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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PA CITIZEN EDUCATION FUND
NONPARTISAN VOTERS GUIDE**

2015 Municipal Primary Election

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Polls open 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

This Voters Guide may be taken into the voting booth.

FOR ELECTION INFORMATION

•Washington County Department of Elections, 724-228-6750, Room 206, Washington County Office Building, Courthouse Square, Washington, PA 15301.

•League of Women Voters of Washington County, 724-228-9889.

•League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Information Center. 1-800-692-7281

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The material in this Guide was compiled by the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania-Citizen Education Fund (LWVPA-CEF) and the League of Women Voters of Washington County (LWVWC). This material may not be altered or reprinted without the permission of the League. Voters Guide information is taken directly from candidate replies to League questionnaires. In order to maintain League nonpartisanship and to allow the candidates to express themselves in their own words, the Voters Guide editors have not changed grammar or spelling in the candidates' replies. Each candidate's reply has been printed as submitted, except to use standard abbreviations and to edit from the bottom when a candidate's reply exceeded the word limit. Cuts are indicated by ellipses (...). The abbreviation N/A indicates the candidate did not supply information for that portion of the questionnaire.

The candidates are those whose names appear on the ballot on April 21, 2015. They are listed according to their ballot order. All candidates were given the opportunity to list a campaign website, if any, and one other way voters could contact them for information (phone number, etc.) Such information supplied by the candidates is listed under the heading "For mor information". This information is made available for the sole purpose of providing voters with convenient access to additional information.

PURPOSE AND POLICY OF THE LEAGUE

The purpose of the LWVPA-CEF and the LWVWC is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government. The League is nonpartisan: it neither supports nor opposes any political parties or candidates. Nothing in this guide should be construed as an endorsement of any candidate by the LWVPA-CEF or the LWVWC.

ELECTION SERVICE POLICY

The LWVWC publishes Voters Guides and conducts candidate forums to accomplish the following: to edcate the public, giving voters a chance to learn the views of all serious candidates; and to motivate voters to participate in elections.

All candidates whose names appear on the ballot will be included for the offices covered in League forums and Voters Guides. To be included in the Voters Guide or candidate forums, any write-in candidate must meet two of the following criteria as ascertained by the League:

- Public and/or media announcement of the candidacy;

- Existence of a campaign committee;
- Evidence of fundraising and/or planned activity for campaign;
- Demonstration of significant voter interest and support.
- The burden of proof rests with the candidate. Written notification by write-in candidates must be submitted to the League no later than the date announced in the local media.

WHAT IS A MUNICIPAL ELECTION?

In Pennsylvania, municipal elections are held in odd-numbered years for county, city, ward, borough and township offices and school directors. Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, PA Commonwealth Court, PA Superior Court, and justices of the PA Supreme Court are also elected in odd-numbered years. All judges seeking retention for an additional term run in the municipal election on a Yes/No basis without political party affiliation.

PURPOSE OF A PRIMARY ELECTION

The purpose of a primary election is the nomination of major party candidates to appear on the slate for the general election. Since Pennsylvania has a closed primary, the voter may choose candidates only within the party in which he or she is registered. Thus, a voter must be registered in a major party to vote in a primary. However, persons who are registered independent or in a minor political party may vote on ballot questions.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered voters who are ill, disabled, or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Completed **applications** for civilian absentee ballots must be received by the county Department of Elections by 5 P.M., Tuesday, May 12, 2015. Completed civilian absentee **ballots** must be received back at the Department of Elections by 5 P.M. on Friday, May 15, 2015. If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the Tuesday application deadline, call the Department of Elections for information on emergency absentee voting. Proof of emergency may be required. An emergency application and ballot can be obtained and voted by 5 P.M. on Friday, May 15, 2015, or through Election Day with Court approval. Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult the Department of Elections.

ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the judge of elections at the polling place should telephone the county Department of Elections. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not and you want to try to resolve the problem, then you can go in person to the county Department of Elections where a judge from the Court of Common Pleas will be on duty to resolve election problems. Alternatively you can ask for and vote by provisional ballot. If it is later determined that you were eligible to vote, your ballot will be counted. You will be given instructions on how to determine if your vote was counted.

Problems at the polls can be reported to the PA Department of State at www.votespa.com and the Election Protection Hotline, 1-866-OUR-VOTE, or www.866ourvote.org. Forms for absentee ballots, emergency absentee ballots and alternative ballots can be downloaded from the resource center at www.votespa.com.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW VOTERS

If you are a new voter or if you are voting at a polling place for the first time, then you must bring your voter ID card or a photo ID such as a driver's license, student ID or some other form of Federal or State government issued ID. Some forms of non-photo ID are also acceptable such as a firearm permit, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government check. If you do not have any acceptable ID then you must be allowed to vote by provisional ballot.

WRITE-IN VOTING

Write-in voting for a candidate who is not on the ballot: check with the workers at your polling place before entering the voting booth.

1. When the appropriate office comes up on the screen, press the box next to the line for Write-in.
2. An image of a keyboard will appear on the screen. Using the keyboard, spell out the candidate's name.
3. Press Accept and your write-in vote will be entered for the appropriate office, as you will see on the ballot screen.

ON-LINE VOTERS GUIDE

The Voters Guide and other useful information for voters can be found on the LWVPA homepage: www.palwv.org and on the LWVWC webpage: washingtoncounty.palwv.org.

PENNSYLVANIA APPELLATE COURTS

Voters Guide information about candidates for Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Superior Court, and Commonwealth Court is available in the online [LWVPA Voters Guide](#).

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Job Description: Three county commissioners (no more than two representing the same party) supervise voter registration and elections; assessment of real estate property; human services; veterans affairs; weights and measures; prisons; 911 and emergency services; parks and recreation; and land use planning. They can establish housing and redevelopment authorities and conduct community development programs. They maintain a nursing home, and may support libraries, community colleges and farmland preservation programs. They set county tax rates and adopt budgets for county offices and local Court of Common Pleas.

Term: 4 years - Salary: \$83,468 (Chair \$84,468)

QUESTION: The County Commissioners Association of PA has identified prevention of drug overdose and substance abuse as a statewide priority. How should Washington County government address this issue?

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:



Harlan Shober

Chartiers Twp.
D.O.B. 12/17/44

For more information: 724-225-8281

Education: Graduate, Chartiers Houston H.S.; 2 yrs. at Indiana Univ. of PA, Mathematics.

Occupation: Washington County Commissioner

Qualifications: Business: 32 yrs. as manager at AT&T; 14 yrs. owner of Shober Homes Inc.; Local Gov't.: 12 yrs.

Chartiers Houston School Director; 16 yrs. Chartiers Twp. Supervisor; 3 years

Washington County Commissioner; 2nd Vice President 2015 of CCAP (Cty Commissioners Assoc. of PA)

Answer to question: 1-County will support the state legislation that will better manage/track the prescriptions that are given to patients; 2-Continue to fund the drug task force to limit the sale and use within our communities; 3-Continue the DARE program and other education within our schools and communities; 4- Currently, initiating pretrial service program where the up front treatment of offenders for drug & alcohol will be used to deter this use and enable individuals to return to productive lives.



Judith L. Fisher

South Strabane Twp.

