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VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

General Election

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Linda Gabriele, Chairperson

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VOTE

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Polls Open 6:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.

LOCAL CANDIDATES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

ELIDA VILLAGE COUNCIL

QUESTION FOR ALL CANDIDATES:

Why have you decided to run for this particular office? What community needs will you address if elected? Please discuss the specific strategies you would implement to achieve your goals.

LARRY J. FLICK
Elida, Ohio 45807

OCCUPATION: Retired Custodian/ Now School Bus Driver-Elida
EDUCATION: Auto Diesel Tech 1981; Wright State Univ.-2 Years Business
TRAINING & EXPERIENCE:
WEBSITE: none
ANSWER: I feel it is the duty of all Americans to work toward the betterment of their community.

MARVIN L. ADAMS
Elida, Ohio 45807

OCCUPATION: Retired Insurance Agency Owner and Property Manager
EDUCATION: United States Air Force Academy – University of Evansville
TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Multiline insurance agent, managed shopping center and apartments – served on numerous boards as director/trustee including Chaired Committee to Build NRA Museum Fund Drive
WEBSITE: none
ANSWER: Has served as Elida councilman since 2005 and would like to continue to serve Elida citizens representing their interests and insure Elida's administration and police work for Elida citizens not personal agendas.

FT. SHAWNEE COUNCIL

MARK BISHOP
Lima, Ohio 45806
No Reply

DANIEL J. HENRY
Lima, Ohio 45806

OCCUPATION: Warehouse Superintendent
EDUCATION: Graduate of Shawnee High School
TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Ft. Shawnee Councilman for 24 years; Fort Shawnee Zoning Inspector for 3 years
WEBSITE: dhenry@benjaminsteel.com
ANSWER: The most single urgent issue that confronts the residence of the Village Fort Shawnee is the loss of state funding revenue. This loss of revenue will increase the burden on the taxpayers of Fort Shawnee. I will continue to work on attracting new businesses and retaining the businesses we already have, so we can maintain financial stability and have a solid tax base. Furthermore, I will continue to scrutinize our expenditures and look for new resources to increase our revenues, but not by diminishing the safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Fort Shawnee.

WENDELL STAHLER
Lima, Ohio 45806
No Reply

JAMES WENDE
Lima, Ohio 45806
No Reply



LIMA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN G. NIXON
Lima, Ohio 45807

OCCUPATION: Plant Manager - Nickles Bakery, Inc., Lima City Council President
EDUCATION: UNOH - Business Administration
TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Council President – 5 years; Council Member (Ward 1 & Ward 2) – 15 years, Nickles Bakery - Regional Sales Manager – 30 years
WEBSITE: www.VoteJohnNixon.com
ANSWER: I am running for Council President because I the proven experience to lead the Council through the legislative process and work respectfully with the other members of Council. The major issues facing the City are managing through the impact of State budget cuts on the local government. The challenge is maximizing service levels on less funding and not raising taxes. I have demonstrated my ability to lead City Council in accomplishing this. I continue to support Economic Development efforts to bring living wage jobs to Lima and Allen County. Safety Services have always been and continue to be my highest priority. Government, like any business, must continually evaluate how services are provided and work towards maximizing services while keeping costs down. I am able to provide the historical perspective on issues as well as the ability to analyze a decision's impact on the future of services.

H. RAY MAGNUS
Lima, Ohio 45801

OCCUPATION: Business Owner
EDUCATION: College – Austin Reay State University Clarksville, TN
TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Accounting experience, management experience, engineering experience from being a maintenance manager for manufacturing firms. 6 years military (Paratrooper in Vietnam). Former police officer – licensed and commissioned in the State of Ohio.
WEBSITE: rmagnus@wcoil.com
ANSWER: We need someone in this very important position that will ask the tough questions and make informed decisions that will best represent the citizens of Lima. We need someone who will not rubber stamp. This position should be a watchdog of the taxpayers money. We are the fiduciary agents of the city's finances. Our most important job is to make sure the taxpayers money is wisely spent. We should not, cannot be controlled by special interests groups in the city. This position requires a self motivated free thinker that can make decisions that best reflects the interests of the citizens of our great community. Should I have the honor of being elected, the 1st order of business is to repeal the automatic raises administrations and council. The next will be to put a cap of \$7500 on the storm water run-off fee. That is a major burden to our business

LIMA CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

ZACHARIAH BROSHES
Lima, Ohio 45807

OCCUPATION: Pharmacist employed by Pack Pharmacy
EDUCATION: Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Ohio Northern University
TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Previously held the office of 2nd Ward Representative and have chaired the Charter Review Commission for the last 3 years
WEBSITE: none
ANSWER: I am seeking the office of 2nd ward representative because I believe that Lima must re-invent itself if we wish to turn around the decline of the last decade. We have seen population and job loss and have taken drastic measures to counter dwindling finances. The administration and Council have cut services and staff. However, I am concerned that the current council and administration are not doing enough. We must reassess every facet of our government and enact changes that will stabilize the losses we have seen and position Lima to begin to grow again. This will take creativity. This will not be solved by increased taxation or partisan attacks. I have spent the last three years leading a group of forward thinking citizens in updating our city charter. Now I want to lead the residents of the second ward in our fight to make Lima great again.

