raising taxes is not acceptable. Reducing services, especially safety and emergency response, is also not acceptable. Our challenge is to raise revenue without raising taxes or reducing services. Attracting, retaining and growing business is a key strategy to increase revenue; as well as continuous improvement in how services are provided. Canfield has a strong culture; a long and rich history on which to build. We cannot control the future, but my experience says that we can shape our future. Council has a Strategic Plan. This "roadmap" is based on citizen surveys, questionnaires, Town Hall feedback and "bench mark" studies of successful communities. I am looking forward to working with you and for you to build on Canfield's strengths and move our city forward.

Bruce Neff

68 W. Main St.
Canfield, OH 44406

Age: 68

Education: Graduated CHS 1967, Ashland College B.S. in Bio-Chemistry, YSU Teaching Certificate

Occupation: Business Owner, Professional Video Sales 30 yrs.

Qualifications: Born & raised in Canfield, 7 generations since 1805. Residence locales: Florida, California, and Washington D.C. Returned in 1998. Each community provided insights into city challenges, programs and possible solutions.

Answer: Our greatest challenges are, in my opinion: - Revitalizing infrastructure (storm and sanitary sewers, water mains, sidewalks) with limited budgets. - Smart redevelopment of the Redgate Farm property with good zoning. - Business expansion with stores and shops for downtown. - Necessary increase in public works services while staying within budgets. My solutions would include recruitment of proper industries and business to anchor redevelopment with a

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progressive plan. Solicit highly desired businesses to Canfield, and enforce and encourage cleanup where needed. We could reposition city budgets to expand provided services. Canfield could provide more facilities and services for both seniors and the youth of our community. Communications could be improved through many initiatives. Our city could become a model for healthful activities – with walking paths, bike lanes and exercise stations. It's about assessing the priorities for our community and executing effective plans to continually improve our quality of life.

Samuel Sinclair

122 Willow Way
Canfield, OH 44406

Age:

Education: BS Civil Engineering, University of Akron

Occupation: Engineering Project Coordinator

Qualifications: I am a current City resident and a graduate of Canfield High School. As a civil engineer, I will utilize my technical background to provide a new perspective on community operations and City resources.

Answer: Canfield citizens are accustomed to living in a small town. However, if the City continues to expand its border, Canfield will soon no longer be small. Maintaining Canfield's key values and small-town feel is a major issue. Some might say that economic opportunities are more abundant through expansion, but opportunities are prevalent within the current City borders, as well. These opportunities can be reached without expansion and/or new taxes if we allow fresh perspectives onto Canfield City Council, and we think critically about our community. I will ensure the City's resources are being managed in a fiscally responsible manner, and I will use my technical background and apply it to City operations. The City of Canfield can thrive while simultaneously maintaining true to its character: a quiet city we all love to call home.

John Morvay

7 Willow Way
Canfield, OH 44406

Age:

Education: BA / MBA Business Management / Walsh University

Occupation: Owner / Independent Insurance Financial Advisor

Qualifications: Over 30 years in

business as an entrepreneur. Board Member of the Cardinal Joint Fire District. Involved in community projects through 25 years of service as a Rotarian. Canfield resident for 40 years.

Answer: State funding cuts continue to reduce our budget. Through Strategic planning meetings with all stakeholders; continue to improve financial and operation efficiency; without sacrificing quality. The City of Canfield would benefit from tax revenues that are generated from businesses in our community (less tax burden on individuals). Our strategic plan will identify and invite businesses to locate in Canfield. Strengthen entrepreneurial and business development strategies. Too many of our children have to relocate to find quality employment. One of my initiatives has been to lay the ground work for the infrastructure (fiber optics / broadband) so that individuals have the ability to live in Canfield but be employed by a company located outside of our City. Create infrastructure necessary to retain our next generation. Communication with the Township is essential. The City and Township must continue to work together as a community. Continue to find projects that improve our community.

Jill Lewis

412 S. Briarcliff Dr.
Canfield, OH 44406

No response received.

Christine Lucarell Oliver

50 Oak Tree Dr.
Canfield, OH 44406

No response received.

Canfield Township

Trustee

2 to elect; 4 year term

Brian Governor

4400 S. Raccoon Rd.
Canfield, OH 44406

Age:

Education: Thiel College, B.A. Political Science

Occupation: Senior account executive – Safeguard by Prime

Qualifications: incumbent – Please see website for details – www.governorfortrustee.com

Answer:

Marie Izzo Cartwright

6129 Leffingwell Rd.
Canfield, OH 44406

Age:

Education: B.A., Kent State, 1975

Occupation: Consultant Marketing

Qualifications: Strong ethical, financial and business background. Trustee since 2010, I've experience working with and successfully negotiating with other governmental agencies; township accounting and budgeting; infrastructure maintenance and replacement, Joint Economic Development Districts and Tax Incremental Financing; knowledge of Ohio Revised Code. Active community member.

Answer: Annexation in any form is the most serious and detrimental problem to the Township, so Trustees use every legal tool to get the best results for the residents/ Township, however until water is available to undeveloped areas developers and landowners will continue to seek annexation. Trustees will continue to work with the ABC Water District to bring water to the Township in an effort to limit or prevent future annexation. Keeping the Township as a community that is well maintained will always be a priority and can only be accomplished through active, but fair zoning regulations and working with violators to bring them into compliance, however if necessary court action will result if all else fails. Infrastructure on all levels is ongoing and addressed regularly through budgeting; applying to Ohio Public Works Commission and other governmental departments for grants, 0% loans, or other assistance to accomplish necessary and general maintenance.

Coitsville Township

Trustee

2 to elect; 4 year term

Gerald M. Backo

6262 McGuffey Rd.
Lowellville, OH 44436

Age:

Education: Graduate of East High School, Studied at Youngstown State University

Occupation: Business Owner, Agricultural Background, EMT-I

for American Medical Response Ambulance

Qualifications: 20 years of experience in local government as a township trustee. Graduate of Leadership Academy/Miami University Executive Committee, member of Ohio Township Association

Answer: Coitsville is a township with a small budget. Recognizing this, I will continue to diligently work to seek revenue through local, state and federal grant monies to maintain our roads and safety forces.

I will continue to value and maintain a good working relationship with all county offices, thus ensuring that our residents shall receive services that are needed.

Gregory T. Haren

1302 Bedford Rd.
Lowellville, OH 44436

No response received.

Robert Lisko

6126 McCartney Rd.
Lowellville, OH 44436

No response received.

Columbiana City

(overlap with Columbiana County, questionnaires not sent to the candidates)

Mayor

Bryan Blakeman

197 Homestead Dr.
Columbiana, OH 44408

Erik Linebaugh (WI)

121 Union St.
Columbiana, OH 44408

Council at Large

3 to elect

Daniel P. Bekar

516 E. Park Ave.
Columbiana, OH 44408

Tony Dolan

220 Metz Rd.
Columbiana, OH 44408

Rick Noel

606 Springfield Rd.
Columbiana, OH 44408

Jacob Sevek

1100 Fairfield School Rd.
Columbiana, OH 44408

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Ted Souder

203 Court St.
Columbiana, OH 44408

Craig Beach Village**Council at Large**

4 to elect

Camille Gaia, III

17434 Lynfield Rd.
Craig Beach, OH 44429
No response received.

Larry D. Ellis (WI)

1639 Manchester St.
Lake Milton, OH 44429
No response received.

Wanda Sabol (WI)

1673 Worchester St.
Lake Milton, OH 44429
No response received.

James R. Becker

1894 Craig Dr.
Lake Milton, OH 44429
Failed to contact.

Ellsworth**Trustee**

2 to elect; 4 year term

Bob Toman

9141 Herbert Rd.
Ellsworth, OH 44406

Age: 61

Education: YSU, 1979 Graduate.
BSAS Law Enforcement
Administration

Occupation: Owner/Operator
Ace Hardware Ellsworth

Qualifications: Ellsworth
Business owner, Country Pantry
1983-2006, Ace Hardware
1999-Present. Ellsworth
Trustee 2014-Present; Board
Memberships: Mill Creek
Metro Parks – Development
& Commissioner Selection
Committees; Mahoning
County Township Association's
Mill Creek Metro Parks
Representative.

Answer: Ellsworth Township
is a quiet rural community of
approximately 2100 residents,
800 households in 25 square
miles. Most residents work
outside the Township, leaving
their homes open to prey.
Many have been victimized by

burglaries and property crimes.
As a Trustee, citizens safety and
well being is my biggest concern.
The Mahoning County Sheriff's
Department does a fantastic
job policing, but are limited
in resources and man power.
Citizen involvement is essential.
I felt a need to do something, so
I started and manage our Crime
Watch through the Facebook
page, "Western Mahoning
County Crime Reporter", an
interactive real time platform
keeping all informed and aware.
This page is 2 years old, has
964 members, and is growing
daily. Since crime know no
boundaries, I enlisted our sister
township Berlin to join us in this
effort. As our name reflects, my
hope is to cover all of Western
Mahoning County.

Fredrick Houston

5417 S. Salem Warren Rd.
North Jackson, OH 44451
No response received.

Fairfield Township

(overlap with Columbiana
County, questionnaires not sent
to the candidates)

Trustee

2 to elect; 4 year term

Bob Hum

104 S. Elm St.
Columbiana, OH 44408

Barry A. Miner

2190 Cricket Lane
Columbiana, OH 44408

Andrew Williams

45592 SR 46
New Waterford, OH 44445

Trustee

*Unexpired term ending
12/31/2019*

John Garwood

41816 Crestview Rd.
Leetonia, OH 44431

Bob Hall

351 Kingwood Dr.
Columbiana, OH 44408

Goshen Township**Trustee**

2 to elect; 4 year term

Teresa Stratton (WI)

16088 State Route 14A
Beloit, OH 44609

Age: 57

Education: High School
Graduate

Occupation: Owner/Business
Manager at Stratton Chevrolet

Qualifications: Lifetime resident
of Goshen Township; Knowledge
of Financial and Budget
management; Dedication to
serving the Residents of Goshen
Township.

Answer: Me As a Goshen
township resident does not feel
there are serious problems with
the township, but we do have
issues that need to be addressed.
The Safety and Prosperity of our
community. Reduction of Funding
used to maintain and improve
Infrastructure. As an owner and
operator of a Successful local
Business, and a lifetime community
resident, I am both Sensitive to and
aware of the concerns and needs of
my constituents so My Ability to
form relationships and dedication
to making this town a better place.
I will work closely with the Police
Department, the Road Department
and the other trustees. I will listen
to all Residents concerns and bring
those concerns to the Goshen
Township Trustee Meetings. I
feel I would be Great Candidate
for trustee. Please Write in Teresa
Stratton

Todd Beeson

9779 S. Duck Creek Rd.
Salem, OH 44460

No response received.

Green Township**Trustee**

2 to elect; 4 year term

George Toy

5441 Middletown Rd.
Canfield, OH 44406

No response received.

Mark A. Stepuk

6348 W. Middletown Rd.
Canfield, OH 44406

No response received.

Jackson Township**Trustee**

2 to elect; 4 year term

Daniel J. Gallagher

655 S. Salem Warren Rd.
North Jackson, OH 44451

Age: 42

Education: Degree in Business
and Culinary Arts

Occupation: Owner of Gallahon
Auction Center and Graphic Inks
Printing North Jackson

Qualifications: 7 years a
President of North Jackson
Business Association; President
and Co-Founder of Autistic
learning Foundation; former
President of Tri County Autism
Society.