D.O.B. 02/23/39

For more information: [http://m.facebook.com/](http://m.facebook.com/JudithL.Fisher1)

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Education: California Area H.S.; California Univ.; Univ. of Pittsburgh

Occupation: Retired Washington County Democratic Jury

Commissioner.

Qualifications: As a resident of Washington County since childhood, I have accumulated a lifetime of experience in public service, both charitable and political, and I have gained an insight to what the citizens and taxpayers of our area need and deserve.

Answer to question: After serving eight years on the Washington County Drug and Alcohol Commission, I know county commissioners cannot pass laws. I would work closely with our elected State officials helping to introduce laws they can pass aimed at proper punishment for drug and alcohol abuse offenders. We must continue supporting our countywide programs designed to eradicate chemical abuse. The community members throughout the county have to work together with law enforcement to take back our streets.



Allen "AJ" Williams

North Strabane Twp.

D.O.B. 11/7/87

For more information: Allen "AJ" Williams for County Commissioner on Facebook!

Education: Graduate, Canon McMillan H.S.; Graduate, W & J College

Occupation: Business Manager at South Hills Chrysler Dodge Jeep and Ram

Qualifications: Former Canonsburg Councilman, have shown the ability to bring fresh perspective to local government with a focus on the future of the residents.

Answer to question: I would like to see more attention to the addict, we tend to treat the addict like a criminal. When we change that mindset to realize that the addict has a disease, then we will begin making great strides in our fight against drugs. With the current epidemic, I believe that we should set up “Safe Havens” throughout the county, where people can go when they have decided that they need to change their lives. We need to begin helping those, that are looking for help!



Corey N. McConn

Cross Creek Twp.

D.O.B. 10/22/76

For more information: www.mcconn.org or

corey@mcconn.org

Education: W & J College, B.A., History/Political Science.

Occupation: Account Manager, in the Marketing Dept., PA Transformer Technology, Inc., Canonsburg, PA

Qualifications: My qualifications include my experience in working and volunteering in my Community and the County, over the last 15+ years. This includes more than 13 years on the Avella Area School Board, more than a decade served on Township Zoning Board ...

Answer to question: Addressing these issues should be a multi-pronged approach. First the county should incentivize education in the schools and the community. We must push the cooperative successes of programs like SAP and DARE. There also needs to be more focus given to Diversionary programs. The Police do a great job enforcing the Laws, but simply placing non-violent offenders in jail is counterproductive and costly. Perhaps the County should consider designating funds from the Gaming Local Share ...



Larry Maggi

Buffalo Twp.

D.O.B. 8/24/50

For more information: www.larrymaggi.com or

724-229-4817

Education: Graduate, McGuffey H.S. & California Univ. of PA with a degree in education. Served in the U.S.M.C.

Occupation: Served 24 years as a PA State Policeman. Served 6 years as Washington County Sheriff. Currently Washington County Commissioner.

Qualifications: Born, educated and worked in Washington County my entire life. Active in the community and veterans affairs. A Sunday school teacher and active in church.

Answer to question: We need to continue collaboration with law enforcement, emergency responders, treatment experts and community leaders to develop an effective response to the drug overdose problem. Last year, we had 38 overdose

deaths. Working with our Drug and Alcohol agency, we have implemented comprehensive prevention, intervention and treatment programs, such as Drug Court. Agencies such as CYS, Veterans Affairs and Behavioral Health are increasing their services to meet the needs of the families of addicts.



Randy J. Barli

Coal Center Boro

D.O.B. 4/24/55

For more information: 'smartvoter.org/Vote/Barli' or 724-621-0965

Education: 88 Penn State ASEET, 73 CAHS Academics, 73 MVVTS Electronics.

Occupation: Retired Electrical Contractor.

Qualifications: Candidate-Commissioner 03-15, PA State House 04-14. Public Service-Dem. Committee 03-16; Boro Council 00-02 & 83-89. Business – Licensed Insured Elec. Contractor 90-01; Family/Personal Business 58-01.

\$1-1/4Million/Mth Project Manager with Dynatran Division

of Dynalectric in Wash. DC recovering \$1/2Million federal funds within 1st 5 months 88-90...

Answer to question: Our Commissioners' responsibilities include the necessities to solve this deadly problem. Eliminating substance abusers/overdosers within County Government with a complete house cleaning will set the standards/principles to follow. Help is available for those which honestly seek/want help, all others can find employment elsewhere! Curiosity leads our youngest to deliberately touch the hot stove only once in their lifetime as the consequences suddenly become important! Family is a top priority, thank you.

REPUBLICAN



Diana Irely Vaughan

Nottingham Twp.

D.O.B. 08/20/62

For more information: FriendsWithDiana.com or diana@irey.com

Education: West Virginia Business College

Occupation: Washington County Commissioner

Qualifications: I have 20 years' experience serving the residents of Washington County as Commissioner. During my tenure, Washington County has maintained a low tax

rate, population and job growth, and responsive human services. I have demonstrated fiscal responsibility.

Answer to question: Washington County must continue to offer Drug and Alcohol services, and we must change our approach in corrections. Diversionary services that would allow intensive treatment options in place of incarceration should be

explored. Longer term treatment options for addicts should be conditions of parole. The end goal should be not only to punish, but to lead offenders to the path of recovery and independent living, which will reduce continued use and recidivism (re-entry) in corrections.



Mike McCormick

Peters Twp.

D.O.B. 01/10/49

For more information: www.votemike.com or [facebook/votemikemccormick](https://www.facebook.com/votemikemccormick)

Education: B.S. in Business Administration, Clarion Univ.

Occupation: CEO - Chairman of the Board, Benchmark Wealth Management

Qualifications: Mike McCormick has a lifelong record of service and leadership in our community. Born & raised in

Monongahela, I have called Washington County home for over 45 years Raised my family here, started a successful business now housed in Southpointe.

Answer to question: The Washington County Commissioners should take a lead role in providing increased funding and support to drug education programs in our schools and among vulnerable populations, enhanced efforts of the drug task force, take back boxes in accessible location and county wide prescription monitoring. Support should also be given to diversion programs providing treatment options for young offenders, to increased cooperation between police departments and the DAs office and prosecution of serious offenders and dealers.



Nick Sherman

North Strabane Twp.

D.O.B. 08/18/79

For more information: [www.FACEBOOK.com/nickshermanforcommissioner](https://www.facebook.com/nickshermanforcommissioner) or 724-514-6270

Education: Clarion Univ., Major: Political Science

Occupation: Executive vice-president of the Domestic

Outreach Center

Qualifications: Managing staff, controlling costs and balancing budgets

Answer to question: I will fight for greater transparency in determining where casino and natural gas royalties are being allocated throughout the county.

Another focus will be to target wasteful county spending and to identify where common sense cuts can be made. Washington County must also focus on putting greater resources toward drug and alcohol rehabilitation and the D.A.'s drug task force. My work in other counties has given me perspective on what works and what does not.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Job description: The district attorney signs all bills of indictment and prosecutes all Washington County criminal cases for the state. He or she appoints assistants, detectives and clerks to assist in criminal investigation and prosecution of the cases to which the Commonwealth is a party.

Term: 4 years -- Salary: \$175,572

QUESTION: How can the DA address issues of racial tension in the enforcement of law in Washington County?