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LIMA CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS *continued*

DERRY GLENN
Lima, Ohio 45801
No Reply

CLEVEN JONES
Lima, Ohio 45805
No Reply

REBECCA KREHER
Lima, Ohio 45805
No Reply

SAM MCLEAN
Lima, Ohio 45805
No Reply

TOM TEBBEN
Lima, OH 45805

OCCUPATION: Self Employed

EDUCATION: Lima Central Catholic, Lima OSU

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Ford Motor Co., management - 34 year career. Business owner, 5 years. 4th Ward representative, Lima City Council nearly 10 years. Regional Planning Commission member 10 years. Lima Automotive Task Force Member, 6 years. Chair of the finance committee - 4 years.

WEBSITE: none

ANSWER: I want to continue to serve the needs of the residents of the 4th ward and work to make Lima a better community. I have the experience and the common sense approach to best serve the 4th Ward and the City of Lima. Why should someone consider supporting me? Because EXPERIENCE DOES MATTER. I will continue to work to reduce general fund spending to insure a balanced budget. Our citizens deserve the highest level and quality of service at the lowest possible cost. I will continue to provide a high level of representation for residents of the 4th Ward by: 1. Continuing to solicit and respond to all concerns in the ward. 2. Continuing to identify and resolve quality of life issues in the 4th ward. 3. Continuing to support neighborhood associations.

FISCAL OFFICERS

AMERICAN TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER

BARRY BARNT
Elida, Ohio 45807

OCCUPATION: 4th Grade Teacher at Heritage Elementary School; Part time instructor at UNOH

EDUCATION: 1987 Graduate of Elida High School; 1992 Graduate of The Ohio State University-B.S.;1999 Graduate of The University of Dayton-M.S.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: 19 years teaching 4th grade; 4 years teaching computer classes at UNOH

WEBSITE: none

ANSWER: I have decided to run for Fiscal Officer of American Township to serve the people of this great township. I would be available to the residents to answer all questions they have about financial matters of the township. I would like to keep people informed through the website and emails, updating them on the townships financial matters.

LAURIE SWICK
Elida, Ohio 45807

OCCUPATION: Fiscal Officer – American Township; Secretary – Elida Local Schools

EDUCATION: Elida High School, 1977; Bowling Green State University, 1981 – Bachelor of Science Degree – Business Administration

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: 12 years as Fiscal Officer, American Township; 5 years as Clerk Treasurer, Village of Elida

WEBSITE: none

ANSWER: I have been the Fiscal Officer of American Township since 1999. During that time, I have been responsible for a 6.5 million dollar annual budget, as well as all payroll functions for 44 employees. During my service, I computerized Township financial records and have had clean bi-annual audits. I have had a vital role in making American Township financially sound and debt free. Due to recently passed legislation from the State of Ohio, we will soon be losing revenue from personal property tax reimbursements, estate tax, and local government revue in an amount greater than \$400,000 per year. I believe that my experience and knowledge of Township finance will enable us to continue maintaining a balanced budget while, at the same time, continue offering quality services to Township residents.

BATH TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER

LISA GROSS
Lima, Ohio 45801

OCCUPATION: Bath Township Fiscal Office Support; Engineering Coordinator

EDUCATION: Perry 1979 Graduate; Business Management College Classes

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: I have worked and trained with the current fiscal officer for the past year. I have completed 13 hours of classroom and online Auditor of State Uniform Accounting Training. Job experiences have included budget controller position.

WEBSITE: dlgross@watchtv.net

ANSWER: The fiscal officer position is an opportunity for me to serve in the community. My family has been involved in community service for many years with my father serving as a Perry Township trustee and my sister as a fiscal officer. If elected, I pledge to represent the community and uphold the responsibilities dictated by the Bath Township Fiscal Office. There are many challenges ahead for local government. It is imperative the township is as efficient as possible. I plan to provide the trustees with accurate financial information so they can make information decisions required for these challenging times. I plan on utilizing online technology to streamline the fiscal office process which will benefit the township, the township employees and the community. I also plan on setting up a record retention system for the township.