Answer: I feel that becoming a
trustee will help facilitate more
community involvement due to
my experience as the President
of the North Jackson Business
Association. I have fine tuned my
ability to listen to the problems
that business have and help them
find a acceptable solution. I will
be able to listen to the citizens of
North Jackson and help facilitate
acceptable solutions. In turn, if I
can help the community, I believe it
will make the community more apt
to come together to solve problems
as a just individuals who feel like
they are unheard or fighting a
losing battle. I am here to help the
community have a voice.

Gary Ruggles, Jr.

10750 Blott Rd
North Jackson, OH 44451

Age: 41

Education: MBA, Youngstown
State University; BS Agriculture
Animal Science, Ohio State
University; High School, Jackson-
Milton HS

Occupation: John Fithian
Contracting Company,
Youngstown, Ohio

Qualifications: My family has
lived in Jackson Township since
1832, for seven generations.

I served as a supervisor for
Mahoning County Soil and Water
Conservation for 13 years. I was
Answer: The most serious
problem facing Jackson Township
residents is attracting businesses
that provide good quality careers
for our current residents and
future generations to locate in our
township. As Trustee, I will ensure
that our roads are maintained
including but not limited to
repaving and snow plowing. I want

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to provide a playground at the township park, making sure the children of our community have a safe place to play. I will fund the Jackson Fire Department to continually modernize equipment and training. I am dedicated to providing this community with a police department to protect and serve our residents. Jackson Zoning Department needs to be utilized to create smart development within the township. Installation of city water and sewer for our residents and businesses is another focal point I will address. I look forward to serving the residents of Jackson Township as Trustee and would appreciate your vote this November 7th.

Francis R. Gottron, III

9165 New Rd.

North Jackson, OH 44451

Age: 63

Education: B.S./B.A. YSU major Finance, minor Accounting and Economics

Occupation: Retired 43 years from Land Title Search. 28 years President of M & G Title.

Qualifications: Member Zoning Commission past 12 years, serving as both chairperson and vice-chair; Active member Crime Watch and Citizen's Association; Actively participates in Trustees Meeting and Appeals Board.

Answer: Jackson Township is a well balanced rural community with a good leadership base and active citizen involvement. As in all townships, we have been hit by the cutbacks in state funding. Some solutions to this financial problem are to seek new sources of income without raising taxes; such as any available grant funding and elimination of tax abatements while still building a strong business base.

John P. Jakubec

3246 Rosemont Rd.

North Jackson, OH 44451

No response received.

Alan Hemphill

11251 Mahoning Ave.

North Jackson, OH 44451

No response received.

Lowellville Village

Council at Large

4 to elect; 4 year term

William Flora

792 W. Wood St.

Lowellville, OH 44436

Age: 61

Education: Bachelor's Degree from YSU in Law Enforcement Administration. Graduate work in vocational education training.

Occupation: Retired.

Qualifications: 40 years of work experience in Village operations

Answer: 1. Our sanitary sewer system. I believe the EPA will push us to upgrade and correct problems in our collection system. We need to prepare financially by setting aside more funds for this expense as well as increase our sewer rates and our ability to collect delinquent accounts.

2. Facilities for our Village Departments: We have outgrown our Village Hall, Fire Stations and Street Department buildings and need to expand or replace those facilities. I believe we should either seek grants/loans through federal agencies to fund a safety building or seek a 10 year property tax levy to specifically fund these needs.

Robert Coppola

214 W. Wood St.

Lowellville, OH 44436

No response received.

Keith McCaughtry

102 Grays Run

Lowellville, OH 44436

No response received.

Ronald T. Rotunno

250 Youngstown Lowellville Rd.

Lowellville, OH 44436

No response received.

Milton Township

Trustee

2 to elect; 4 year term

Harold N. Campbell

16200 Palmyra Rd.

Diamond, OH 44412

No response received.

Russ Weimer

17762 Scott St.

Lake Milton, OH 44429

No response received.

New Middletown Village Council at Large

4 to elect; 4 year term

Jim Mestichelli

19 Hedgerows Court

New Middletown, OH 44442

Age: 66

Education: Ursuline, Youngstown ITT

Occupation: Electric Utility Lineman for Ohio Edison; Retired in 2013 after 42 years of service.

Qualifications: Analytical skills, budgeting skills, organization skills.

Answer: The present administration is doing a very good job. The next administration will need to continue in the same good works. Continue to stay tough on crime. Continue to preserve and protect the family friendly rural atmosphere of New Middletown Village.

Patricia A. Barnes

10763 Main St.

New Middletown, OH 44442

Age: 58

Education: Springfield Local High School / YSU

Occupation: Bookkeeper at B&J Pools, inc.

Qualifications: Volunteered for 13 years in Springfield Schools. Managed Commercial business. Background in Real Estate.

Answer: REVITALIZATION. Our Village is changing and growing. Old businesses and structures are coming down. New businesses are coming in. I want to be effective in upholding our Village Vision "To Be a Well-planned community that uses its resources to balance the needs of today against the potential impacts to future generations."

Mark Lavelle

10088 Main St.

New Middletown, OH 44442

No response received.

Dan Santangelo

5376 E. Middletown Rd.

New Middletown, OH 44442

No response received.

Jack Novicky

30 Meadowbrook Cir

New Middletown, OH 44442

No response received.

Don Manning

57 Circlevue Dr.

New Middletown, OH 44442

No response received.

John T. Miller

154 Circlevue Dr.

New Middletown, OH 44442

No response received.

Perry Township

(overlap with Columbiana County, questionnaires not sent to the candidates)

Trustee

2 to elect

James Armeni, Sr.

2061 Merle Rd.

Salem, OH 44460

Joe Colian

1299 Newgarden Rd.

Salem, OH 44460

Austin D. French, Jr.

1147 Jones Dr.

Salem, OH 44460

Melissa Jakubisn

313 N. Indiana Ave.

Salem, OH 44460

Don Rudibaugh

1938 S. Lincoln Ave., Unit 1

Salem, OH 44460

Poland Township

Trustee

2 to elect; 4 year term

Catherine T. Stacy

7660 Moore Rd.

Poland, OH 44514

Age: 56

Education: High school graduate / Attended YSU / Professional development education

Occupation: Retired Poland Township Police Secretary / Administrative Assistant

Qualifications: Elected Poland Township Clerk - Treasurer for 3 terms beginning in 1991.

Certified in Public Records Management. Appointed Visiting Clerk-Treasurer by Ohio State Auditor 1991-2001. 26 years full time daily experience for Poland Township.

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Answer: I will be bringing over 26 years of experience in correcting issues involving accountability, transparency and misuse of township funds and overtime. I also want to be integral in negotiating a competitive cable contract, and to be available as a full time trustee for the people of Poland. First I want to completely computerize all township records. This will ensure our government is transparent and accountable, and that all township records are available for public review. This will eliminate State Auditor Complaints and the appearance of impropriety. To address the misuse of township funds and overtime accountability issues, my solution is simple. I will be available for the people as a full time trustee. This will ensure that all department heads are accountable for all hours worked, that all over time hours have been verified, and that tax payer spending is not abused.

Robert Canter

8097 Camella Dr.
Poland, OH 44514

Age: 39

Education: Poland Seminary High School Graduate, Class of 1996, Youngstown State University, B.S.B.A. Degree in Accounting 2001

Occupation: Accountant

Qualifications: Payroll Officer including Human Resource functions, Mill Creek metro Parks, August 2004 to October 2010. Currently work as an accountant performing audits of governmental agencies, tax preparation, and payroll services.

Answer: The township faces stagnant or decreasing revenues. My solution is to review all expenditures and determine which costs, if any, can be reduced or contained to avoid future increases in township tax levies. If I am elected trustee, Poland Township will be run like a business. I will always make decisions based on what is in the best interest of the taxpayer and the township.

Joanne Wollet

8185 Cliffview Dr.
Poland, OH 44514

Age: 54

Education: Saint Elizabeth Hospital School of Nuclear Medicine Technology; Registered and Certified Nuclear Medicine Technologist

Occupation: 2014-2017 Full Time Poland Township Trustee, currently Vice-Chairperson

Qualifications: Experienced Trustee serving on boards

including Western Reserve Joint Fire District, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments; General Policy Board, Mahoning County Trustee Association and CASTLO.

Answer: The most serious problem facing Poland Township is the continued decrease in funding to our township, while overall costs increase. We must manage more efficiently. During my first term, there has been two, cost savings in our police department. The first is a reduction in the number of sergeants from three to two, due to retirement. Secondly, the police, secretary job was reduced from a full time position to a part time position, once again, due to retirement. I am very proud to report that even with the reductions; Poland Township continues to be the fifth, safest in Ohio. Also, we must constantly be looking for grant opportunities. Since 2014, we secured state and federal grants for traffic safety signs, road resurfacing, sidewalks on Dobbins Road, environmental signage, and coming soon, turning lanes and sanitation upgrades. Public safety and road improvements continue to be the main priorities.

Edward R. Kempers

7987 Eastbrooke Tr.
Poland, OH 44514

Age: 54

Education: B.S. and M.S. in Education

Occupation: School administrator.

Qualifications: My background in public education will bring a unique skill set to local township government. I have the ability to understand and objectively address critical issues and have a proven ability to create and maintain necessary community relationships.

Answer: Townships have to increase services with less funding. We need to assess our budget. In my last year as principal, I spent time in four other districts finding out what they do to get great results. I learned some great ideas and brought these ideas back to the Poland Schools. I was also able to share my ideas. We need to see what other townships are doing to keep costs down but increase services. I also want to explore the possibility of including periodic non-routine stops at our schools by our police. We have over 2500 of our most valuable citizens in our schools five days per week. Years ago, the presence of a police officer indicated a

problem. Now it brings a sense of comfort. I will be a natural liaison to our schools, preschools and after schools.

Ricky Morrison

2294 Hamilton Ave.
Poland, OH 44514

Age: 41

Education: High School

Occupation: Self-Employed Business Owner (Lawn & Beyond LLC)

Qualifications: Poland business owner; employee management; monthly budgets. Currently employed by Poland Board of Zoning Appeals; Vice President of celebrate Poland; Trustee for Poland Little Bulldogs; Member of Save Our North Playground.

Answer: Poland Township needs more transparent leadership so the taxpayers of our community are aware of the issues and problems our township faces. Officials need to listen to the residents and address their concerns one on one. I will diligently work with the other trustees to find a positive solution to each individual problem. Poland Township has faced cuts in state funding, which is why we need shared resources with neighboring communities such as Poland Village, Lowellville, Struthers, and Boardman. I will work with our neighboring community officials and assure that responsible decision making is a top priority.

Mark Naples

7262 Youngstown Pittsburgh Rd.
Poland, OH 44514

Age: 59

Education: 1976 Poland Graduate

Occupation: Ohio Edison – 1979-Present

Qualifications: I have served as Poland Township Trustee for 16 years. During that time, we worked within our budget and did not raise taxes. Over the years I have maintained a good working relationship with our county government for the benefit of Poland.

Answer: The most serious problem facing a Poland Township Trustee is to keep working within the Township budget and maintaining the services, police, fire, and roads at the level that the residents of Poland deserve. We also need to work closely with the schools and Poland Village to insure that we keep the close community we all enjoy.

Robert J. Lidle

2552 Stoner Ave.
Poland, OH 44514

Age: 56

Education: Graduate Poland Seminary High School; Ohio State University; IBEW/NECA Apprenticeship – Journeyman Electrician; Yo/Warren Regional Chamber – Leadership Council

Occupation: Skilled Trades Coordinator – Trumbull Career & Technical Center

Qualifications: Poland Township Trustee – 16 yrs. Ohio Senate Legislative Aid – 10 yrs. Ohio Attorney General Political Director – 2 yrs. Strategic Advantage – Governmental Affairs – 3 yrs.