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:



Peter V. Marcoline

South Strabane Twp.

D.O.B: 3/18/77

For more information: [facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/petermarcolinefordistrictattorney)

[petermarcolinefordistrictattorney](https://www.facebook.com/petermarcolinefordistrictattorney) or 724-225-4005

Education: Bethel Park H.S., 1995; W&J, 1999 (Political Science); Dickinson School of Law (Penn State), 2002; Univ. of Florence Summer Abroad Program (Italy), 2000

Occupation: Lawyer (Blackwell & Associates)

Qualifications: Through my practice, I have gained extensive litigation experience and have logged countless hours in the courtroom. I want to bring my experience to the residents of Washington County. I will be a “hands-on” District Attorney prosecuting cases.

Answer to question: By assuring the residents of Washington County that an individual’s race has no relevance on the manner in which I will enforce the laws. I will work with law enforcement agencies and community groups to alleviate, and ultimately, eliminate racial tension in our county. This will be accomplished through an open door policy to review any complaints of racial tension. Racial tension must be addressed to provide proper law enforcement and a peaceful community.

REPUBLICAN:



Gene Vittone

Bentleyville Boro

D.O.B: N/A

For more information: www.VoteVittone.com

Education: Peters Twp. H.S., 1977; Univ. of Pittsburgh, B.S. Biological Sciences, 1981; M.A. in Health Administration, 1990; M.B.A.1990; Duquesne Univ., J.D., cum laude 1997

Occupation: Washington County District Attorney

Qualifications: Currently serving as District Attorney. Prior to becoming D.A., served as an Asst. District Attorney for 12 years.

Answer to question: “It is addressed through the ongoing dialogue we have and the mutual respect between law enforcement and those impacted by this issue in our county. I have made it part of my mission to work with many different organizations, such as the NAACP, with a goal of fostering positive relations with our law enforcement community. That is the key to everything as we work to eliminate this issue.” – Gene Vittone, District Attorney

REGISTER OF WILLS AND CLERK OF THE ORPHANS’ COURT

Job description: The register of wills probates the wills of county residents, collects state inheritance taxes, and maintains records related to wills, fiduciary accounts, and miscellaneous records. The Register of Wills also is clerk of the Orphans’ Court, filing all proceedings related to adoptions and to the estates of incapacitated persons and issues marriage licenses.

Term: 4 years -- Salary: \$80,023

QUESTION: What is your philosophy of customer service for the office you are seeking?

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:

Mary Jo Poknis

Fallowfield Twp.

D.O.B.: 3/27/55

For more information: 724-239-5661

Education: Mon Valley Catholic H.S.; Penn Commercial.

Occupation: Current Register of Wills/Clerk of the Orphans Court

Qualifications: Incumbent for 8 yrs.; Deputy (manager) for 8 yrs.; and clerk for 5 yrs..

Answer to question: Curtious, respectful, helpful, attentive are what my staff and myself strive to provide. Experience and knowledge of the office are very important and contribute greatly in providing excellent service. Explaining procedures without giving legal advice (which we are not permitted to do) requires patience and understanding.

REPUBLICAN:

No candidate filed

COUNTY TREASURER

Job description: The treasurer receives all tax and other money owed to the county, pays the bills upon order of the commissioners and maintains annual and monthly records for audit. As an agent of the state, he or she issues dog, bingo, small games of chance, fishing, and hunting licenses. Additional duties include issuing provisional firearms permits.

Term: 4 years-Salary: \$78,023

QUESTION: What is your philosophy of customer service for the office you are seeking?

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:



Francis L. King

City of Washington

D.O.B: 12/18/44

For more information: Francis King - Facebook

Education: I.C. H.S.; Point Park College 1 yr.

Occupation: County Treasurer

Qualifications: Treasurer for 20 yrs. Improvements in this office over the yrs.

Answer to question: My staff of 7 employees are very courteous to all customers along with very efficient in processing work flow. I receive 10-15 notes, letters & calls thanking me for the kind and efficient service they received.

REPUBLICAN:



David A. Borodaty

Donora Boro

D.O.B.: 1/20/64

For more information: borodatyfortreasurer.com or
724-747-2122

Education: Charleroi Area H.S.; Marine Corps. Basic Training, Parris Island, SC; Marine Corps. Engineering program, NC; B.S. (Honors) Political Science, Graduate School in Education - California Univ. of PA; Western Michigan Univ., Graduate Classes

Occupation: Retired

Qualifications: USMC Combat Engineer, (Honorable Discharge); Public Policy/Public Administration Major for B.S. in Political Science; Co-Founder A.I.R. Dentalplex (Specialist Dental Office)

Answer to question: As Treasurer and Chief Custodian of County Funds, I will treat everyone as I wish to be treated by: Providing a philosophy of services statement; Promptly resolving problems; Tailoring service to meet individual needs; Upholding confidence and trust placed in me, Implement evening hours; Maintaining standards of excellence; professionalism, courtesy and integrity; Demonstrating pride in public service; Maintain and submitting records of operation consistent with the law; Ensuring upgrade and modernization of service delivery.

CLERK OF COURTS

Job Description: The clerk of courts keeps all records of the county courts involving criminal cases, collects costs for criminal and juvenile court, administers oaths, and takes affirmations. The clerk takes bail on criminal matters, records and docket all criminal cases, and maintains files on the decisions of the criminal courts. Additional duties include maintaining juvenile, non-support, miscellaneous and election dockets.

Term: 4 years-Salary \$78,023

QUESTION: What is your philosophy of customer service for the office you are seeking?

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:



Frank Scandale

Canonsburg Boro

D.O.B. 12/11/67

For more information: Frank J Scandale for Clerk of Courts (FACEBOOK) or 412-398-6026.

Education: Canon-McMillan H.S., W&J – Degree in Business Administration

Occupation: Insurance Agent

Qualifications: I have experience managing staff, keeping meticulous records and providing exceptional customer service. 19 yrs. as a business owner coupled with my education qualify me for the office of Clerk of Courts.

Answer to Question: Excellent customer service stems from adhering to 7 principles. The service provider must be an individual that is empathetic and patient. They must be pleasant and attentive while having knowledge of the office. Mix those qualities with good communication skills and a strong work ethic and you have created great customer service. Customer service is the experience that is delivered to a customer. These principles have culminated into a philosophy for me.



Kristin L. Marcy

Stockdale Boro

D.O.B. 8/23/72

For more information: kmarcyforclerkofcourts.com or 724-330-5002

Education: Graduate of: Charleroi Area Jr. /Sr. H.S., California Univ. of PA and Leadership Washington County

Occupation: Asst. Deputy Clerk of Courts

Qualifications: I am a hard working, capable and self-motivated individual that has over 17 yrs. of positive experience working in all facets of this office. I am looking forward to bringing my own management style to the office.

Answer to question: The clerks office has a reputation for being courteous, helpful and professional. I enjoy the distinct advantage of being completely familiar with all aspects of this office as well as the knowledge of where to direct individuals should they require services provided by other departments. Excellent customer service comes from knowledge and experience. I have both.

REPUBLICAN:

No candidate filed

PROTHONOTARY

Job Description: The Prothonotary is clerk of the civil division of the Common Pleas Court. The office establishes dockets and maintains the records of all civil cases, including: equity suits, non-profit corporations, financing statements, municipal and mechanics liens, habeas corpus proceedings, divorce actions, fictitious name registrations, etc. The Prothonotary is the notary public registry for the county.