KRIS SHOEMAKER
Lima, Ohio 45804
No Reply

SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER

STEPHANIE J HOFFER
Lima, Ohio 45805

OCCUPATION: Served As Secretary/Treasurer For Woodlawn Cemetery (1991-2007); Fiscal Officer For Shawnee Township (2004 To The Present)

EDUCATION: Shawnee High School Graduate, University Of Northwestern Ohio, Associate Degree, Major In Accounting

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE:

WEBSITE: shoffer45805@yahoo.com

ANSWER: none

TRUSTEES

AMERICAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

RONALD L. BIBLE
Elida, Ohio 45807

OCCUPATION: Retired teacher – 30 years

EDUCATION: B.S. ED, M.S. ED, Post-Grad Univ. of Dayton

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Trustee – one term, taught 30 yrs

WEBSITE: earglenest2@woh.rr.com

ANSWER: I like to help people. I feel people should have a choice on the ballot. Being retired, I can be a 24/7 Trustee; call – I'll be there. The main need, as I see it, is constant street improvement. Change from tar and chip in the housing areas to paving. The funding source would be federal highway dollars, state dollars, and money carried over from the year before. At the present, a freeze on capital improvements. Last, a big eyesore is the concrete graveyard in the township. I would work on having it removed. Any spare funds I would use for ditch improvements. I would make sure township employees pay a fair share of their benefits. The key is fairness. Almost all people pay part of there benefits.

JOSEPH T. GUAGENTI
Elida, Ohio 45807

OCCUPATION: Realtor with Azzarello's Realty since 1996; President of Team Ten Investments, Inc. since 1995

EDUCATION: 1984 Graduate of Lima Central Catholic; Associates Degree from Columbus State Community College

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:

WEBSITE: none

ANSWER: My business background will be an advantage for dealing with township vendors and employees. I plan to make sure our residents get the most out of every tax dollar.

AMERICAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE *continued*

LARRY K. VANDEMARK
Elida, Ohio 45807

OCCUPATION: Self-employed farmer and real estate broker

EDUCATION: Graduate of Elida High School and 2 years at Ohio State, received real estate license in 1990

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: 12 years experience as American Township Trustee; manage small farming operation; manage local real estate office; served 6 years as director of Midwest Electric Co-op.

WEBSITE: none

ANSWER: As a resident and businessman in American Township, I believe economic development is vital to township growth. As Trustee, I've been instrumental in bringing businesses such as Lowe's and Meijer and developing road networks such as American Avenue and Hartzler Road, thus creating safer traffic flow. Zoning is a major part of township growth. I have been involved in updating present zoning regulations, and adopting a new building maintenance code that preserves property values. I have worked earnestly to obtain the best value for your tax dollars, using local grants to establish a spring township Clean-Up day and monthly Recycle Day. I have leveraged 80/20 matching state funds for rebuilding Edgewood Drive, saving taxpayer dollars. Overseeing a balanced budget is a top priority. As we see budget cuts passed down to local governments, my past experience prepared me to attack budget cuts, balance the budget, yet keep quality township services.

BATH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

WILLIAM F. DEGEN
Lima, Ohio 45801

OCCUPATION: Highway & Underground Construction

EDUCATION: 1-12

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: A Bath Township Trustee starting in 1994 to present.

WEBSITE: bdegen@degenex.com

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

CHRIS BURGESS
Lima, Ohio 45806

OCCUPATION: Time Warner Contractor

EDUCATION: Perry High School 1982 Graduate / DeVry Associate Degree in Electronics

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Involved with farming for 20 years, lifelong resident of Perry Township, own and operate Home and Office Communications (business phone systems and networks, installed and still service Perry Fire Department phone system and data network).

WEBSITE: hocchris@gmail.com

ANSWER: What community needs will you address if elected? Please discuss the specific strategies you would implement to achieve your goals.

The Trustee position will give me the opportunity to work with the people of Perry Township to better our community. Keep township roadways maintained and safe, protect Perry Township's tax base by preventing annexation of the township, and work with people of Perry Township to resolve any issues.

KEVIN W. COX
Harrod, Ohio 45850

OCCUPATION: Retired from Insulation and Sheet Metal Fabricators

EDUCATION: Graduated from Perry High School. Four year Apprenticeship.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Presently served in the capacity as Perry Township Trustee for the last four years. Perry Township Board of Appeals, President of Ottawa River Coalition Committee, General Foreman-construction, Farmer, Business owner, Perry Township Historian, Past President Perry Township Historical Society, 4-H advisor for Perry Blue Ribbon Club, Local 41 Apprenticeship Financial Advisor, Member of Regional Planning. Married and father of four children.