Answer: The problems facing Poland Township are development (for schools) and safety issues. Current zoning needs to be addressed to allow for housing and light commercial development, specifically along the 224 corridor from Clingan to the PA line. This activity can provide a positive impact for our school system and their need for increased enrollment and finances. Additionally, safety is always a top issue with continued development of sidewalks in our community, which I have made a priority while in office. This provides all of our residents, young and old with a degree of safety, as they desire to move about the community. Continuation of the school resource officer and full police staffing are also priorities. While in office, Poland became the 4th safest community in Ohio and I pledge to make it safer. *Poland ranked 4th safest city in Ohio as per SafeWise 50 safest cities in Ohio – July 2016.

Henry Hassay

7598 Clingan Rd.
Poland, OH 44514

No response received.

Poland Village

Council at Large

4 to elect; 4 year term

Anthony Lattanzio (WI)

11 Windemere Pl.
Poland, OH 44514

Age: 21

Education: Poland Seminary High School Graduate; Biological Science/Bacc-med program at Youngstown State University

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Occupation: Student

Qualifications: Experience through various roles in the YSU Student Government Association; Leadership of various community events; Time served on various boards and committees at YSU and within the Poland community.

Answer: There are various problems and issues that arise in all communities. My goal while dealing with any of these situations will be to maintain the integrity of Poland Village by approaching each discussion with honesty, thorough research, and consideration of all involved. A main goal of mine will be to further involve community input on various topics and create further transparency at all levels. As a member of the up and coming generation, I will always keep our community's future and best interest in mind.

Samuel M Moffie

421 S. Main St.
Poland, OH 44514

Age: 57

Education: Boardman High School. Wittenberg University

Occupation: Real Estate Management, Long Term Substitute Teacher & author of 6 published novels

Qualifications: Experience in public and private sectors, passion to serve, committed to serving the people.

Answer: Poland Village needs to be a laboratory of innovation for Mahoning County. We got off to a good start with our new web-site. We need to address: Demographics, Environment, Safety, Housing, Our relationship to the schools, Poland Township and the rest of Mahoning County in a proactive way.

Jon Michael Thompson (WI)

214 S. Main St.
Poland, OH 44514

Age: 41

Education: A.B., Miami (Ohio), 1997. J.D., Georgetown, 2002.

Occupation: Attorney

Qualifications: Lifelong Village resident; Poland Seminary Class of 1993; owner of historic home; Chair, Village Planning Commission, 2004-2014; Assistant County Prosecutor, 2005-2012; past President, Poland Schools Foundation; past President, Mahoning County Bar Association; lifelong member, Poland Presbyterian Church

Answer: Poland Village's challenge is to build a present and future that are consistent

with our history. While never turning our backs on our historic identity, we also cannot let the past become a straitjacket. Our elected officials should be familiar with and respectful of our traditions, but willing to recognize the necessity for change consistent with those traditions. For these reasons, I believe in strong oversight of zoning and design standards; in the preservation of the Forest in its natural state; in the maintenance of neighborhood schools; in strong support for our police, fire and street departments; in reasonable, limited historic preservation rules which are respectful of property rights; in the continuation of the leaf pickup program; in fair, competitive wages for our employees; and in strong community involvement in government.

Martha Morgan

58 Poland Manor
Poland, OH 44514

No response received.

Linda M. Srnc

432 Pamela Ct.
Poland, OH 44514

No response received.

Salem City

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President of Council

Tom Baker (R)

911 S. Union St.
Salem, OH 44460

Treasurer

K. Bret Apple

1587 Shady Ln.
Salem, OH 44460

Robert M. Hiltbrand

1587 E. State St.
Salem, OH 44460

Council at Large

3 to Elect

Andrew Null (R)

2345 Tanglewood Dr.
Salem, OH 44460

Roy Papparodis (R)

2238 Pearce Circle
Salem, OH 44460

Sal Salvino

2342 Oak St.
Salem, OH 44460

Brian Whitehill (R)

2401 Tanglewood Dr.
Salem, OH 44460

Charter Commission

15 to Elect

Gregory A. Arcuri

837 Franklin St.
Salem, OH 44460

John Caldwell Buta

829 S. Lincoln Ave.
Salem, OH 44460

Meta S. Cramer

781 S. Lincoln Ave.
Salem, OH 44460

Kyle S. Cranmer

989 Franklin Ave.
Salem, OH 44460

Thomas A. Eddinger

871 Park Ave.
Salem, OH 44460

Mark C. Flake

1741 Pearce Cir
Salem, OH 44460

Karl Getzinger

1634 Quaker Ln.
Salem, OH 44460

Virginia Maria Grilli

1530 E. State St.
Salem, OH 44460

Richard Lutsch

1275 Westview Dr.
Salem, OH 44460

DeEllen McFarland

1323 Westview Dr.
Salem, OH 44460

Audrey C. Null

1043 E. 6th St.
Salem, OH 44460

George R. Speck, Jr.

2021C Monroe Ave.
Salem, OH 44460

Eloise V. Traina

1440 E. 11th St.
Salem, OH 44460

Dennis Weaver

1465 N. Lincoln Ave.
Salem, OH 44460

Frank A. Zamarelli

363 Hickory Ln.
Salem, OH 44460

Ronald A. Zellers

618 Aetna St.
Salem, OH 44460

Sebring Village

Council at Large

4 to elect

Samantha Phillips

545 W. Maryland Ave.
Sebring, OH 44672

Age: 31

Education: B.S. in Public Relations, Kent State University

Occupation: Marketing Communications Director

Qualifications: I grew up in Sebring and am raising my child here because I believe in this community. I will continue to use my communications background to serve and help Sebring reach its full potential again.

Answer: Sebring is a wonderful community and I'm thankful to call it home, but it has found itself in need of industry and jobs for quite some time. I plan to continue working with fellow community leaders to improve business conditions and hopefully attract new interest in Sebring's available properties. Continuing to improve and grow our downtown, while working on property blight throughout the village is a main priority. I also hope to improve the lines of communication between city hall and community members. Means of communications have drastically changed over the years and the village needs to adapt in order to best serve everyone. I will continue using my communications background to evolve how community members are reached, including helping with a website overhaul to improve functionality and efficiency.

Matthew T. Vizzuso

111 W. Texas Ave.
Sebring, OH 44672

Age: 28

Education: West Branch Local Schools 2007 Graduate

Occupation: I am a Commercial Truck Driver

Qualifications: I am a resident and home owner of Sebring. I want to get involved with the community and help the best I can.

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Mivan D. Sweely, Jr.

104 W. Georgia Ave.
Sebring, OH 44672

Age: 61

Education: Graduated from West Branch High School Welding Program

Occupation: Retired from Village of Sebring

Qualifications: Lived in the Village of Sebring the past 42 years. Worked for the Village for 30 years. Very knowledgeable about the infrastructure of the village.

Answer: Problems: The need for clean up blighted home and properties. Poor road conditions. Increased drug use which has resulted in more crime. The need for City Council to work more cohesively for the improvement and good of the Village. Solutions: I would like to pass legislation to hold owners, banks and landlords accountable if properties are not up to certain standards. I would like financial prioritization to improve roads and village infrastructure. My goal is professionalism in council meetings when discussing problems and working together to make Sebring a community to be proud of that will entice more business to our village.

Betty J. Householder

176 E. Virginia Ave.
Sebring, OH 44672

No response received.

James Joseph Harp

215 W. Indiana Ave.
Sebring, OH 44672

No response received.

Kenneth G. Flowers, Jr.

496 W. Indiana Ave.
Sebring, OH 44672

No response received.

Marvin R. Aberegg, II

165 W. Michigan Ave.
Sebring, OH 44672

No response received.

Smith Township

Trustee

2 to elect; 4 year term

David Mannion

11210 N. 12th St.
Beloit, OH 44609

No response received.

Terry Criss

14641 Beloit Snodes Rd.
Beloit, OH 44609

No response received.

Larry G. Barnett (WI)

18167 Fifth St.
Beloit, OH 44609

No response received.

Springfield Township

Trustee

2 to elect; 4 year term

Donald C. Williams

6160 Metz Rd.
New Middletown, OH 44442

Age: 60

Education: Springfield Local High School Graduate

Occupation: Postal Service Mechanic

Qualifications: Twelve years on Springfield Board of Education, three years as Board President Four years as Springfield Township Trustee, one year as Chairman Successful contract negotiations with unions, levy campaigns, fiscal oversight for Schools and Township and multiple construction projects. Lifelong Resident.

Answer: The current opiate crisis, and the crime that follows, affect ALL communities. We are fortunate to have dedicated safety services, police, fire, rescue, and road departments. These dedicated individuals deserve high quality training, materials and equipment which are often affected by budgetary constraints. I believe elected officials have the obligation to remove the barriers of negotiations, open lines of communication and build strong coalitions between all governmental entities for the benefit of the community. We must maintain the balance of our traditional rural values and insights with the need to provide the community with a dynamic roadmap to proactively expand opportunities and create broad collaborative networks both formal and informal with the citizens, the schools, the churches, township employees and elected officials. The Trustees each have their own unique insights and experiences, but must work with one purpose, one goal in mind and that is a safe, progressing, vibrant community.

Michael Louttit

3598 E. South Range Rd.
New Springfield, OH 44443
No response received.

Robert T. Orr

6557 Metz Rd.
New Middletown, OH 44442
No response received.

Donald W. Ridzon

3200 Columbiana Rd.
New Springfield, OH 44443
No response received.

Rick Jones

13850 Beard Rd.
New Springfield, OH 44443
No response received.

City of Struthers

President of Council

1 to Elect; 2 year term

Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr. (D)

55 Center St.
Struthers, OH 44471
No response received.

Treasurer

1 to Elect; 4 year term

Linda E. Morell (D)

21 Como St.
Struthers, OH 44471
No response received.

Council at Large

3 to Elect; 2 year term

Dallas Bigley

156 Hopewell Dr.
Struthers, OH 44471
No response received.

Michael S. Patrick (D)

527 Poland Ave.
Struthers, OH 44471
No response received.

Joseph Rudzik (D)

334 Deer Creek Ct.
Struthers, OH 44471
No response received.

Member of Council by Ward

*1 to elect for each ward;
2 year term*

First Ward**Tony Fire (D)**

25 Sells Ave.
Struthers, OH 44471
No response received.

Second Ward**Ron Carcelli (D)**

458 Elm St.
Struthers, OH 44471

Age: 65

Education: Graduate of Struthers High – Attended Youngstown State

Occupation: Retired

Qualifications: 30 years experience working with City and Member of Struthers Board of Education for 20 years.

Answer: Work on getting as many streets paved In the ward and work on cleaning up the blight in the ward. Also being there for all the citizens of Second Ward and answering all complaints. Work with the Administration and Council to get these projects completed and to work together for other projects to go forward throughout the city.

Third Ward**Robert D. Burnside (D)**

61 Schenley Ave.
Struthers, OH 44471
No response received.

Fourth Ward**William Cabuno (WI)**

382 W. Wilson Ave
Struthers, OH 44471

Age: 64

Education: Struthers High School; Youngstown College 2 years

Occupation: Buy and Used Car Manager Klaben Auto Group

Qualifications: Made major decisions in management being in the business for 43 years: attending every council meeting in the past can see where a lot of issues need addressed.

Answer: Run down homes need addressed; more business ventures need to be brought in to the town. The good old boy situation in government needs to go. More police present in the city with the laws on the books enforced.