Term: 4 yrs. Salary: \$78,023

QUESTION: What is your philosophy of customer service for the office you are seeking?

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:



Colleen Murphy Arnowitz

City of Monongahela

D.O.B. 11/25/53

For more information: [facebook.com/ColleenProthonotary](https://www.facebook.com/ColleenProthonotary)
or 724-258-5631

Education: California Univ. of PA: B.S. Education, 1975;
M.S. Education, 1997; Principal K-12 Certification, 2003;
Special Education Certification, 1982

Occupation: I.U. 1/Charleroi Area S.D. Classroom Teacher 1980-91, 1995-2015;
Charleroi Area Middle School – Dean of Students, 2009-10

Qualifications: I have previously held office as your Washington County Prothonotary. I have the organizational skills, administrative background, and experience to run a courteous and effective office.

Answer to question: When customers enter the Prothonotary's office they should be greeted immediately with a courteous hello and a smile. At times when the customer's side of the counter is filled, all employees including the office holder need to greet and serve customers. Operations should be structured but coordinated in a manner that is flexible enough to meet customers' needs. All office staff MUST remember that it's their privilege to serve you, the customer.



Joy Schury Ranko

North Strabane Twp.

D.O.B. 2/8/60

For more information: jlmranko@yahoo.com or
724-746-0426

Education: Canon-McMillan Sr. H.S.

Occupation: Current Asst. Deputy Prothonotary

Qualifications: Currently working in this office with 13 yrs.
experience, 11 yrs. as Asst. Deputy Prothonotary. Unlike
any candidate, my starting as a clerk, I have performed all

duties necessary to keep this office running efficiently. I am able to back-up
every clerk's position in their absence.

Answer to question: My experience will enable me to keep this office operating in
the current friendly & efficient manner. With my understanding of procedure &
the computer system, I can continue with automation in progress in an aggressive
manner. I will be able to assist the I.T. department with enhancements to the on-
line services currently available to the public. I will be a full time working
Prothonotary assisting with everyday procedures. The taxpayers deserve nothing
less!

REPUBLICAN:



David D. Tennent III

Peters Twp.

D.O.B. 10/7/57

For more information: N/A

Education: B.F.A., Edinboro Univ.; B.S., Barry Univ.

Occupation: Occupational Therapist

Qualifications: With 22 yrs. of experience working with the
public, I well understand how to hear what they need and

respond accordingly. I have extensive training in government required filings and
a commitment towards current and continued technology.

Answer to question: Prothonotary serves the people directly. The people (the
customers) pay my salary. All decisions and commitments I make will flow from
that understanding. The position of Prothonotary is long standing and essential
office to the operation of the law. I would be honored to hold that position.

CORONER

Job Description: The coroner investigates deaths of suspicious or violent nature. When necessary he or she orders autopsies and subpoenas witnesses for inquests. The coroner is required to issue a certificate if death occurs without medical attendance.

Term: 4 years-Salary: \$78,023

QUESTION: What is your philosophy of customer service for the office you are seeking?

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:



S. Timothy Warco

City of Washington

D.O.B. 3/15/51

For more information: wash164@aol.com

Education: B.A. Univ. of California, Psychology; Graduate Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science; Certified PA Medicolegal Death Investigation; Office of the Attorney General, 210 Hrs of Continuing Ed; EMT No. 32 Commonwealth of PA

Occupation: PA Funeral Home Owner/Operator; Licensed PA Funeral Director/Embalmer; Washington County Coroner

Since 1992

Qualifications: 18 Yrs. Deputy Coroner, Washington County Coroner's Office; 23 Yrs. 3 Mos., Washington County Coroner; 26,974 Cases Investigated; 513 111111111 Highway Fatalities; 123 Homicides; 513 Suicides; 19 Inquests ...

Answer to Question: We have consistently,

Over the past 20 years, addressed improving our services and implementing policies as needed. If elected, my goals for the next term will be to continue to run the Office of Coroner with honesty, integrity and a strong work ethic, while serving the families at their tragic and difficult time. I will continue to serve the taxpayers in the manner entrusted and expected of me.

REPUBLICAN:

No candidate filed

WASHINGTON COUNTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

Job description: The magisterial district judge (formerly called district justice) handles traffic violations, landlord/tenant matters, civil claims, except claims against a Commonwealth party as defined by section 8501 (relating to definitions), wherein the sum demanded does not exceed \$12,000 exclusive of interest and costs, and preliminary hearings in criminal cases. Magisterial district judges who are not lawyers must complete a course of instruction and pass an exam before taking office.

Term: 6 years-Salary: \$88,290

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 27-1-01

City of Washington and North Franklin

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:



Anthony F. Gennaccaro

North Franklin Twp.

D.O.B. 5/3/57

For more information: [facebook.com/people/Anthony-Gennaccaro/1000009245476085](https://www.facebook.com/people/Anthony-Gennaccaro/1000009245476085) or 412-722-9292

Education: Clarion Univ., 2 yrs. studying Business

Administration and Accounting; Penn State Univ., P.C.C.D.

Act 2009-49 Constable Certifications; PA Bureau of Corrections Training Academy.

Occupation: PA State Constable; Owner of Shangri-La Beverage, LLC

Qualifications: Law enforcement experience as both a PA State Constable and Corrections Officer; Extensive Business Management Experience

Answer to question: I do not feel our Magisterial District Court is being managed efficiently. I will better organize this Court to work better for you the taxpaying public. Right now there are no night hours so that working people can fight citations without missing work and losing income. This is just wrong. I will see to it that the public's convenience is put first above my own. The Bottom Line – I will work harder for you!

Robert W. Redlinger

North Franklin Twp.

D.O.B. 6/23/54

For more information: re-elect Bob Redlinger Face Book

Education: Wash High Grad 72; attended CCAC, Police Academy Grad 1979, numerous schools & classes during tenure as a police offer of 32 yrs.

Occupation: Magisterial District Judge 27-1-01

Qualifications: Attended & passed in 2009 required education to become a MDJ. Have passed all required classes to maintane standing as a qualified MDJ.

Answer to question: I feel that I have done the job of MDJ the voters of the city of Washington and North Franklin Twp. have entrusted in me, since 2009. As current MDJ, I view all cases criminal and civil as fair and impartial as possible. My wish is to continue serving my communities with the respect and dignity they deserve.

REPUBLICAN:

Robert W. Redlinger

Cross-filed; see above

Anthony F. Gennaccaro

Cross-filed; see above

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 27-3-02

Beallsville, Bentleyville, Cokeburg, Deemston, Ellsworth, Marianna, N. Bethlehem. Somerset, W. Bethlehem, West Pike Run

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:

Curtis L. Thompson

North Bethlehem Twp.

D.O.B 11/24/56

For more information: N/A

Education: 1976 Bentworth H.S. Grad; 9 yrs. as Police Chief; Cert in 1990 by Minor Jud Ed Board – certification

Occupation: District Court Judge

Qualifications: 24 yrs. Exp; Certified by State in 1990 and Re-certified each year since

Answer to question: As a spec Court Judge I deal with many aspects of the Law. Common Sence is by far a persons best tool to adjudicte cases and the ability to

assist persons with problems that they may have. My motto is and has always been I nice to be important – but important to be nice.