WEBSITE: kevincox41@gmail.com

ANSWER: We have worked diligently to bring new business and industry to our area. Several new industries have moved into our township the last several years. These provide jobs and additional tax revenues for expenses such as safety services to the township. Perry has a strong agricultural base. We will continue to review the infrastructure we now have, identifying strengths and weaknesses on items we have worked on the last four years. We will continue planning on our future as we work to grow our tax base and deliver the best possible services to the Township. Together we can provide the building blocks needed to build a strong Perry Township. I will continue to give my full attention to addressing the concerns of my constituents and our township. I am asking for your support to continue, "Working for Tomorrow" the next four years.

SCHOOL BOARDS

BATH SCHOOL BOARD

ROB FOLEY
Lima, Ohio 45801
No Reply

TIMOTHY MCKINNEY
Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830
No Reply

JACKIE PLACE
Lima, Ohio 45801

OCCUPATION: Retired Teacher of 34 yrs

EDUCATION: B.S. in Education – The Ohio State University; Double M.S. in Education – Univ. of Dayton

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Teacher 34 yrs; Board Member 8 yrs.

WEBSITE: none

ANSWER: As a retired teacher, I have the background and education that gives me valuable insight into the workings of a board and school system. I decided to run for the board because I feel I have something viable to offer the Bath community in helping make sure we provide a quality education for our youth. The community need I would like to address is more communication. The community needs to be informed of what is going on within the school system. I would push for updated websites and continued written communication. It is important that the community receive information on a regular basis and that this info is current and accurate. I want to work with administration to see that this is being done so that everyone can work together for the good of our students.

ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION

TERRY G. KRISTOFF
Elida, Ohio 45807

OCCUPATION: retired

EDUCATION: Ashland University, Bachelor of Science in Education
University of Dayton, Masters Degree of Education, Administration

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Retired teacher from Elida Senior High School with 30 years experience; adjunct instructor at UNWO; automobile salesman at Tom Ahl Family of Dealerships.

WEBSITE: tkristoff1@woh.rr.com

ANSWER: As a current board member with grandchildren in Elida Schools improving our school system is one of my priorities. Having both an education and a business background helps give me a unique outlook on school issues. Being retired allows me to be a full-time board member.

With budget cuts coming out of Columbus we need to spend money in a most efficient manner as to stay off the ballot as long as possible. We also need to be aware of House Bill 136 and Senate Bill 5 and how they might affect public education. Right now the Elida Board of Education is a great team that works well together. The excellent administration and staff have been supportive through the budget cuts that have been made. I would like to be a part of this team and continue to improve Elida school system.

BILL McDONNELL
Lima, Ohio 45807

OCCUPATION: Retired after 20+ years from Department of Corrections

EDUCATION: Graduated High School 1981; Graduated Rhodes State in 2006

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: While employed by the State I was the OCSEA district state board representative. I have 15 years legislative experience with budget negotiations and lobbying at the state level.

WEBSITE: none

ANSWER: I have had the opportunity to speak with people in the district. Our opinion is it is time for change on the board. I want to be that change and help the school improve and become fiscally responsible. New school + Bill McDonnell = Unlimited Potential. I will address concerns with the transportation department and need for communication between taxpayers, administration and the board. I will serve as a bridge between the community and board by addressing concerns and solving problems while updating often. Also, actively work to improve the Elida school system.

ELIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION continued

BRAD A. SETTLAGE
Elida, Ohio 45807

OCCUPATION: American Township Zoning Inspector and Patrolman
EDUCATION: Graduate of Elida School; Graduate of Rhode State College (Associate of Applied Science – Public Service Professions); Graduate of Tiffin University (Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration).

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Graduate of Apollo Career Center (Police Academy)

WEBSITE: none

ANSWER: I want to bring a fresh perspective to the board and help establish greater board independence. I am a candidate because I believe that the parents of Elida School district need someone to listen to their input, someone willing to communicate with them and someone to provide a representative voice on the board. I have long held community service as a value in my life and serving on the Elida school board would allow me to continue this tradition. A desire to work toward a stronger relationship between the Elida school district and the public it services, improving relations will bring interested parties together as a team to help make Elida school district the best it can be. Virtually leaving no child behind, I will keep a keen eye toward serving the needs of all students, regardless of their abilities and backgrounds.