Rick Bayus (D)

449 W. Como Ave.
Struthers, OH 44471
No response received.

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Washingtonville Village

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Council at Large

4 to elect

Peggy S. Frank

400 High St.
Washingtonville, OH 44490

Allen Vignon

150 Walter Ave.
Washingtonville, OH 44490

Rebecca S. Vignon

150 Walter Ave.
Washingtonville, OH 44490

City of Youngstown

Mayor

1 to elect; 4 year term

Janet Tarpley (NP)

34 Elva Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44512

Age: 51

Education: Graduate of Youngstown State

Occupation: Director of Parent Engagement Mahoning County Juvenile Court

Qualifications: Former Councilwoman of two terms 2008-2015. Finance Chair and Chair of Economic Development.

Answer: 1. Economic Development: Diverse economy. Recruit, Retention, and Expand new business. A grocery retailer. 2. Local Infrastructure: Replace sewer lines; New Sidewalks; New lighting. 3. Education: More students train in skill trades; Formal partnerships with local businesses. Extending programs to evening and to parents using the schools as community centers. 4. Managing the City Budget: Aggressive economic plan. Promote a JEDD whenever possible. 5. Neighborhood Development: Offering housing as incentive to live in Youngstown as part of a financial work package. 6. Crime: Reduce criminal behavior by improving in education such as skills trades, job growth, and business opportunity this will allow for all individuals to have a better quality of life here in

Youngstown. We must go back to the basic of solving homicides, continue to use prevention methods such as CIRV and look into other methods such as body, dash cameras and mobile substation to help combat crime.

Sean McKinney (NP)

254 Beachwood Dr.
Youngstown, OH 44505

Age: 45

Education: Bachelor Degree-Business Administration

Occupation: For Commissioner of Buildings and Grounds

Qualifications: UNMATCHED EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

INVOLVED AND COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITY

- Business Administration graduate from Tiffin University
- Over 10 years of being on front lines aiding progress in Youngstown
- Commissioner of Building & Grounds/Chief of Staff
- Revitalized 20 Federal Place

Answer: EDUCATION The foundation for economic development is a strong school system. Creating a working partnership for student success between the NEW City Hall and the NEW Youngstown City Schools will be Priority #1. SAFETY Strong, effective police and fire departments begin with the mayor, working with City Council to provide them with the resources necessary to keep our families and businesses safe. These men and women deserve to be known as "The Pride of Youngstown" and will be treated as such during a McKinney administration. QUALITY OF LIFE Youngstown will no longer be a 'food desert. I understand that waiting for grocery stores to come calling will never be the answer. My administration will be proactive – meeting with food retailers from around the country to bring them to our city. 'Food islands' will be established in neighborhoods, inviting farm markets to set up shop to reach families directly. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Jamael Tito Brown (D)

625 Carlotta Dr.
Youngstown, OH 44504

Age: 45

Education: Bachelor's of Science – YSU, Master's Degree Clinical Counseling YSU

Occupation: Chief Deputy Treasurer Mah. County Treasurer

Qualifications: Youngtown City School Bd Member; 3rd Ward City Councilman; President

Youngstown City Council.

Answer: The lack of livable wage jobs. We need to develop a job recruiting / marketing team for job recruitment and retention. If we are going to do better as a community, we must actively go out and recruit the jobs and create a job ready workforce.

Calvin Hill, Sr. (WI)

46 Lilburn Ave
Youngstown, OH 44505
No response received.

Cecil Monroe (NP)

76 Maranatha Ct.
Youngstown, OH 44505
No response received.

President of Council

1 to Elect; 4 year term

DeMaine Kitchen (D)

77 Struthers-Liberty Rd.
Youngstown, OH 44505
No response received.

Bruce Paulette (WI)

1912 Overlook Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44509
No response received.

Youngstown Clerk of Courts

1 to Elect; 6 year term

Sarah Brown-Clark (D)

574 Tod Lane
Youngstown, OH 44504

Age: 68

Education: B.S. (cum laude) Ohio University; M.A. English – Ohio University

Occupation: Retired Associate Professor of English, YSU; Elected Clerk of Youngstown Municipal Court

Qualifications: Kent State University -Certified Court Clerk 2002; My professional training, experience, and successful track record as the Clerk of the Youngstown Municipal Court.

Answer: The collection of fines and costs, a primary responsibility outlined in Ohio Revised Code, remains a problem for the clerk of court. However, recent Ohio Supreme Court and national conversations have centered on the collection process and though no final conclusion has been reached, the indicators are that the collection process will be modified, making it more difficult to collect. This trend, poses a record storage problem for court clerks who must comply with record retention guidelines. While

my office is aggressively digitizing paper documents to a server in an effort to reduce storage issues, cases multiply on a daily basis. The best solution is digitizing all documents from the time of filing to the case completion. We are working on purchasing the technology implementation. Facilitating a smooth transition in the Court move from City Hall to the annex building so that court services are not interrupted is a priority.

Dario Hunter (NP)

439 Pasadena Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44507

Age: 34

Education: B.A. (Princeton), Bachelor of Laws (Windsor), Juris Doctor – Doctor of Laws (University of Detroit Mercy), Master of Laws (Wayne State).

Occupation: Rabbi, Congregation Ohev Tzedek; Board Member, Youngstown Board of Education
Qualifications: Three law degrees, substantial experience in the legal field, management and public service.

Answer: Problems: - Overstaffing and overpaid employees.

Municipal taxes have gone up partly to respond to a bloated Clerk of Courts office. Citizens of Youngstown, already hit hard by rising water bills, can't afford another tax hike. – Employees who don't consistently come to work or are not on-task when they are present. – A Clerk of Courts who sometimes behaves as a judge – setting forth unwarranted rules / regulations without the legal background to understand the role of the office. – Last but not least, the root of the aforementioned issues – a sense of entitlement that comes from the same person getting elected over and over without being held accountable. I will pursue past recommendations for downsizing as well as ensure high standards of public service and accountability. I have the legal education and experience to manage an office that will know its role in an effective, efficient justice system.

Boards of Education

Question asked of all candidates: What is the purpose or purposes of education and government's role in achieving education that fulfills that purpose or purposes? And, what kinds of schools should be included in the system of public education in Ohio?

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Mahoning County Educational Service Center

3 to elect; 4 year term

Jeffery P. Good

7904 Roller Rd.
Salem, OH 44460

Age: 54

Education: B.A. Youngstown State; MA ed. University of Phoenix

Occupation: Director of Education at Western Reserve PBS

Qualifications: 28 years working with faculty and students in higher education and K-12 school districts. Former board member and board president at South Range Schools.

Answer: Education should be preparing today's students for life, for a career and to be better citizens. Local, state and federal government should be willing to give schools the necessary tools to meet student expectations. Those "tools" include financial support, a qualified and competent workforce and supporting a safe and nurturing environment that will allow students to learn. Today's society supports choice. Today's students should have a choice in education to meet their goals, however all educational choices should offer the same quality and utilize the same evaluation of success to ensure that the quality of educational options is not sacrificed for the quantity of educational options.

Richard S. Scarsella

6744 Appleridge Cir., Unit 2B
Boardman, OH 44512

Age: 63

Education: B.A.: Boston College, Secondary Education/History; M.S.: Y.S.U., Education Administration and Special Education.

Occupation: Vocational Supervisor, Choffin Career Technical Center

Qualifications: MCEC and MCCTC Governing Board Member since 2006; MCSWCD Board of Supervisors Associate; Extensive non-profit board and leadership experience.

Answer: The purpose of education is to train our students how to think critically, become good citizens and to become self-sufficient adults, by enrolling in post-secondary education training, enlisting in the armed services or being employed. Career

based education is a must, to develop twenty-first century skills. Students must have their strengths and weaknesses addressed, in technologically advanced, data driven and child centered learning environments. The role of government is to fund, support and hold accountable school districts, for academic outcomes and fiscal expenditures. School districts should be allowed to control education decisions locally, and not be held hostage by unreasonable, expensive, special interest and ideologically driven state and federal education policies. Public education should include schools operated by exempted villages, townships, towns and cities. Charter and community schools, although considered public schools, need to be required to follow the same rules, as public school districts.

Kathi McNabb Welsh

522 Deer Run Drive.
Boardman, OH 44512

Age: 57

Education: Austintown Fitch High School, Bowling Green State University, Akron Law School

Occupation: Attorney at Law. Mahoning County Chief Deputy Clerk of Court

Qualifications: Member MCEC Board since 2003. Board member Mahoning County Career and Technical Center, Former Trustee Eastern Gateway Community College, Past President Mahoning County Bar Association, Member St. Charles Church

Answer: Justice Thurgood Marshall described the government's role in public education as an "...essential element of our society's well being." As a member of the MCEC Governing Board, I believe that all students should have access to a high quality education experience. The MCEC believes that the services we provide affect the fate of our students. As such, we strive to help local school districts use best education practices and help them meet the challenges from constantly changing state initiatives. While focusing on the individual needs of each district, we provide services in areas such as curriculum, professional development and programs for special needs students. Ohio's public education system includes traditional public schools that receive funding from taxpayers and federal and state funds, as well as community (charter) schools that receive indirect funding.

All should be held to the same education standards and public scrutiny.

Andrea Smesko

1715 Gully Top Ln.
Canfield, Ohio 44406

No response received.

Alliance

(surveyed by the LWV of Canton – The question posed is what is the main issue facing your school board and how would you address it?)

3 to elect; 4 year term

Teresa Caserta

1082 Oakwood Dr.
Alliance, OH 44601

Age: 39

Education: Advanced Studies-LaVerne University- +32 hours ; Masters- Educational Administration (Ashland University); BA- Elementary Education(Major) Psychology(Minor)- University of Mount Union

Occupation: Current administrator @ Canton City Schools

Qualifications: 17 years experience in education, experience teaching multiple grade levels (K, 2, 5, Title Reading, Instructional Leader, 7th grade, 8Th grade, current administrator) educated on school laws, Special Education Laws, PBIS, RTI, Diversity Ambassador, experience and proven record of leading change

Answer: Main Issue facing Alliance School Board and how would I address it, especially in a time of declining revenue- I believe the main issue facing the Alliance School Board is the absence of any individuals that are currently employed in the field of public education. With the absence of current individuals in the field of public education results in the absence of much needed knowledge about current laws; current cutting edge programs that benefit the needs of all students and current needs of diverse learners. Being a current administrator, it is a must that I am up to date on current laws, current cutting edge programs that benefit the needs of all learners and provide equal opportunities for all learners.

Joyce Hawkins Williams

11781 Webb Ave. NE
Alliance, OH 44601

John Gasparik

1321 Parkway Blvd.
Alliance, OH 44601

William I. Koch

160 W. Vine St.
Alliance, OH 44601

Austintown

3 to elect; 4 year term

Omar G. Jadue

1789 Celeste Cir.
Austintown, OH 44511

Age: 51

Education: BS Computer Science and History -YSU MA History -YSU

Occupation: Nuclear Engineering Specialist

Qualifications: My leadership, project management, and analysis experience coupled with my community involvement provides me a distinct set of skills that will help strengthen the Austintown school system.

Answer: Education is a process and not an end goal and as such schools should provide students with the skills and experiences necessary for said pupil to continue this process beyond their formal schooling. Government has the additional objective of working with the parents to help shape a valuable member society. Accordingly, the challenge is how to establish and maintain a school system that is always reaching for higher levels of achievement within the public's ability to financially support it. In today's global economy, the schools that will provide the best results will be the ones that can provide the right balance between traditional curriculum and project learning experiences. In other words, schools need to teach students to learn how to learn so that they have the best possible opportunity to reach their own goals in the future economy.

Kathy Mock

3466 Tall Oaks Lane
Austintown, OH 44515

Age: 64

Education: B.S. Education, Mount Union, M.S. Education, Youngstown State University

Occupation: Director of Education, United Way; Instructor of Education, Youngstown State University

Qualifications: Devoted to education as a school teacher, college instructor, mentor,

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director, and board of education member. Recognized as a 2016 Ohio outstanding school board member and support many school activities.