REPUBLICAN

Curtis L. Thompson

Cross-filed; see above

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 27-3-06

McDonald, Cecil, Robinson, Mt. Pleasant

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:

Jesse White

Did not reply



Traci McDonald-Kemp

McDonald Boro

D.O.B. 7/26/70

For more information: traciformdj.com or 724-492-8253

Education: Clarion Univ. of PA, Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Law

Occupation: Licensed Attorney-Deputy District Attorney, Adjunct Professor

Qualifications: Prosecuting cases involving child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence and rape for the past 14

yrs., McDonald-Kemp is recognized for her temperament, fair application of the law, community volunteerism, and professional excellence. Candidate has unmatched experience, excellent work ethics, and proven integrity.

Answer to question: My temperament, background, experience, and inherent ability to decipher and fairly apply the law make me the perfect fit for this Judicial position. A Judge must demonstrate a strong work ethic and a commitment to fairness and integrity. A Judge must possess a firm understanding of the law and the ability listen fairly and without bias in interpreting and applying the law. I have a demonstrated record of each of these qualifications.



Mike Philips

Cecil Twp.

D.O.B. 12/19/63

For more information: mphilips4mdj.com or 724-344-8491

Education: Criminal Justice Degree; Certified by the Supreme Court of PA. To hold office of District Judge

Occupation: Director of Security IMSN

Qualifications: During my 2 decades as a police officer I

have learned the laws and how to apply them. It has been my experience that even good people can make mistakes in life and deserve to be heard. ...

Answer to question: While serving as a police officer for 20 yrs. I saw how hard it could be at times to get a District Judge to come out and do their job. It is my intention to be a FULL TIME District Judge with evening and weekend hours this not only helps the Police out but gives the defendants their rights to be heard in a timely manner. Everybody coming to my court will be treated with respect.

REPUBLICAN:

Traci McDonald-Kemp

Cross-filed; see above

Jesse White

Cross-filed; see above

Mike Philips

Cross-filed; see above

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 27-3-10

Amwell, Blaine, Buffalo, Claysville, Donegal, E. Finley, Green Hills, Hopewell, Independence, Morris, S. Franklin, W. Finley, West Middletown

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:

Ethan T. Ward

Donegal Twp.

D.O.B. 3/19/71

For more information: N/A

Education: McGuffey H.S., 1989; IUP State certified Police Academy, 1994. PA mandatory training/education course for

Magisterial District Judges, 2009. Annual update courses for

M.D.J.s 2010-2014. Attended over 50 classes on Municipal ordinance, building code, zoning law, motor carrier enforcement, ect.



Occupation: Magisterial District Judge

Qualifications: I have been a Magisterial District Judge for 6 yrs. Previously I was a police officer in Donegal Twp...

Answer to question: I decided to run again for this office because I enjoy the aspect of community service the position provides. I also enjoy the challenges of the day to day decision making that is required. I was blessed to be elected for the first term and I look foreword to serving the communities in my second term.

REPUBLICAN:

Ethan T. Ward

Cross-filed; see above

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Job description: Boards of school directors are the governing agencies for local school districts. They have the responsibility for planning, setting policy and evaluating school operations. They may levy taxes, issue bonds, hire personnel, provide for school buildings and purchase textbooks and supplies. They adopt rules and regulations to govern their own affairs and the conduct of employees.

Term: 4 years (Except where noted) --- Salary: Unpaid

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGION I

Cross Creek

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:

Donald D. Underwood

Did not reply

E. Alex Paris III

Did not reply

Jim Gagich

Did not reply

REPUBLICAN:

E. Alex Paris III

Cross-filed; see above

Donald D. Underwood

Cross-filed; see above

Jim Gagich

Cross-filed; see above

REGION II

Hopewell and West Middletown

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:

No candidate filed

REPUBLICAN:

No candidate filed

REGION III

Independence

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:

Jeffrey W. Devenney

Independence Twp.

D.O.B. 6/29/69

For more information: 724-587-5730

Education: B.S. Science & Biology & Education/Secondary

Occupation: Teacher in the Washington School district

Qualifications: Father of 2 children and Public School teacher 18 yrs.

Answer to question: The school is going in the right direction. I want to make sure we keeping moving in that direction.

REPUBLICAN:

Jeffrey W. Devenney

Cross-filed; see above

BENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bentleyville, Cokeburg, Ellsworth, N. Bethlehem and Somerset. At large.

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 5

DEMOCRAT:

Adam McMurray

Did not reply

Clyde W. Kearns

Did not reply

Nancy L. Brady

Did not reply

REPUBLICAN:

Adam McMurray

Cross-filed; see above

Nancy L. Brady

Cross-filed; see above

BETHLEHEM-CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

REGION I

Centerville 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:

Jim Gwyer

Centerville Boro

D.O.B: 5/15/67

For more information: N/A

Education: Beth-Center H.S., 1985 graduate; California Univ. of PA, 1989 graduate, B.S., Business Administration & Management

Occupation: Financial Advisor, Edward Jones Investments

Qualifications: Extensive experience with finance and investing; Parent of 2 children currently attending the school

Answer to question: N/A

Laura Frost

Did not reply

REPUBLICAN:

Jim Gwyer

Cross-filed; see above

Laura Frost

Cross-filed; see above

REGION II

Centerville 5 and E. Bethlehem Twp.

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:

Bridgett Trump

Did not reply

Donald Davey

Did not reply

REPUBLICAN:

Bridgett Trump

Cross-filed; see above

Donald Davey

Cross-filed; see above

REGION III

Beallsville, Deemston, Marianna & W. Bethlehem

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:

Karen Drill

Did not reply

Vincent L. Bloom

Did not reply

Christine Hundertmark

West Beth Twp.

D.O.B. 4/3/67

For more information: [Facebook.com/groups/852689751469156](https://www.facebook.com/groups/852689751469156)

Education: N/A

Occupation: 21-year business owner of Christine's Accounting Services, providing personal and business tax preparation, bookkeeping services and business office management consulting. Additionally, I was a General Ledger Accountant for 8 yrs. with Genesis Eldercare.

Qualifications: Experience with fund accounting, non-profit accounting and budget preparation; Specialized experience in budget rescue and business reorganization

Answer to question: Having 2 elementary-aged children vests my interest in the success of the school. Beth-Center consistently ranks near the bottom of the list with test scores in Washington County. Our buildings are in need of repair and there are budget issues that must be dealt with. My experience will help the Board of Directors along with the Administration move in a positive direction to provide the best education possible for our children.

REPUBLICAN:

Karen Drill

Cross-filed; see above

Vincent L. Bloom

Cross-filed; see above

Christine Hundertmark

Cross-filed; see above

BURGETTSTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

REGION I

Hanover and Jefferson

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:

Melissa Secco

Hanover Twp.

D.O.B. 2/21/77

For more information: N/A

Education: West Liberty Univ.

Occupation: Housewife/mother

Qualifications: Parent and home owner

Answer to question: As a parent, I have a vested interest in the success of all our children. As a homeowner, I recognize the importance of getting the best value out of tax dollars. As a volunteer, I recognize and appreciate the contributions parents and families make to our schools. And through life experience I know the challenges of today's working families and commit to providing an environment where students and teachers can do their best work.