BRENDA STOCKER
Elida, Ohio 45807

OCCUPATION: Bookkeeper, husband's dental office

EDUCATION: 1986 B.S. Ohio State University

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Board Member Elida Local Schools; Church Board Member, Lima Community Church of the Nazarene;

Volleyball Parent's Association; Serving in Women's & Family Ministries, Lima Community Church of the Nazarene; Support volunteer, Royal Family Kids Camp

WEBSITE: none

ANSWER: My first four years of being on the Elida School Board have been a rewarding and challenging experience. It was very rewarding to get the bond issue passed that enabled the district to build the new high school. Concerns for all board members must include the ever increasing legislative demands put on public schools. School districts are all different and mandates that are the same for every school district, whether small or large, do not help our schools to get better. Fostering a spirit of cooperation and support between the community, parents, teachers, administrators & school board members is what makes schools successful. I hope that I am able to continue for another four years. I bring no agenda; I only want to work my hardest to make Elida the district of choice.

LIMA CITY SCHOOL BOARD

RANDELL LEE HUNTER
Lima, Ohio 45804

OCCUPATION: Secretary for Mike Nickles Home Improvements, Treasurer for Wayne Trails Missionary Baptist Church Association

EDUCATION: K-6 Grade Jefferson Elementary School; 7-9 Perry Jr. High and High School; 10-12 Shawnee High School; 2 years Lima Tech, OSU, Rhodes Colleges

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Allen County Genealogical Society Vice Pres/President; Friends of the library 3 year member; Shawnee Athletic Boosters; Elida Book fair: PTO; Lima Memorial Hospital: Volunteer; Allen County Headstart

WEBSITE: none

ANSWER: It is the duty of a school board member to listen to the community, the teachers, parents, and student. We don't have all the answers to the questions but if we ask the right questions we will understand the needs better and the ability to meet the standard and it will come to pass. I enjoy working with the public I am involved in different groups around the city and I would like to be involved with the Lima city School Board as a member so that I am seeking a position on the Lima School Board. I believe that a board member should attend Board meetings, spend time communicating with students, teachers, and also the parents, and community members. So all policy decisions, evaluations are made thorough knowledge and made in the best interest of all children in the district. Also there needs to be more parent involvement with

CATHERINE KORNS BORN
Lima, Ohio 45805

OCCUPATION: Senior Consultant; Clemans Nelson & Associates (Management Consultants)

EDUCATION: MS – Illinois State University – Communications; MBA – Bluffton University

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Management Consultant (Business Operations & Human Resources) – 4 ½ yrs; Public Relations/Marketing 24 yrs

WEBSITE: LinkedIn profile

ANSWER: I was appointed to the Board in April 2009 and committed at that time to run – we have accomplished a great deal and made a large number of changes. In order to continue the fiscal responsibility and change implemented consistency in leadership is necessary. We need to continue to address the needs of our students – they are our future – we have to continue to achieve academic excellence where we have it and make strides towards it where needed. The future of our community is found in our children, we owe it to them to continue to improve our schools. But we have to work together – parents, teachers, administrators and Board Members to make that happen. We have great kids, we have great schools. I want to ensure that we continue to provide a great education for all.

MICHAEL LEY
Lima, Ohio 45801
No Reply

DENNIS WILLIAMS
Lima, Ohio 45805
No Reply

PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

TANYA BUNCH
Lima, Ohio 45806
No Reply

YVONNE MARRS
Lima, Ohio 45806

OCCUPATION: Supply Planner – Pepsi Beverages Co.

EDUCATION: Associate Degree - Accounting

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Advisee Committee for National Honor Society; Former Treasurer – Athletic Boosters

WEBSITE: yer1954@hotmail.com

ANSWER: As a member of the community for the past 17 years, I have decided to run for Perry School Board because I feel it is important that the needs of our community's children be met. As an elected board member, I will have the opportunity to make informed decisions on your behalf that best suit the needs of our students, staff and administration. It is my belief that school board members must be responsive and receptive to all – students, parents, staff, and community members, encouraging an open dialog. I will allow everyone to be heard and do my best to obtain all facts before making a decision on any particular matter. With your support, we can work together to provide for the educational needs of all children in our community and build a district where students, parents, staff, and administration feel they are welcome and supported.

STEPHANIE NEAL
Lima, Ohio 45806
No Reply

WILLIAM (BILL) SHIVELY
Lima, Ohio

OCCUPATION: Retired from General Dynamics. Part-time driver for KOI.

EDUCATION: Graduate of Perry Local Schools. Some college courses.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Four years on Perry School Board

WEBSITE: wshively002@woh.rr.com

ANSWER: Being on the Perry School Board for the last four years has reinforced my belief in the Perry School system as well as the Perry community. Our school was awarded an excellent rating for the first time and we must continue in our academic achievements. I would like the opportunity to work with the School Board, Administration, Teachers and Community for another four years so our school system can continue to grow and improve. When reelected I will be able to voice the concerns of the community to the Board and Administration and work for a satisfactory resolution.