Answer: Education is the opportunity provided to prepare students for future success with career choices. Education offers hope to ALL for a better life. Government's role is to fund and strategize the educational footprint of communities. In addition, government must play an increasing role in promoting student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by enabling, not reducing, opportunities for educational excellence with fair and equal access for all. School choices should be diverse and depend on what's best for readying the student for success in career and life. Those choices could range from online schools to STEM programs. Career and technical education programs are available to middle and high school students. Credit flexibility is an option to earn credits outside traditional classrooms with counselor guidance. College Credit Plus is another option that offers college credit in high school. This saves valuable time for students and money for families.

David Daichendt

4242 Lake Rd.

Youngstown, OH 44511

Age: 54

Education: B.S. Computer Science from Y.S.U. Minors in Math and Criminal Justice

Occupation: V.P. Operations at Micro Doctor, Inc.

Qualifications: A long career in operational planning, business administration, management, and business consulting.

Answer: The purpose of education is to prepare children academically, behaviorally, socially, and morally to become productive members of society, and provide them with the capabilities they need to fulfill their dreams in life. Government's role in education is to pool the resources of society, and use those resources to provide guidance and distribution of those resources to achieve that purpose in the most efficient and beneficial manner possible. Any school that shares in the funds distributed by government should be required to be accountable for those funds, and meet criteria established by the government for the education of its children. Even schools that don't receive government funding

should be required to meet educational criteria established by the government to advance our society.

Robin L. Krempasky

6606 Country Ridge Ave.

Austintown, OH 44515

Age: 54

Education: B.S. in Education Gr. 1-8 M.S. in Curriculum

Occupation: Retired Teacher from Austintown Local School District Gr. 2, 7, 8

Qualifications: Lifetime resident of Austintown. Former teacher in the school district for 30 years, Austintown Education Association Union Building Rep, Lead math teacher in grades K-2, Parent Teacher Association liaison.

Answer: the purpose of education is to prepare children to be able to compete in the global world and become productive citizens in that world. Government's role in achieving education is to ensure that each child receives at least a minimum amount of education in each specified area. This means that government must assume the financial costs of providing this minimum education. Publicly funded schools, vocational schools, and Ohio universities should all be included in the system of public education in Ohio.

Don Sherwood

6448 New Rd.

Austintown, OH 44515

Response received too late for publication.

Kimberly A. Smerk

515 Crimson Ct.

Austintown, OH 44515

No response received.

Boardman

3 to elect; 4 year term

Vickie Davis

606 Oakridge Dr.

Boardman, OH 44512

Age: 51

Education: Boardman High School / Associate's Degree, Accounting/YSU

Occupation: Administrative Assistant, Boardman Fire Department; Secretary, Boardman Civil Service Commission; Board Member, Boardman Schools

Qualifications: My background includes finances, policy development, and a full awareness

of the needs and challenges of our community. I have been involved with levy campaigns, grant writing, and strategic planning. **Answer:** It is of my opinion, the purpose of education is to transfer knowledge to our students and prepare them to be successful citizens of society regardless of race, religion or socio-economic background. The government's role should be, to simply provide the funding for the tools necessary for school districts and teachers to achieve these goals. I believe, there should be multiple school options available for parents to choose to educate their child. Not every student has the ability to learn in a traditional classroom. However, private, online or charter schools the receive taxpayer funding should be held to the same standards as a traditional school receiving the same funding.

Tracie Balentine

743 Indianola Rd.

Boardman, OH 44512

Age: 47

Education: M.B.A.-Finance and Bachelor of Science- Business Administration, Youngstown State University.

Occupation: Human Resources

Qualifications: My experience as an instructor, my active participation in Boardman

Schools as a mom of two current students, my passion to prepare students for their careers, my education, leadership, change management, and communication strengths.

Answer: Education should transfer knowledge that instills a culture of accountability and teamwork and an appreciation for diversity, prepares students to make good choices, introduces them to career options, and provides life/work skills to enable them to become good citizens who contribute to a community. Government's role in education is to provide equal access to education, set consistent standards and accountabilities. Ideally, public schools should be the only schools included in the public education system in Ohio. However, I would support charter or community schools being included if they were transparent with their financials, held to the same standards as public schools and managed by an elected board.

John W. Fryda

137 Lost Creek Dr.

Boardman, OH 44512

Age: 50

Education: Attended YSU

Occupation: Vice President Purchasing Compco Industries, QFM Stamping and Quaker Manufacturing

Qualifications: Budgetary responsibilities with current employer of 25 plus million dollars a year along with negotiating all contracts.

Involved in numerous board and booster organizations within the Boardman Schools. Children attend/attended Boardman.

Answer: The purpose of the government is to uphold and enforce laws. In addition, the government needs to create a system based on equity for all individual student's education in order to achieve educational goals. As an advocate of public education, I believe the government's role should be limited in managing school funds since the majority comes from local monies; therefore, giving more local responsibilities of the decision making on education. In addition, the government needs to make all schools accountable where public tax dollars are contributed towards individual student's education. The kinds of schools that should be included in the Ohio public education system include the traditional neighborhood public schools and other choice programs only when a student's current public school is underperforming and not allowing students to achieve success.

John P. Landers

1253 Red Tail Hawk Ct, Unit 2

Boardman, OH 44512

Age: 35

Education: Boardman High School, 2000; B.S., Computer Science, Case Western Reserve University, 2004; Masters in Engineering and Management, Case Western Reserve University, 2005

Occupation: Assistant Director for IT Service Management, Case Western Reserve University

Qualifications: President, Boardman Board of Education; Spartan Stadium Project Committee; Mahoning Valley Young Professionals 25 under 35 Honoree, 2015

Answer: One of the biggest purposes of education is to a citizen ready to contribute to community and the society. Through academic classes as well as social and emotional learning and extracurricular activities to build a well

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rounded student and citizen. Local school boards play an important role in making the best decisions for their community and school district. I believe strongly in public education as a local Board of Education member.

Campbell

3 to elect; 4 year term

Richard A. Gozur

129 Gertrude Ave.
Campbell, OH 44405

Age: 65

Education: BS & Masters from YSU (Masters in Educ. Administration)

Occupation: Retired – (Former Teacher 21 yrs / principal 17 years)

Qualifications: As stated above 38 yrs in Public Educ., 17 as High School Principal of Campbell Memorial, (Lifelong resident with two sons graduating from Campbell. I also was a Council Vice-Pres. of Campbell

Answer: I believe the purpose of Education is to provide a child with a variety of Experiences to allow that child to get an idea of what he/she may be good at and if the child likes that area of study. Too often Primary & Secondary Education tries to train students for instant careers out of high school. With statistics showing that people often change careers once or twice in there Lifetime, this practice can be harmful to a student who only has one arena that shares knowledge. Not to be misunderstood Vocational and Stem Training is very good.

Gary P. Bednarik

877 Almasy Dr.
Campbell, OH 44405

No response received.

Tony Kelly

86 Bright Ave.
Campbell, OH 44405

No response received.

Canfield

3 to elect; 4 year term

Michael Roussos

20 Meadow Ct.
Canfield, OH 44406

Age: 63

Education: B.S. in Educ / Edinboro University – Masters in Curriculum and Instruction – Ashland Univ.

Occupation: retired educator

Qualifications: 35 year educator Canfield Schools; coached variety of sports at thigh school level; previously part time instructor YSU

Answer: The purpose of education is to prepare young people, putting them in the best environment possible to help them achieve the preparation necessary for success. The government role is to provide the least restrictive setting with financial support directly benefitting students. Additionally, ALL students should receive instruction with the school system hiring the best qualified teachers possible. The government should be color blind in their decisions, providing services for those students affected in all public, private and parochial schools.

Barry Tancer

4144 Fairway Dr.
Canfield, OH 44406

Age: 52

Education: Canfield graduate, 3 years at YSU, 6 years United States Marine Corp

Occupation: Builder/Contractor. Director of Construction Operations at Brownstone Construction

Qualifications: 8 years on Canfield Bd. Of Education, lifetime resident of Canfield. My wife and I graduated from Canfield and so did my 2 sons.

Answer: The purpose of education is to help prepare our youth to become happy, well-rounded, functioning members of society in whatever form they choose. The government's role in achieving education that fulfills that purpose is providing funding for schools that help to achieve that goal. Only schools that receive state funding should be in the public education system, although all schools should have to follow the same state standards set by the Ohio Department of Education so that all schools can be evaluated the same.

Justin Taylor

6021 Leffingwell Rd.
Canfield, OH 44406

Age: 37

Education: Graduate and 3 ½ years of College. 6th Degree Black Belt and Master rank in Tae Kwon do.

Occupation: Successful Business Owner

Qualifications: Involved parent raising 5 children in Canfield. Instruct Bully and Strange Programs in Canfield. Sports sponsor and Wrestling board member. I'm VESTED in YOUR student, because I'm VESTED in mine.

Answer: To pass down knowledge to future generations, preparing them to be productive American citizens. The government's role is to provide free, equal, education for all citizens to give every person the best opportunity to become financially self-sufficient. Schools that receive Public Funding should be part of the public education system. State Funded schools which abide by the policies and standards set forth by the State of Ohio.

Traci DeCapua

427 Millbrook St.
Canfield, OH 44406

No response received.

Craig Olson

60 Willow Way
Canfield, OH 44406

No response received.

Joseph Angelo

5265 Revere Run
Canfield, OH 44406

No response received.

Columbiana Exempted Village School District

(overlap with Columbiana County, questionnaires not sent to the candidates)

3 to elect; 4 year term

Scott Caron

14741 New Buffalo Rd.
Columbiana, OH 44408

Michael Clark

164 Parkview Dr.
Columbiana, OH 44408

Kelly Williamson

103 E. Woodland Ave.
Columbiana, OH 44408

Hubbard Exempted Village School District

(overlap with Trumbull County, questionnaires not sent to the candidates)

2 to elect

James R. Adams

Anthony Pantone, Jr.

Jackson-Milton

3 to elect; 4 year term

Kimberly L. Snowden-Pittman

1800 N. Duck Creek Rd.
North Jackson, OH 44451

Age: 45

Education: High School Diploma, Jackson Milton High School; BA, Spring Arbor College in Psychology

BA, Western Governor's University in Elementary Education K-8; MA, Western Michigan University in Educational Leadership, K-12th Certified Principal

Occupation: Teacher/Principal
Qualifications for Office: I have 22 years experience in education. I have 4 children. Korie is a senior

Answer: The purpose of education is to prepare our youth to be productive members of society. It is our job to equip them with the knowledge & skills to be successful. Education is at the state and local level of government. The Federal Government plays a role in evaluating each school district by administering the National Assessment of Educational Progress. We know this as the schools report card. I believe in education. I was a product of a K-12 public school education. My children are also in the same school system that I attended. What kinds of schools should be included in the system of public education?

Your local public schools are the only systems that should be included. Currently in the state of Ohio, Charters are considered a public institution. Charter

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schools are only permitted in failing districts. If the charter schools are for profit, they are not FOR KIDS!

Mitch Mascioli

10462 New Rd.

North Jackson, OH 44451

Age: 55

Education: 1979 Jackson-Milton Graduate. B.S., Business Administration Youngstown State University

Occupation: Physician Account Executive/ Quest Diagnostics Inc.

Qualifications: 11 Years as an active member of the J-M Board of Education, leading the effort to provide Jackson Milton students and Educators a long overdue, safer, more cost effective facility.