Norma Alrutz

Jefferson Twp.

D.O.B. 8/25/60

For more information: N/A

Education: B.S., Human Resource Mgmt., Geneva College

Occupation: Executive Director, Saltworks Theatre Co.

Qualifications: Graduate of Burgettstown, life resident, willing to volunteer hours necessary for the position, desire to see Burgettstown Schools excel.

Answer to question: I've enjoyed learning more about how the school district runs from the inside out and have continued to be educated by long-term members of the board. I hope to help the school district move forward fiscally, professionally and academically in the next four yrs.

REPUBLICAN:

Melissa Secco

Cross filed: see above

Norma Alrutz

Cross filed: see above

REGION II

Burgettstown and Smith 2, 4 & 7

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:

Thomas Repole

Did not reply

Merle L. Ayres

Smith Twp.

D.O.B: 10/6/34

For more information: 724-531-3043

Education: H.S. & 2 years of college

Occupation: Retired from LTV & J&L Steel as a area manger

Qualifications: 20 yrs. as a board member

Answer to question: N/A

REPUBLICAN:

No candidate filed

REGION III

Smith 1, 3, 5, & 6

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:

No candidate filed

REPUBLICAN:

Marla Pendeville

Did not reply

CALIFORNIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

REGION I

California 1, 2 & 4

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:

Steven M. Martin

Did not reply

Barry R. Niccolai

California Boro

D.O.B. 8/14/59

For more information: 724-938-7092

Education: B.S. Business, Waynesburg Univ.; M.S. Community/Agency Counseling, California Univ.

Occupation: Asst. Executive Director, Centerville Clinics, Inc.

Qualifications: School Director for 25+ years. 31 yrs. working in an educational environment (California Univ.) Business background.

Answer to question: It has been an honor to serve in this office for 25+ yrs.. I thank the voters for their continued support. I have been an advocate for high quality education for our students, while being mindful of the limited resources of some residents of the district. The board and district administration and staff have worked together to have the district achieve high ratings for the district in state scorings and other regional rankings.

REGION II

California 3, W. Brownsville 2, & West Pike Run

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:

Darra Tyler-Owens

West Pike Run Twp.

D.O.B. 1/24/74

For more information: N/A

Education: Washington Hospital School of Nursing, R.N. Diploma; California Univ. of PA, Bachelors in Nursing

Occupation: Homemaker

Qualifications: Served on board since 2012

Answer to question: I enjoy serving on the board in the company of others who are so dedicated and informative. They have been welcoming and very patient with me. It would be an honor to continue to serve our district if the voters see fit.

REPUBLICAN:

Darra Tyler-Owens

Cross-filed; see above

REGION III

Allenport, Coal Center, Elco, Long Branch, & Roscoe

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:

Diane Zielensky

Did not reply

REPUBLICAN:

Diane Zielensky

Cross-filed; see above

CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

REGION: CANONSBURG

Canonsburg all precincts except 1-4

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:

Manuel Pihakis

Canonsburg Boro

D.O.B. 4/14/33

For more information: 412-298-6671

Education: Indiana Univ. – Bloomington, Ind., Masters in Education

Occupation: Retired

Qualifications: 20+ yrs. experience

Answer to question: We are in the process of building 2 new schools, because of the growth in our school district, and want to be sure we keep up with our growth!

REPUBLICAN:

Manuel Pihakis

Cross-filed; see above

REGION: CECIL: Cecil and Canonsburg 1-4

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:

Mark E. Dopudja

Cecil Twp.

D.O.B: 11/9/52

For more information: 724-746-0781

Education: Ft. Cherry H.S., 1970 graduate

Occupation: Retired from Weirton Steel after 28 yrs. as a Carpenter Planner in maintenance, and construction.

Qualifications: I have an interest in and devotion to public education, and a willingness to give time and effort to the work; the ability to work cooperatively with others, and a capacity for understanding people.

Answer to question: I am running for School Board Director, because I believe the school board must be responsive and receptive to students, parents faculty, and the community. I also believe it's important to focus on the educational needs of all children, and provide the necessary opportunities students need to reach their full potential. It's very important tax dollars being paid by the residence will not be spent unwisely.

Michael V. Caporizzo

Cecil Twp

D.O.B. 1/28/50

For more information: N/A

Education: Duquesne Univ., BSME, MME. Music Education Degree

Occupation: Retired teacher, Canonsburg Middle School Band Director. Taught 37 yrs.

Qualifications: I have taught in Canon-McMillan for 37 yrs. before I retired. I know the district and its residents very well. I also have a strong passion for public education and a desire to see every student succeed.

Answer to question: I feel that I have made a positive difference for the Canon-McMillan School District by being on the board. I have a strong passion to dedicate my time to the continued success of public education in our community.

REPUBLICAN:

Mark E. Dopudja

Cross-filed; see above

Michael V. Caporizzo

Cross-filed; see above

REGION: NORTH STRABANE

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:

Joseph M. Zupancic

North Strabane Twp.

D.O.B. 5/8/69

For more information: 724-747-2873

Education: Canon-McMillan H.S.; Harvard Univ.; Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Law

Occupation: Attorney

Qualifications: Incumbent Director for the last 7 yrs.; Member and VP of the Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors; Member of the Governing Board of the PA School Boards Assoc.

Answer to question: I would like to continue the work of moving our district forward and restoring fiscal responsibility. 7 yrs. ago, our district was in dire financial straits. Today,

we have addressed our financial situation while continuing to make great strides forward in our academic programming. This district renaissance can proceed forward with the right leadership. I would like to play my small part therein with our dedicated leadership team of board members and administrative team.

Maureen M. Helsinki

Did not reply

REPUBLICAN:

Joseph M. Zupancic

Cross-filed; see above

Maureen M. Helsinki

Cross-filed; see above

CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Charleroi, Dunlevy, Fallowfield, N. Charleroi, Speers, Stockdale, Twilight. At large.

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 5

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

DEMOCRAT:

Elaine M. Pappasergi

Fallowfield Twp.

D.O.B.: 7/4/54

For more information: N/A

Education: B.S. Education, California Univ. of PA

Occupation: Retired Teacher

Qualifications: Public School Teacher for 37 years; School Board Director for 3 terms; Attendee at numerous PA school board workshops; Chairman of personnel, curriculum and instruction committee, recipient of Anne Sullivan Award for dedicated service to education.

Answer to question: According to a Greek philosopher, "The foundation of every state is the education of its youth." It takes committed individuals, who value the importance of an education, to assure this occurs. Due to my passion toward education, I am seeking re-election to the Charleroi School Board. I will continue to assist in promoting an environment that provides our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become successful adults, while being fiscally responsible.

Michele Vidnjvich

Fallowfield Twp.

D.O.B. 11/11/68

For more information: N/A

Education: Yough H.S., 1986 graduate; Douglas School of Business, 1991 graduate

Occupation: Buyer for the Meadows Casino

Qualifications: Held position on board for CMFL, currently treasurer & fundraiser chair. Board position held for Rho Alpha Theta, Business Sorority.