SHAWNEE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

MIKE CARPENTER
Lima, Ohio 45805

OCCUPATION: Communications Coordinator at Allen County Children Services

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from The Ohio State University

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Four years as a member of the Shawnee Local School Board

WEBSITE: none

ANSWER: none

BOB LOESCHER
Lima, Ohio 45806

OCCUPATION: Retired School Teacher. Taught Science for 30 years at Shawnee. Also taught at OSU Lima campus.

EDUCATION: Graduate Lima Senior High, BS Ed Ohio Northern University, MS Physics Purdue University, additional work at Princeton, Ohio State, Bowling Green

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: I have completed 3 terms on the Shawnee Local School Board

WEBSITE: None

ANSWER: I decided to run for a fourth term after asking members of the community if they wanted me to stay on the board. There are many challenges for public schools at this time with the State making numerous proposals that could harm or benefit the students. No board member can act alone but can state their position on matters. I would like the opportunity to continue my work for the students of the district.

LOCAL ISSUES

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)

PERRY TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Perry Township for the purpose of **FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES** at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.10 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years.

PERRY TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Perry Township for the purpose of **FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES** at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.15 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years.

SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Shawnee Township for the purpose of **FIRE LEVY** at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.15 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years.

BATH LOCAL SCHOOL

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Bath Local School for the purpose of **PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS** at a rate not exceeding 3.25 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.325 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years.

PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Perry Local School for the purpose of **PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS** at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.15 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years.

PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Perry Local School for the purpose of **CURRENT EXPENSES** at a rate not exceeding 4.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.49 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years.

SHAWNEE LOCAL SCHOOL

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Shawnee Local School for the purpose of **EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS** at a rate not exceeding 5.87 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.587 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years.

SPENCERVILLE LOCAL SCHOOL

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Spencerville Local School for the purpose of **PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS** at a rate not exceeding 1.4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.14 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years.

CITY OF DELPHOS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Delphos for the purpose of **CURRENT EXPENSES** at a rate not exceeding 4.05 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.405 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years.

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL)

VILLAGE OF FT. SHAWNEE

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of Ft. Shawnee for the purpose of **CURRENT EXPENSES** at a rate not exceeding 4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.40 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years.

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (REPLACEMENT)

MONROE TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Monroe Township for the purpose of **FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES** at a rate not exceeding .5 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.05 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

CITY OF LIMA

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall sections 73 through 77 and 132, of the Charter of the City of Lima, Ohio be amended

and section 98 of the Charter of the City of Lima, Ohio be enacted to allow Council to establish by ordinance a comprehensive policy for city contracts, purchase of goods and services, and sales of un-needed municipal property; make non-substantive language and technical amendments for the use of current revenue of the city; and repeals provisions relating to the position and duties of the City Treasurer?

SPECIAL ELECTION BY PETITION

Local Option Election for Particular Business Location

BLUFFTON D

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall the sale of **wine and mixed beverages** be permitted for sale by El Canon,, Ltd, dba Tu Pueblo in this precinct?

SPECIAL ELECTION BY PETITION

Local Option Election for Particular Business Location

LIMA 8A

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall the Sunday sales of **beer** be permitted by **North Street Mini Mart, LLC, dba Clark Station, Lima, Ohio 45801** in this precinct?

ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION LEVIES

In Ohio, local communities are allowed, by law, to join their citizens together to buy natural gas and/or electricity as a group and thereby gain “buying power” to solicit the lowest price for the group’s natural gas and/or electricity needs. This is called Governmental Aggregation. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) presents the following information to help you understand the process if your community decides to aggregate.

What is Aggregation?

Aggregation is when a group of customers join together to form a single, larger customer that buys energy for its members. A large buying group may be able to get a better price for the group members than you can get on your own.

What is Governmental Aggregation?

Ohio’s laws allow for communities – such as townships, cities and counties – to form the aggregated buying groups on behalf of their citizens. The governmental aggregator chooses an outside supplier for all of the customer-members in its group. Aggregations can be formed to buy natural gas, electricity or both.

All governmental aggregators buying electricity must be certified by the PUCO. Communities that aggregate to buy natural gas are required to be certified by the PUCO unless they aggregate under an Ohio Constitution provision which allows “home rule” or the right for communities to take action under their own charters. If an aggregator is going to provide natural gas and/or electric buying services, it must be certified separately for each industry. Certification by the PUCO, means they have met strict requirements for doing business in Ohio. Therefore, you can participate with confidence.

The law allows for opt-in aggregation or opt-out aggregation.