Answer: The general purpose of education is to transfer knowledge and prepare young people to participate in America's democratic society. It is my opinion that tax payer dollars spent on Charter Schools, who do not operate under the same regulations as public schools, and are not accountable to or transparent with the public, only invite corruption. The ECOT, online "schools" have proven to be corrupt. ECOT, whose founder is collecting more than \$20 million tax payer funded dollars per year for his private business that manages and licenses software to ECOT, was taken to court after audits showed 75% of enrollment could not be validated. A fine of \$60 million was levied, but ECOT is refusing to pay and still receiving \$100 million tax dollars per year. Ridiculous. The shrinking, hard earned Ohio tax payer dollars should be used efficiently and with accountability to fix whatever is broken.

Nick Campbell

3475 Rosemont Rd.

North Jackson, OH 44451

Age: 39

Education: B.A. in Education, Mount Union University

Occupation: Manager, Fed Ex Freight

Qualifications: *Lifelong Resident in Jackson-Milton School district. Education Degree from Mount Union. 14 years of management experience.

Andrew M. Bouch

9830 Silica Rd.

North Jackson, OH 44451

No response received.

Leetonia Exempted Village School District

(overlap with Columbiana County, questionnaires not sent to the candidates)

3 to elect

Mike Bryan

251 Ridge St.

Leetonia, OH 44431

Michael Henderson

110 Faith Ct.

Leetonia, OH 44461

Christina Bulford

158 Main St.

Leetonia, OH 44431

Larry Duko

139 York St.

Leetonia, OH 44431

Lowellville

3 to elect; 4 year term

Michael T. Palumbo

236 Jaric Ave.

Lowellville, OH 44436

Age: 33

Education: M.A.

Occupation: Teacher

Qualifications: I graduated from YSU and have been employed as a teacher for the past 10 years. In 2014, I earned an M.A.Ed. Administration. I have also been a member of the MEA's negotiation team, providing me with essential knowledge regarding school contracts and the negotiation process.

Answer: Organized public education in our country is meant to provide a forum for individualized personal and intellectual growth, with the ultimate goal being for the student to develop into a productive member of society. Students should be able to foster their interests within their education.

Whether he or she aspires to be an author, engineer, or artist, all paths should travel down the halls of our school. Ensuring all students can find this path will ultimately lead to a successful school and provide a strong foundation for any school district. The public education system of Ohio should include all schools that adhere to the high standards and expectations of

both the state government of Ohio and their respective local entities. While there are guidelines on both the state and federal level, the local governing body needs to interpret and ensure that all goals and initiatives are being explored.

Stephanie Filisky Yon

5488 Mared Ln

Lowellville, OH 44436

Age: 39

Education: Lowellville High School (1996); Bachelors in Education, Ohio University (2000)

Occupation: Reading teacher, program director of both a youth summer recreation program and youth non-profit running series in the Mahoning Valley, fitness instructor and running coach.

Qualifications: I am a passionate, honest, and energetic wife, mother, alumni and lifelong resident of Lowellville.

Answer: I believe the purpose of public education is to prepare our students to be contributing and responsible members of an ever-changing global society. Government at a local level should encourage citizens to take an active role and elect board members who are accountable, accessible and aware of the needs of the community they represent. Great Ohio schools focus on the best interests of their students, maintain academic excellence by supporting the programs and the people that run them, provide a safe and supportive environment, and hold firm to the traditions that make them a community.

Jennifer

Coppola-Johnson

224 W. Wood St.

Lowellville, OH 44436

Age: 42

Education: BSBA and MBA from Youngstown State University

Occupation: Area Manager, Aqua Ohio

Qualifications: Business, community leader. Passion for District as graduate, parent and community member. Collective bargaining, fiscal management, recruitment, strategic planning experience. Qualified to address complex issues with reasonable solutions that ensure student success and solvency of the District.

Answer: The purpose of education is to prepare our youth both academically and emotionally to prosper in a global society and economy. The government's role is to set standards that are relevant

to current market conditions, provide equal opportunity to a quality education and provide the necessary resources to teachers and administrators to ensure students are challenged to reach their individual potentials.

William B.J. Miner

5480 Mared Lane

Lowellville, OH 44436

Age: 36

Education: M.B.A. Youngstown State University

Occupation: Senior Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch

Qualifications: As a Lowellville graduate and a father of a current student, I'm vested in the success of Lowellville Schools. I have over a decade of financial planning experience that is valuable in ensuring strong financial decisions are made with the school budget.

Answer:

Brian Wharry

439 Queisner Ave.

Lowellville, OH 44436

No response received.

Poland

2 to elect; 4 year term

Larry Dinopoulos, DDS

8570 Shady Glenn Tr.

Poland, OH 44514

Age: 54

Education: Case Western Reserve University DDS, 1987; Case Western Reserve University BS, 1985; Poland Seminary High School 1981

Occupation: Dentist

Qualifications: Life long resident and business owner in Poland; Served the last 8 years on the School Board

Answer: As confirmed by Judge Lewis in 1994, "public education is a fundamental right in the state of Ohio." The purpose of public education is to educate our children regardless of their career paths and prepare them for life. The best way to do this is at the local level with local Public Schools guided by the elected School Boards. The option of Chartered Schools in Ohio is a joke. The academic results of these schools fail to compare to our traditional Public Schools and the inappropriate spending and misuse of taxpayers' dollars is appalling. These schools continue to operate with no oversight or transparency. Taxpayers should be outraged and demand that the Ohio Legislation reform or eliminate these Charter

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Schools and support traditional Public Schools both financially and philosophically.

Gregg A. Riddle

7825 Lee Run Rd.
Poland, OH 44514

No response received.

Richard Beau Weaver

6469 Tara Dr.
Poland, OH 44514

No response received.

Sebring

3 to elect; 4 year term

Debbie Green

572 W. Oregon Ave.
Sebring, OH 44672

Age: 49

Education: 1986 Sebring McKinley graduate; Associate Degree in Applied Science from Stark State

Occupation: Occupational Therapy Assistant for Stark County Schools

Qualifications: I am a lifelong resident of Sebring and am passionate about our schools. I feel that my career in the schools assists me to understand many issues that the board addresses. **Answer:** The purpose of education is to equip students with the knowledge and skills to gain purposeful employment and / or succeed at higher education beyond high school. It is also important to teach life skills, which currently is being omitted in education. In today's society, our education system must also be a support system because so many students are coming from backgrounds of poverty, abuse, drugs or even homelessness. Our local (State) government needs to recognize and understand those needs in our education system and provide the appropriate funding and support to fulfill those needs. All schools that are included in public education in Ohio need to be held to the same standards.

JoAnn Jones

535 Hillsdale Dr.
Sebring, OH 44672

Age: 63

Education: Sebring McKinley High School 1972; B.A. Mount Union College 1976; M.A. Kent State University 2001

Occupation: Adjunct professor University of Mount Union

Qualifications: 37 years as a classroom teacher at Sebring McKinley; president of Sebring

McKinley Alumni Association; as a lifetime resident of Sebring, I recognize students' educational needs.

Answer: The purpose of education is to prepare students to function as productive citizens by providing them with skills necessary to enter the work force in the 21st century. Whether students choose to further their education in college or technical school, or they plan to enter the work force or military immediately after high school, it is the schools' responsibility to develop an academic curriculum that meets all students' needs. The government must provide schools with sufficient funding sources so that teachers may equip classrooms with updated technology and administrators can provide safe learning environments for the students. In addition, the government must provide training in the form of continuing education for administrators, teachers, counselors, and support staff. The schools that should be included.

Melinda L. Vecchio

196 E. Michigan Ave.
Sebring, OH 44672

No response received.

Ray Harris

337 S. 14th St.
Sebring, OH 44672

No response received.

1 to elect; unexpired term

Travis M. Thompson

855 W. Ohio Ave.
Sebring, OH 44672

No response received.

South Range

3 to Elect; 4 year term

Taylor Christian

9499 W. Calla Rd.
Salem, OH 44460

Age: 21

Education: I graduated from South Range High School. I am currently in my senior year at Youngstown State University

Occupation: I am a manager at Dairy Queen and a full time student.

Qualifications: I am an Eagle Scout, so I am already used to public service and leadership positions.

Answer: The purpose of

education is to teach students to think critically so that they may discover solutions to complex problems. School must prepare children to be productive members for society. The government should (and does) provide the funds to do this – but it also ties teachers' hands for too much. Teachers must be allowed to teach in a way that students can learn – not in a way that a bureaucrat in Washington says they can. Ohio's public education system should consist of schools that prepare students for the future. Schools that teach students to think critically and to work hard. Schools that teach students good values. Those are the schools our state needs. Anything less would be a disservice to our children.

Kelcie Witmer Schiraldi

4049 W. Middletown Rd
Canfield, OH 44406

Age: 28

Education: Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Youngstown State University

Occupation: Trust Advisor, Farmers Trust Company

Qualifications: Certified Public Accountant, Certified Financial Planner *, Personal Financial Specialist, graduate of South Range and long-time resident of South Range School District.

Answer: There are many purposes of education including teaching students lifelong values and discipline, sparking curiosity that will allow them to explore new ideas and think independently, and preparing them to be productive members of our community. It is important that members of the school board partner with parents to fulfill the purposes of education. One reason South Range is successful is because we have parents who are committed to reinforcing the lessons learned at school. The system of public education in Ohio should not only include traditional schools but also technical and vocational schools that are dedicated to preparing students for careers right out of high school. There is an increasing demand for people with specialized skills and we need schools that can be tailored to the direction of the student, whether it is college or entering the work force.

Bob Dance

12950 Beaver Creek
Salem, OH 44460

Age: 59

Education: M.S. Engineering
Occupation: Project Manager
Qualifications: I am a Green Township resident with a daughter attending South Range. I will always listen to everyone's viewpoint before making an unbiased decision on what best serves the district. My career of managing million dollar projects has provided skills necessary to practice fiscal responsibility.
Answer: The education of our children is a very important responsibility. Excellent education provides our children with the tools necessary to succeed at whatever they choose. I believe to successfully educate our children, a combined effort of parents and teachers is required. This should be facilitated through public education. The public education system in Ohio should consist primarily of locally controlled public schools. These schools must be held to high educational standards. I don't believe that charter schools and on-line education should be supported financially using public funds.

Dale R. Murray

11772 Detwiler Rd.
Columbiana, OH 44408

No response received.

Terri A. Lally

11500 Sharrott Rd.
North Lima, OH 44452

No response received.

John E. Kuhns

425 W. Calla Rd.
Canfield, OH 44406

No response received.

Ralph P. Wince

12232 Green Beaver
Salem, OH 44460

No response received.

Springfield

3 to elect; 4 year term

Karen M. Dattilo

5295 Skye Dr.

New Middletown, OH 44442

Age: 39

Education: B.A., Wheeling Jesuit University; J.D., University of Akron School of Law

Occupation: Operations Management Specialist, UPS

Qualifications: Registered voter in the District; Well acquainted with School Policies; Good Listener; Concerned with the Best Interest of the Children in our District.

Answer: As Albert Einstein

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put it, the purpose of education is “the training of the mind to think.” The government’s role in education is to foster an environment where every child can reach his or her fullest potential, develop a life-long love of learning and confidently enter the next phase of their lives prepared to meet the challenges and opportunities that await them.