Answer to question: I decided to run for this position because I have a vested interest in our children at Charleroi. I have a son in middle school, and I enjoy getting involved with school. I feel that I have a lot to bring to the table with fresh ideas, and would like to be involved in decision making for the future of our children.

Charlie Yakich

Twilight Boro

D.O.B: 6/17/63

For more information: N/A

Education: Graduate, Charleroi Area H.S., 1981

Occupation: Roadway Program Technician - PennDot

Qualifications: On the board for the last 7 yrs.; Past PTA Director/President

Answer to question: Would like to try to continue to move the School District forward. I feel I vote for the best of the students, first, then the taxpayers, second. My personal interest comes last.

Adele Hopkins

Charleroi Boro

D.O.B: 4/21/47

For more information: 724-483-6678

Education: H.S. Graduate, Charleroi Area School District

Occupation: Retired

Qualifications: I have been a lifelong resident of the Charleroi Area. My husband, my daughters and I are all graduates of this school district. I worked for the Federal Government for 35 yrs. as a manager, having hired personnel, evaluated employees and handled large budgets. I interviewed clients . . .

Answer to question: I am running again because my job is not done. I see great things for our school district as we move forward into the technology age. We have great students and great teachers. Our board has always had the best interest of all our students and teachers in our decisions. I currently have 3 grandchildren attending school here, so I have a personal interest in helping our school continue to excel in curriculum as well as extracurricular activities.

Frank J. Paterra

Did not reply

James E. Short

Fallowfield Twp

D.O.B. 1/17/64

For more information: N/A

Education: BSEE, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology; MSEE, Univ. of Pittsburgh

Occupation: Engineering Management

Qualifications: Served 10 yrs. as a School Director for the Charleroi Area School District and Chairperson of the Buildings & Grounds/Transportation/Technology during this period. Chairperson of the Finance Committee for a local church. Involved in youth coaching for 12+ yrs.

Answer to question: School districts every year have difficulties in balancing the education needs of the student while achieving the federal and state mandated yearly performance requirements and not burdening the taxpayers in the community. Given my educational background and management experience, my desire is to make a difference and add value to the end goal of the school district which motivates me to continue to serve on the school board. Reaching out and serving the school district is an honor.

Danielle Yerkey

N. Charleroi Boro

D.O.B. 10/2/70

For more information: N/A

Education: Yough H.S., 1988; Point Park Univ., Westmoreland County Community College, Assoc. Degree, Accounting.

Occupation: Real Estate Agent, Howard Hanna, ~ 15 yrs.; previously worked at FBI, 12 yrs.

Qualifications: I've served as an executive member & supporter of Charleroi Midget Football league for past 6 yrs.; PTA Board and Charleroi H.S. cheer parents. Through these opportunities, I have enjoyed success in achieving results.

Answer to question: Being an active member in the business and community environments helps me in making important decisions board members face. Keeping students and educators endeavors a top priority is my main focus. If elected, I will work hard for our district, making decisions that will better our district and community.

Heather Keranko

Did not reply

Antonia Fafalios Pellegrini

Speers Boro

D.O.B. 5/1/73

For more information: N/A

Education: Belle Vernon H.S., 1991; Attended California Univ. PA, majoring in Secondary Education/Biology

Occupation: Homemaker

Qualifications: I'm invested in our community and schools; raising 6 children in the district, I have experience in many areas. I've served as PTA President for 2 yrs. and on the board for past 10 yrs. I've also served as an . . .

Answer to question: Being so active in the community, I feel I can achieve many good things. If elected, my goal would be to facilitate communication among the board, parents and students regarding topics on the board's agenda. If we can all work together, I believe we can make Charleroi an even better place to raise a family.

REPUBLICAN:

Danielle Yerkey

Cross-filed; see above

Antonia Fafalios Pellegrini

Cross-filed; see above

James E. Short

Cross-filed; see above

Elaine M. Pappasergi

Cross-filed; see above

Heather Keranko

Cross-filed; see above

Michele Vidnjvich

Cross-filed; see above

Adele Hopkins

Cross-filed; see above

Charlie Yakich

Cross-filed; see above

TERM: 2 YEARS:

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:

No candidate filed

REPUBLICAN:

No candidate filed

CHARTIERS -HOUSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Chartiers Township and Houston Borough. At large.

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 5

DEMOCRAT:

Richard A. Caumo, Jr.

Chartiers Twp.

D.O. B: 9/15/57

For more information: N/A

Education: B.S. Edu. California Univ. of PA, 1980

Occupation: Steelworker Dynamet Inc., Wash. Pa

Qualifications: My background in education; 16 yrs. experience as a board member.

Answer to question: Did not reply

Christopher J. Hess

Did not reply

REPUBLICAN:

Christopher J. Hess

Cross-filed; see above

CHARTIERS -HOUSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Chartiers Township and Houston Borough. At large

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?.

TERM: 2 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:

Fred Rockage

Did not reply

REPUBLICAN:

Fred Rockage

Cross-filed; see above

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

McDonald, Midway, Mt. Pleasant, and Robinson. At Large.

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 5

DEMOCRAT:

Tina Cottrill

Mt. Pleasant Twp.

D.O.B: 7/27/71

For more information: sctc2345@yahoo.com

Education: Allentown Regional H.S.; AIC, Associate in claims; CLCS, Commercial Lines Coverage Specialist.

Occupation: Insurance Claims Auditor

Qualifications: My career as an investigator and auditor has continued to develop my attention to facts and details.

Answer to question: I am running for a second term on the Ft. Cherry School Board. I will focus on continuing the changes that have been made in the past 4 yrs. within the district which include a new attention to academics, safety, security and fiscal responsibility. I feel that it is important that every tax dollar be spent in the best possible way to help each and every student reach their goals in life.

Loretta B. Kendall

McDonald Boro

D.O.B 6/12/62

For more information: N/A

Education: Thomas Cooley Law School, MI, Juris Doctor - Law; Robert Morris Univ., PA B.S. – Accounting (Cuma Laude); Duff's Business Institute, PA, A.A.S. – Accounting; Community College of Air Force - Logistics

Occupation: Self-employed Attorney; Retired, Air National Guard, JAG – 31½ yrs.

Qualifications: Self-employed as an Attorney; Judge Advocate for the military and provide legal advice to commanders, conducted training classes, participated in various boards and oversaw the operations of the law office ...

Answer to question: I am running for school director because I think we need to focus on the quality of education provided to our children and every child should receive the education they need to succeed.

Jodi Nation McKay

Did not reply

Louis R. Ursitz

Mt. Pleasant Twp.

D.O.B. 10/5/84

For more information: 724-796-1650

Education: Graduate, Ft. Cherry H.S., 2003; Penn College, Williamsport, 2005, Assoc. Heating & Air conditioning, Certificate of Plumbing

Occupation: HVAC Owner and Operator, Louis T. Ursitz Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

Qualifications: Did not reply

Answer to question: Did not reply

Melinda Errett

McDonald Boro

D.O.B. 9/1/74

For more information: melindalabs@yahoo.com

Education: Assoc. Degree, Health Information Management (Registered Health Information Technician)

Occupation: Coder, St. Clair Hospital – Medical Records Dept., 17 yrs.; 5 yrs. Human Resource Experience/Finance

Qualifications: Active Treasurer Ft. Cherry School Board; currently in 4th year of term; active in community and youth programs; Executive officer Ft. Cherry PTA

Answer to question: I would like to see a continued focus to improve academics while working within the financial means of the district.