Opt-in Aggregation

Opt-in aggregation is a program that permits each customer to sign up individually to participate in the program. If the local government chooses Opt-in aggregation, it can proceed to develop a plan and start signing up customers. The plan must include all rates and terms for customers to consider when deciding to join.

Opt-out Aggregation

Opt-out aggregation is a program that automatically enrolls all local residents, unless they individually opt-out of the program (choose not to be included). If a community chooses this form of aggregation, a number of steps are required:

A majority of voters must authorize opt-out aggregation in an election. The issue appears on a primary or general election ballot for your consideration. If authorized by a majority of the vote, the local government must form a plan of operation and management. They must also hold at least two public hearings to allow customers to voice any concerns over the proposed plan.

Once the local government has adopted the plan, each customer to be aggregated must be notified that they will be automatically enrolled in the program unless they specifically elect not to participate. This notification must also state the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of enrollment in the program. The opt-out notice is usually a letter accompanied by a post card to be mailed back if you do not want to participate or sometimes, a phone number to call or web site to visit to opt-out.

Natural gas aggregation customers may opt-out every two years without paying a switching fee. Electric aggregation customers may opt-out every three years without paying a switching fee.

**ELECTRICITY OPT OUT AGGREGATION LEVIES
ON THE BALLOT FOR THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPALITIES**

**ALLEN COUNTY – UNINCORPORATED AREAS
CITY OF DELPHOS
VILLAGE OF FORT SHAWNEE**

**VILLAGE OF LAFAYETTE
VILLAGE OF SPENCERVILLE**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage
To effect a governmental electricity aggregation program with opt-out provisions

STATEWIDE ISSUES

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**ISSUE 1: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
TO CHANGE THE AGE AT WHICH A PERSON MAY NOT BE ELECTED OR
APPOINTED TO A JUDICIAL OFFICE AND TO ELIMINATE COURTS OF
CONCILIATION AND THE SUPREME COURT COMMISSION
(Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio)**

To amend Section 6 and repeal Sections 19 and 22 of
Article IV of the Ohio Constitution

A YES vote means approval of the amendment.

A NO vote means disapproval of the amendment.

A majority YES vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

If approved, the proposed amendment will take effect immediately after the election.

League Explanation of Issue 1: Currently a candidate for judge is not eligible to run or be appointed if the candidate will be 70 years old or older when assuming the office. The proposed change would prohibit a candidate for judge from being elected or appointed if that candidate exceeds the age of 75 years. This would allow a judge to assume office at age 75 and serve out a six year term, meaning that a judge could potentially serve until age 81. Currently Ohio is one of 20 states with an age of retirement of 70 years. Eighteen states have no age limit. Four have a retirement age of 72, seven have a retirement age of 75, and one has a retirement age of 90.

The amendment would eliminate the Supreme Court Commission (established in 1875) and Courts of Conciliation (established in 1851). Neither has ever been utilized.

Proponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

1. In 2011 people live longer and are mentally sound longer than was the case in 1968, when the current age limit was adopted.
2. Experienced, knowledgeable judges should be permitted to run for office. Voters should determine if a candidate for judge is able to serve.
3. If a judge is unable to perform judicial duties because of age or any other reason, the Ohio Supreme Court can discipline or remove the judge. In addition, judges are subject to impeachment proceedings in the Ohio General Assembly.

Opponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

1. Having a higher age limit effectively creates a more entrenched judiciary.
2. The current system works and there is no compelling reason to change it.
3. Extending the retirement age will burden the courts with some judges whose best years are behind them.

**ISSUE 2: REFERENDUM ON LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO GOVERNMENT
UNION CONTRACTS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT
CONTRACTS AND POLICIES**

(A referendum on Am. Sub. SB 5)

A YES vote means approval of SB 5.

A NO vote means disapproval of SB 5.

A majority YES vote is required for SB5 to become effective

If approved, the provisions of SB 5 will take effect immediately after the election.

League Explanation of Issue 2: Approval of SB 5 changes laws concerning public employees, in particular teachers, firefighters and police. Major changes affect collective bargaining rights, salary schedules and compensation, layoff procedures, and leave. For example, approval would:
prohibit public employees from striking;
eliminate binding arbitration as a way to settle contract disputes for safety forces;
require performance-based pay for teachers;
provide a minimum that public employees must pay for pensions and health insurance;
allow the governing body (public employer) to impose its own last offer to settle a contract dispute.

Proponents of SB 5 argue that:

1. Schools and local governments need to reduce costs to balance their budgets. They must have the right to reject unaffordable government employment contracts.
2. Government employees should pay a larger portion of the cost of health insurance and

retirement plans in an amount closer to that paid by private sector employees.