Matthew L. Gentile

11895 Brungard Rd.
New Middletown, OH 44442
No response received.

Kevin M. Flaherty

10485 Carrie Dr.
New Middletown, OH 44442
No response received.

Charles L. Tydings

9690 Struthers Rd.
New Middletown, Ohio 44442
No response received.

Struthers

3 to elect; 4 year term

Robert W. Noble

5492 Walnut Grove Circle
Struthers, OH 44471

Age: 68

Education: 1967 Graduate, Columbiana High School. 1971 Graduate, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA; Graduate work at Youngstown State University

Occupation: Retired Educator, Pastor

Qualifications: Teaching career of 31 years. Twelve years/board of education

Answer: The central purpose of public education is to provide well-rounded instruction for our children, enabling them to achieve their full potential, thereby opening doors of opportunity for a full, rewarding, and productive life. Governments’ role should be to provide an adequate environment in which schools can thrive, general guidelines to provide parity among educational systems, and financial support to enable schools to achieve success. The spectrum of educational institutions providing education for our children is not the problem. Problems arise when all public, private, and home schools are not held to the same standard in testing, reporting student information, attendance, and curriculum.

Mary Carcelli

458 Elm St.
Struthers, OH 44471

Age: 62

Education: Graduate of Struthers high School; Attended Youngstown State University

Occupation: Retired

Qualifications: Worked for 30 years in the Struthers School District; Committee member for Safety for Struthers City Schools; Team member on negotiations; Club Advisor for High School Pep Club and Interact Club. Member of Parent Teach Association.

Answer: The purpose of education is to continue to transfer knowledge and prepare our children to lean, be creative and productive for the future. We ultimately want to prepare our youth to give back to the community. The government focuses on determining requirements for enrollment and graduation. The government should continue to bring in programs such as: STEM, Vocational, technical, Art, and Music programs because they are vital for all of our children. Establishing these programs help ensure equal opportunity for all children and provide the necessary education for our youth to be competitive, acquire boundless job opportunities, and be a part of our country’s success. The fair way is to have all accredited schools to be included in the system of public education in Ohio.

Ronald N. Shives

5525 Walnut Grove Circle
Struthers, OH 44471

Age: 50

Education: Bachelor of Science, Business Administration Youngstown State University

Occupation: Regional Sales Director

Qualifications: Running for re-election for the same office. Board of Education President, 2 years in first term.

Answer: At its highest level, education is a critical component to the advancement and survival of humanity. Government’s serve an important role in the structure of and the fiscal support for quality education services. Schools held accountable to the education standards should all be included in the system of public education in Ohio.

Jim Kavouras

56 Renee Dr.
Struthers, OH 44471
No response received.

Trumbull County Educational Service Center

(overlap with Trumbull County, questionnaires not sent to the candidates)

3 to Elect

Donald Bishop

3535 Woodside Dr.
Warren, OH 44483

Jeffrey E. Dreves

5269 Smith Stewart Rd.
Girard, OH 44420

William J. Holland

1748 Morris St.
Mineral Ridge, OH 44440

Weathersfield Local

(overlap with Trumbull County, questionnaires not sent to the candidates)

2 to elect

Bruce E. Bacak

Cheryl Basista

Mark Bodo

West Branch

3 to elect; 4 year term

Karen Rice

17790 5th St.
Beloit, OH 44609

Age: 59

Education: Graduated from West Branch 1975, Associate Degree from Kent State

Occupation: Treasurer’s Assistant currently. Retiring January 2018.

Qualifications: I have worked in the Treasurer’s Office at West Branch as an assistant for 29 ½ years completing payroll and human resources. I am honest and hard working for the district.

Answer: The purpose of education is to help every student be the best they can be. Schools and parents need to prepare our children with the knowledge and skills to be a productive citizen. We need each generation to have the education that is necessary for

them to reach their full potential. The school’s goal should be to show the children how their skills and talents are important. Government needs to be involved in education. We need the help financially to support hiring quality teachers, while giving them the proper tools to teach in the 21st century educational system. Obviously, we need the children tested. Too many children were being passed through the system without learning fundamental knowledge. Public education is changing and our community will need to change with it.

John Wallace

4705 Homeworth Rd.
Homeworth, OH 44634

Age: 58

Education: West Branch High School 1977; Mount Union B.S. Physics and Math 1981

Occupation: Various Engineering, Sales and Management Positions in the Metals Industry since 1981.

Qualifications: Board Member at West Branch for past 24 years.

Answer: Public Education is to prepare ALL students for College/ Career readiness. Public school has been extremely successful for generations of families thru the history of our West Branch District. We are a rural public school with little to no tax income base within our vast district, we have operated at the State minimum 20 mil floor since the early 1990’s. Government demands for public schools have increased while funding remains the same or decreases. For 24 years I have been dedicated to the rich tradition of the hard working staff, students and community here at West Branch. I have seen my 7 siblings, their families along with my wife and her siblings receive an excellent education and life lessons. We’ve experienced the same tradition with our 4 children and realize how important public education is and the decisions that are made on behalf of all current and future students will be.

Courtney Stryffeler

28788 Shoemaker Rd.
Beloit, OH 44609

Age: 33

Education: DNP, RN, CCRN

Occupation: Nurse Manager of Perioperative and Infusion Services

Qualifications: Graduate of West Branch in 2002. Registered Nurse and Doctoral prepared. I currently manage five nursing units and five budgets; prepare educational

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competencies for 50 employees; conduct interviews; participate in public speaking, and participate in professional committees.

Answer: The purpose of education is to provide a high quality experience that prepares and expands the knowledge of every pupil within a school district. A quality education requires collaboration of the school districts administrators, educators, parents and students. Successful schools also keep their focus on their students as every decision is made. The government's role in achieving academic excellence is to provide guidelines and support to the individual school districts, administrators and educators. All schools that are supported by state funding should be observed as a public school system.

M. Don Gullett

1164 Homeworth Rd.
Alliance, OH 44601

No response received.

Joshua Carreon

17460 5th St
Beloit, OH 44609

No response received.

Eric Glista

575 Georgetown-Damascus Rd.
Beloit, OH 44609

No response received.

Marci L. Craig

9400 Stratton Rd.
Salem, OH 44460

Response received too late for publication.

Western Reserve Local School District

3 to elect; 4 year term

Richard Blevins

8661 Knauf Rd.
Canfield, OH 44406

No response received.

Lisa Powell

8677 N. Palmyra Rd.
Canfield, OH 44406

No response received.

Mark S. Halls

13685 Leffingwell Rd.
Berlin Center, OH

No response received.

Youngstown

3 to elect; 4 year term

Ronald Shadd

341 Cabot St.
Youngstown, OH 44509

Age: 41

Education: B.A. in Psychology and Philosophy from Thiel College. A Master of Health and Human Services from YSU.

Occupation: Social Service Supervisor

Qualifications: 15+ years: early childhood education, father/parent involvement, and board/committee experience. 5+ years: workforce, job training, post-secondary education assistance. Facilitator and curriculum creator for youth workforce programming.

Answer: Education is for citizens' lifelong learning; to apply educational principles, knowledge, and skills to their endeavors. Government is to establish an even playing ground for the educational aspirations of its citizens, as it pertains to IDEA Act, adequate funding, integration, and food programs. Government analyses economic growth and workforce trends to create education career pathways for citizens. Youngstown's Academic Distress Commission created in 2010 lasted 6 years without significant outcomes. H.B. 70/Youngstown Plan revamped government intervention, while suppressing tax payers, labor, and voters' rights. Government intervention that eradicates the essence of citizenship is unjustifiable in a democracy. When considering government subversion of education and local government throughout the United States, this tends not to bode well for positive systemic change and community improvement. Only institutions that are measured and held accountable to the standards of Public Schools should be included in Ohio's system of public education.

Tina Cvetkovich

29 S. Maryland Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44509

Age: 48

Education: Bachelor in Social Work, Youngstown State University, 2012

Occupation: None.

Qualifications: I am a life long resident of Youngstown. I'm a

vested community member with a child and two grandchildren in the district. I meet the age requirement and I'm a registered voter.

Answer: The purpose of Education is to provide citizens with knowledge and training necessary to meet the material needs of human societies while also promoting intellectual development that generates ideas, concepts and theories that advance human growth to compete and interact in a global society. The government's role is to provide quality education for all students and afford parents and citizens the opportunity to influence educational decision making. Ohio public schools should be equitably and sufficiently funded through a fair tax system. Our schools must prepare students for technologically advanced employment and business opportunities as well as the ability to seek higher education, additional vocational training or enlist in the military, essentially to prepare them to become productive adult citizens.

Jacqueline (Jackie) Adair

1385 Kenneth St.
Youngstown, OH 44505

Age:

Education: B.S. Combined Sciences; M.B.A. – YSU, labor relations, HR focus.

Occupation: Substitute Teacher – various school districts.

Qualifications: • YCSD school board member; • Middle school math teacher; • Operations Mgr • HR specialist; •Community outreach Liaison / site coordinator (Early Learning Reading Opportunity) • 2000, 2010 Census - community education /outreach partner
Answer: A basic K-12 education is more necessary than at any other time in our history. Understanding issues and being able to think critically are vital elements of a democracy. Student's ability to read with understanding and their ability to perform basic math functions must be most important outcomes of any system of education. The survival of our democracy will depend on the successful acquisition of these skills. Federal government's role has been to assure through a series of laws that all citizens receive the same/ equal, access/opportunity to a

quality education regardless of race, religion, gender, etc. State and local government's (BOE) roles are to monitor and guide school districts by passing laws and policies designed to assure academic and social success for all students, K-12. By doing so, the greater society should be ready, willing and able to welcome these newly educated young adults into its midst.

Nia L. Simms (WI)

519 Ferndale Ave
Youngstown, OH 44511

Age: 43

Education: Some College (PoliSci)

Occupation: Work with Adults with Developmental Disabilities.

Qualifications: Maternal Instinct for all children. Graduate of Youngstown City School. College Children via Youngstown Schools. Coached Little League/Involved in schools. Project Coordinator for Leaders for Progress. Volunteer for area non-profits. Court Appointed Special Advocate for Mahoning County.

Answer: The government's role is to ensure that quality and highly competent educators and education is available for every student in every public and current charter school systems with the proper tools in technology, core skills and or an entrepreneur mindset to be successful post graduation. Government mandating these high standards and safety should be their only role in the public school system. The implementation of structure, once set, should be left to the educators and administration.

Clarence N. Boles (WI)

3329 Idlewood Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44511

No response received.

Kyle Johnson (WI)

363 W. Chalmers Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44511

No response received.

Keland L. Logan (WI)

1212 Oak Hill Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44502

Failed to contact.

Michelle Fleming (WI)

2109 Summer St.
Youngstown, OH 44511

No response received.

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The League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund

Voters' Guide 2017

The League of Women Voters of Ohio, founded in 1920, is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Complementing it is the League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund that provides nonpartisan information and educational services to citizens.

Prior to each state and national election, the League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund provides nonpartisan information on statewide candidates and issues to its local Leagues and Ohio voters. This information is used in Voters' Guides which are distributed by local Leagues throughout the state, as well as on www.Vote411.org the LWV's one-stop-shop for voter information nationwide.

On the ballot for the November 7, 2017 General Election are two state issues:

- *State Issue 1: Rights for Crime Victims; and*
- *State Issue 2: To require state agencies to not pay more for prescription drugs than the federal Department of Veterans Affairs and require state payment of attorney fees and expenses to specific individuals for defense of the law.*

The summaries of both ballot issues were prepared by the League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund. The pros and cons listed for each issue are abbreviated versions of the arguments put forward by the respective issue campaigns. The title listed for each issue is the official title assigned by the Ohio Ballot Board.

Issue 1 is an initiated amendment to the Ohio Constitution. There are three ways to amend the Ohio Constitution: proposal by the General Assembly; proposal by the people through an initiative petition; or by constitutional convention.

Issue 2 is an initiated statute. There are two ways to enact a statute in Ohio: legislation passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor; or proposal by the people through an initiative petition.

In all cases, proposals submitted to the voters must be approved by a simple majority.