3. Seniority-based layoffs for teachers often force the best teachers to be laid off first.

Opponents of SB 5 argue that:

1. Public employees should have rights to protect themselves in the workplace. For example, police and firefighters should be able to negotiate for critical safety equipment. Nurses should be able to demand reasonable staffing levels in hospitals.

2. The budget shouldn't be balanced by requiring additional sacrifices by Ohio's public employees who have already made over \$350 million in concessions. Corporations should give up their tax breaks.

3. Teachers, nurses and firefighters did not cause Ohio's budget problems.

Websites In support of SB 5: Building A Better Ohio <http://betterohio.org/>

In opposition to SB 5: We Are Ohio <http://weareohio.com/>

**ISSUE 3: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING
HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH CARE COVERAGE**

(Proposed by Initiative Petition)

To add a new Section 21 to Article I of the Ohio Constitution

A YES vote means approval of the amendment.

A NO vote means disapproval of the amendment.

A majority YES vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

If approved, the proposed amendment will take effect 30 days after the election

League Explanation of Issue 3: The amendment would add a section to Ohio's Bill of Rights exempting Ohioans from the requirement that individuals purchase a minimum amount of health insurance coverage (individual mandate). The requirement is found in The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), a federal law passed March 19, 2010. The amendment would also apply to any similar federal, state or local law requiring participation in health insurance or a health care system. It would not apply to any law or rule in effect as of March 19, 2010. This would include health insurance coverage such as Medicare, Medicaid, workers' compensation, Social Security Disability, veterans' programs as of that date.

Generally, a state law, or a state constitutional provision, cannot overrule a federal law. The PPACA is currently being challenged in federal court as violating federal law. The provision exempting Ohioans from PPACA would likely have little or no effect on that challenge. However, if passed, the amendment could have a direct impact on any Ohio law (state or local) with an effective date after March 19, 2010. Ohioans would be exempted from any requirement imposed by the Ohio legislature, or by any of Ohio's counties or cities, which would require individuals to purchase health insurance. It is unclear how far that might extend and what the impact would be on such issues as workers' compensation, Medicaid, or health services operated by the state such as clinics at state universities.

Proponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

1. The freedom from being forced to purchase government-defined private health insurance is a fundamental right that should be embodied in the Ohio Bill of Rights.
2. Government must be prohibited from passing laws requiring purchase of health insurance coverage.
3. Ohioans should be able to vote on whether they want to be covered by government-defined health insurance.

Opponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

1. Without required participation the entirety of the PPACA might be declared to be unconstitutional. Some consequences would be that insurance companies could continue to exclude people, including children, with preexisting medical conditions from getting health insurance coverage, and continue to impose annual and lifetime caps on health care coverage.
2. Exempting Ohioans from requirements of a federal law violates the U.S. Constitution and should be struck down by the Courts.
3. Changes the Ohio legislature has made to health insurance coverage since March 19, 2010 as well as future changes would be invalid. This would include needed changes to Medicaid, workers' compensation, and student health insurance.

Websites

In support of the proposed amendment: Ohioans for Healthcare Freedom www.ohioansforhealthcarefreedom.org/

In opposition to the proposed amendment: Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage <http://ohioconsumersforhealth.org/>

YOUR ELECTION DAY RIGHTS

- If your name is not on the list of voters, you may be directed to another polling place or given a provisional ballot.
- Equal treatment regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender or disability.
- Privacy – you can't be forced to show how you voted.
- Assistance from poll workers if you request it.
- If you have a disability, access to a voting device you can use.
- Signs should be posted to assist you with voting machines, voters' rights and how to file a complaint.

VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011
POLLS OPEN 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Take 5 to VOTE

#1 WHO CAN VOTE

If you are a U.S. citizen and you are at least 18 years old, you can vote.

#2 WHAT YOU'LL VOTE ON

Most likely, you'll have several choices to make when you vote. For example, you may vote for President and Vice President of the United States, members of Congress, governor, mayor and school board. You may also be asked to vote on other things, like money for schools or roads, and whether you approve of certain laws.

#3 WHEN TO VOTE

General Elections, when we vote for President and members of Congress, come in November of even-numbered years. Election day is the Tuesday between November 2 and November

8. State and local elections may be held at other times as well. Primary elections, in which voters choose which candidate they want to represent their party, usually take place several months before general elections.

#4 WHERE TO VOTE

You should get a card or letter after you register, telling you where you vote (usually a nearby public building). Hold on to it. It's a handy reminder for Election Day.

#5 WHY VOTE

The leaders you elect – for example, members of Congress – make decisions that affect you – your job, your health care, your energy costs, your energy costs, your security, and more. Voting is your chance to choose the decision makers and tell them what you want.

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