***Deadline for Voter Registration is October 10, 2017.
Absentee and In-person Early Voting begins October 11, 2017.
The General Election Day is November 7, 2017.***

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Statewide Ballot Issues

Issue 1: Marsy's Law or "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights"

Will appear on the ballot as "STATE ISSUE 1: Rights for Crime Victims"

Generally known as Marsy's Law or "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights", this initiative would alter the state Constitution to require that crime victims be notified and consulted on developments in their cases.

(Proposed by Initiative Petition)

A **YES** vote means approval of the constitutional amendment.

A **NO** vote means disapproval of the constitutional amendment.

If approved, the proposed amendment will take effect 90 days after Election Day.

League Explanation of Issue 1:

Crime Victims' Bill of Rights

Issue 1 (Marsy's Law) will alter the state constitution to significantly expand the rights of victims in Ohio. The law would ensure that crime victims have a meaningful role throughout criminal and juvenile justice systems. It would provide crime victims with specific constitutional rights, including the right to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's safety, dignity, and privacy; to be notified about and present at proceedings; to be heard at proceedings involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, or parole of the accused; to a prompt conclusion of the case; to reasonable protection from the accused; to be notified about release or escape of the accused; to refuse an interview or deposition at the request of the accused; and to receive restitution from the individual who committed the criminal offense.

Marsy's Law is named after Marsy Nicholas, a California college student who was stalked and killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983. One week after her death, her mother and brother Henry walked into a grocery store where they saw the accused murderer. The family had no idea that he had been released on bail. Dr. Henry T. Nicholas, brother of Marsy, is the key backer and proponent of Marsy's Law. Marsy's Law initiatives have been passed in California, Illinois, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota (see <https://marsyslaw.us/about-marsys-law/marsys-story/>).

There is already language addressing rights of crime victims in the Ohio constitution which voters passed in 1994. However, Marsy's Law would replace it with language that, as described above, would expand the existing rights of victims and would establish new rights for victims.

Pros:

1. This proposed law will increase the legal rights and privileges of victims.
2. Marsy's Law would replace the 1994 Ohio Victims' Rights Amendment, which victims' rights advocates said has been unenforceable.
3. The proposed law would ensure that victims are informed when the accused offender is released from custody.
4. It will inform crime victims of their rights.

Cons:

1. The amendment would override state law, eliminating judges' abilities to weigh the rights of victims and defendants.
2. Victims are already protected by 1994 Ohio Victims' Rights Amendment in the constitution.
3. The amendment would allow crime victims to directly file an appeal, overstepping the decisions of prosecutors.
4. Victims could refuse to be interviewed or to turn over pertinent evidence or testimony.

PROPOSERS: Marsy's Law for Ohio is leading the campaign in support of the initiative.

OPPOSERS: As of our publication deadline, no organized opposition has formed, however representatives from the legal profession have voiced concerns and may formalize their opposition. This Vote411 summary will be updated if and when an opposition campaign is announced.

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Statewide Ballot Issues - Continue

Issue 2: The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

Will appear on the ballot as "STATE ISSUE 2: To require state agencies to not pay more for prescription drugs than the federal Department of Veterans Affairs and require state payment of attorney fees and expenses to specific individuals for defense of the law"

Prohibits the state from buying any prescription drug from a drug manufacturer for a price over the lowest price paid for the drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

(Proposed by Initiative Petition)

A YES vote means approval of the Act.

A NO vote means disapproval of the Act.

If approved, the proposed Act will take effect immediately after Election Day.

League Explanation of Issue 2:

The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

Issue 2 would limit the amount the state and state agencies could pay for prescription drugs. This Act is designed to restrict the amount that any state agency could pay for drugs, tying it to the price paid by the VA. The VA negotiates drug prices with companies and typically pays 20 to 24 percent less than other agencies for prescription drugs. Specifically, it would forbid state agencies to enter into any purchasing agreement with drug manufacturers unless the net cost of the drug is the same or less than that paid by the VA.

State agencies would not be allowed to pay more than the VA pays for a particular medication. These state agencies include, but are not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid (the program for people with low incomes or disabilities).

The bill will only impact those who receive drugs paid for by the State, not those with any other type of coverage. If adopted, the proposed statute would affect only those associated with the above mentioned state agencies - roughly 4 million Ohioans. The Act would not apply to those who use private insurance, Medicare, or other non-state-provided coverage - approximately 7 million Ohioans.

Pros:

1. Drug costs are the main driver of rising health care cost. There is an urgent need to control costs while maintaining access to needed medications.
2. Too many Ohioans must choose between the basic necessities of life and paying for their medications.
3. There is an indirect benefit to taxpayers as the state would save an estimated \$536 million per year on drugs. This could free up some substantial money that the state could use for other programs.

Cons:

1. The Act does not define some important terms, such as "drug," "state," "ultimate payer," and "net cost."
2. The Act does not address pricing of drugs that are not purchased by the VA and creates costly, complex purchasing arrangements.
3. Pharmaceutical companies might respond to passage of the Act by a) negating existing discounts and rebates, b) raising prescription prices charged to non-covered entities and individuals, and/or c) raising prices charged to the VA.

PROPOSERS: Yes on Issue 2, also known as Ohio Taxpayers for Lower Drug Prices, is leading the campaign in support of the initiative.

OPPOSERS: No on Issue 2, also known as Ohioans Against the Deceptive Rx Ballot Issue, is leading the campaign in opposition to the initiative

***** **Further Information:** *****

A similar proposition (Proposition 61) appeared on the California ballot in 2016. It was defeated.
 More information on California Proposition 61.
 Analysis from Vorys Healthcare Advisors commissioned by Ohioans Against the Deceptive Rx Issue, the campaign opposing the proposal.

Tax Levies and Issues

Mahoning County: A 0.5 mill, 5-year replacement levy for Children services to raise \$2,054,275 annually

Mahoning County: A 0.25 percent sales tax renewal for a continuing period of time for the Western Reserve Transit Authority to raise about \$8.5 million annually

Beaver: A 1.5 mill, 5 year renewal levy for fire services to raise \$186,453 annually

Beloit: A 6 mill, 5 year renewal levy for police services to raise \$49,041 annually

Berlin: A 2.8 mill, 5 year additional levy for fire services to raise \$133,835 annually

Boardman: A 2.2 mill, 5 year renewal levy for police and fires services to raise \$2,045,525 annually

Campbell: A 3 mill, 5 year renewal levy for street resurfacing to raise \$197,460 annually

Campbell: A 3 mill, 5 year renewal levy for police and fire services

Craig Beach: A 3 mill, 5 year additional levy for a continuing period of time for police services to raise \$56,306 annually

New Middletown: A 2 mill, 5 year renewal levy for police services to raise \$49,363 annually.

New Middletown: A 4 mill, 5 year renewal levy for police services to raise \$98,727 annually.

Poland Village: A 2 mill, 5 year renewal levy for current expenses to raise \$110,552 annually.

Poland Village: A 0.25 mill, 5 year additional levy for the municipal forest to raise \$14,335 annually.

Western Reserve Joint Fire District: A 1 mill, 5 year replacement levy for fire services to raise \$358,322 annually.

School Issues

Boardman Schools: A 1.6 mill, 5 year renewal levy for permanent improvements to raise \$1,358,157 annually

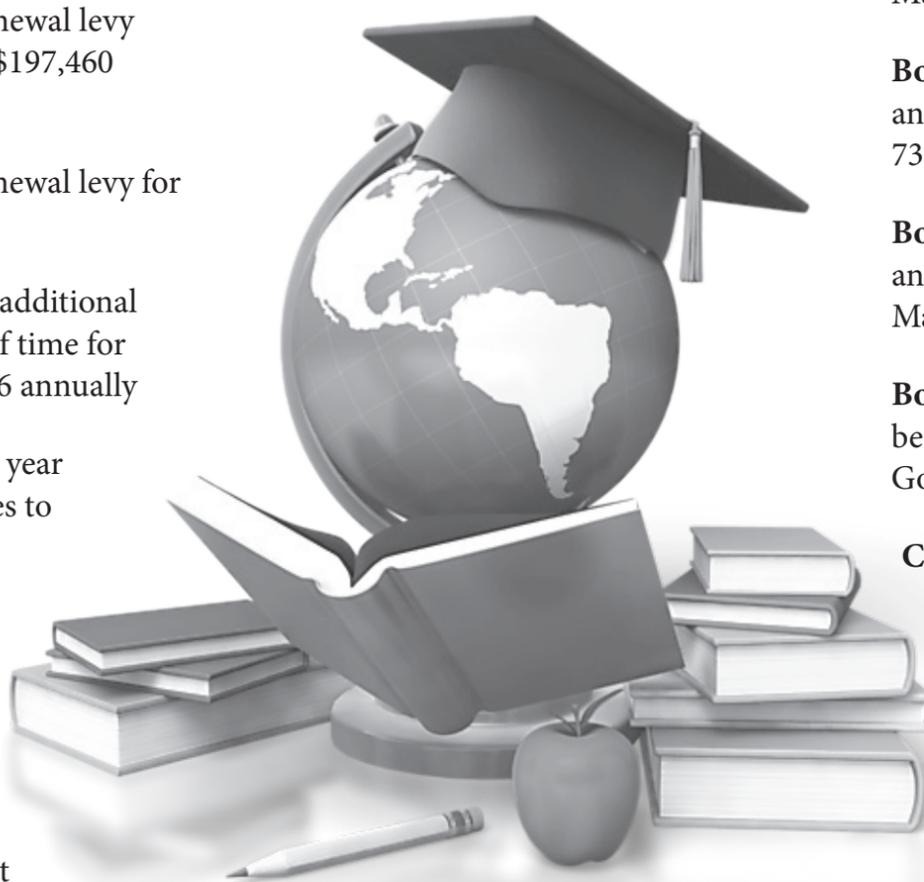
Boardman Schools: A 5.9 mill, 5 year renewal levy for current expenses to raise \$4,895,829 annually

Canfield Schools: A 5.9 mill, 5 year renewal levy for current expenses to raise \$3,376,772 annually

Jackson-Milton Schools: A 4.9 mill, 5 year renewal levy to avoid an operating deficit to raise \$988,485 annually

Jackson Milton Local Schools: A 0.9 mill, 5 year renewal levy for the purpose of permanent improvements

Poland Schools: A 6 mill, 5 year renewal levy for emergency requirements to raise \$2,297,755 annually



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Liquor Options

Beaver Precinct 4: Sunday sale of spirituous liquor at the Family Wine Connection, 350 State Route 14

Boardman Precinct 1: Sale of wine and mixed beverages at the Casual Pint, 393 Boardman Poland Road

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Boardman Precinct 2: Sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages at Get Go on the southwest corner of Boardman Poland Road and Southern Boulevard

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Boardman Precinct 2: Sale of wine and mixed beverages at BJ's Restaurant 7327 Market St.

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Boardman Precinct 20: Sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages at Shop n Go 5122 Market St.

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Campbell Ward 4 Precinct A: Sunday sale of wine and mixed beverages at Shell/Speed Check 2209 Wilson Ave.

Campbell Ward 4 Precinct B: Sunday sale of wine, mixed beverages and spirituous liquor at Gaetano's Pizza and Party Shop 773 McCartney Rd.

Struthers Ward 4 Precinct B: Sunday sale of wine, mixed beverages and spirituous liquor at Belleria 1010 Youngstown Poland Rd.

Youngstown Ward 3 Precinct F: Sunday sale of wine and mixed beverages at Get Go on the corner of Belmont Ave. and Gypsy Ln.

Youngstown Ward 5 Precinct B: Sunday sale of wine and mixed beverages at Red Carpet Events 1555 S. Meridian Rd.

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