REPUBLICAN:

Jodi Nation McKay

Cross-filed; see above

Tina Cottrill

Cross-filed; see above

Loretta B. Kendall

Cross-filed; see above

Louis R. Ursitz

Cross-filed; see above

Melinda Errett

Cross-filed; see above

McGUFFEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

REGION I

Blaine, Claysville, Donegal

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:

No candidate filed

REPUBLICAN:

No candidate filed

REGION II

Buffalo, Green Hills, E. Finley, W. Finley

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:

Scott W. Harden

Buffalo Twp.

For more information: N/A

D.O.B. 8/18/68

Education: B.S., Univ. of South Carolina; M.S., Florida Institute of Technology, M.B.A.,
Waynesburg Univ.

Occupation: President, West Penn Wire

Qualifications: The 13+ yrs. I have served as a current School Director coupled with my education and engineering/management work experience make me uniquely qualified to face the on-going challenges of educating our children.

Answer to question: I am running for re-election because I care about the future of the children of our district. Over the past 13 yrs., my fellow board member and I have worked very hard to improve the district, both scholastically and financially. Tough decisions have to be made when weighing the needs of the students against the financial means of the property owners. I believe my approach has been balanced, fair and what's best for our children.

REPUBLICAN:

Scott W. Harden

Cross-filed; see above

REGION III

Morris and S. Franklin Twps.

TERM: 4 YEARS;
VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:
No candidate filed

REPUBLICAN
Jeffrey E. Ross
Did not reply

PETERS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Peters Township. At large.

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

TERM: 4 YEARS;
VOTE FOR 5

DEMOCRAT
David Hvizdos

Peters Twp.

D.O.B: 1955

For more information: DAVID@VIZLAW.COM

Education: B.S., US Merchant Marine Academy; M.B.A, Univ. Pittsburgh; J.D., Duquesne Univ.

Occupation: Attorney

Qualifications: 9 year prior member; 2 yrs. President of Board

Answer to question: Peters deserves better from its board than a debate about twerking, board members wandering at the high school making believe they work there and maximum tax increases every year. A new teacher's contract & reassessment will soon be upon us. Making the wrong decisions could cost us all dearly. We need to deal with real issues for the benefit of all of our students balanced with fiscal responsibility for the benefit of all of our residents.

Minna J. Allison

Peters Twp.

D.O.B. 1/12/68

Website: <http://vote4minna.wix.com/vote4minna>

For more information: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009451981406

Education: W&J College, B.A., History; Temple Univ. School of Law, J.D.

Occupation: Attorney/Homemaker

Qualifications: As a mother of 3 children, an active volunteer, a regular participant at school board meetings, I have extensive insight into the history of board decisions. I

have effective communication skills, a keen ability to keep groups focused on issues, and proven ability to build consensus.

Answer to question: After yrs. of volunteering in our schools and following school board decisions, seeking this position is a logical next step for me. Maintaining a low tax rate while sustaining high academic standards is our challenge. I want to improve our district's academic reputation while maintaining our fiscal prudence. I will conscientiously examine all sides of issues, listen to the concerns of all those involved and make prudent decisions for the long-term good of our district.

Ronald A Dunleavy

Peters Twp.

D.O.B. 2/19/59

For more information: 724-941-6752

Education: Graduate, Washington D.C. JATC School

Occupation: Manager of Electric Technologies and also an Instructor for IBEW/CCAC Electrical Construction Technology Assoc. Degree Program

Qualifications: Project Manager on Several large Projects with multimillion dollar budgets and have managed large groups of employees. I have served as the Personal and Building & Grounds Chairperson.

Answer to question: I found myself running for school board the first time to try to make a difference. I find it extremely exciting to run this time because of all the wonderful things we have achieved, and even better things to come. We have been able to put a fabulous administration team in place. I hope to continue to help oversee in the reinvestment in our schools buildings through repairs and renovations, rather than new construction.

Thomas W. McMurray

Peters Twp.

D.O.B. N/A

For more information: N/A

Education: Peters Twp. H.S.; Davis and Elkins College, B.A.

Occupation: Vice President/Certified Public Accountant

Qualifications: Parent, Grandparent, Peters Twp. Resident for over 60 yrs, Peters Twp. School Board, 31 yrs.; Intermediate Unit #1 Board, 20 yrs.

Answer to question: A positive, but sometimes negative characteristic of a Board can be the diversity of its' members and my optimism is that my financial experience and longevity in the community and on the Board offers a unique perspective that can continue to contribute to the cohesiveness, collaboration and success of the Board and District. The historical trend of the District in most areas is positive, but difficult challenges remain to be addressed to continue this trend.

J. Rolf Briegel

Peter Twp.

D.O.B: 4/13/69

For more information: Facebook – Rolf Briegel

Education: Bachelors, Univ. of Virginia, 1991, Environmental Sciences major, Astronomy minor; Masters, California Univ. of PA, 2008

Occupation: Earth, space and environmental science teacher, Mt. Lebanon H.S. (Aug 2000 – present)

Qualifications: I'm a 15-year resident with 3 kids in the district and over 17 yrs. as a PA public school teacher.

Answer to question: I've seen recent boards make some decisions I disagree with, and I've heard of things happening in our classrooms that should not have happened. I believe that my more than 17 yrs. of service as a PA public school science teacher gives me a perspective on education that every School Board should keep in mind, and I believe I can help keep the focus on preparing our students for long-term success.

William Merrell

Peters Twp.

D.O.B: 6/28/50

For more information: wmerr58523@hotmail.com

Education: Post Grad Studies, Univ. of Pittsburgh G.S.P.I.A., Nova Southeastern Univ. and Duquesne Univ.; Masters degrees, Education, Geography and Regional Planning: Duquesne Univ. and California Univ. of PA; B.A. in Legal Studies, Univ. of Pittsburgh; A.S. in Safety Technology, Community College of the Air Force; Graduate, PA Realtors Institute; Graduate, Local Gov't Academy of Pittsburgh; Specialist in Safety and Health, Univ. of TX, Arlington; O.S.H.A. Authorized Instructor

Occupation: Retired: SMSgt (Supt. of Chemical, Nuclear and Biological Warfare), USAF; Public School Teacher

Qualifications: 37 yrs. of positive business and management experience, ...

Answer to question: Unlike when I came onto the board, the current board is working together to provide the very best education for the lowest cost possible. The positive changes in management and the new doctrine of "education" over sports has allowed us to do better in both arenas leading to the Allegheny Institute recently calling the PTSD "...one of best education values in the state, if not the best, in terms of outcomes per dollar expended".

REPUBLICAN:

David P Hvizdos

Cross-filed; see above

Thomas W. McMurray

Cross-filed; see above

J. Rolf Briegel

Cross-filed; see above

Minna J. Allison

Cross-filed; see above

Ronald A. Dunleavy

Cross-filed; see above

William Merrell

Cross-filed; see above

RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

AT LARGE (Regions I, II, and III)

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 3

DEMOCRAT:

Jason H Gerard

Nottingham Twp.

D.O.B. 9/1/69

For more information: www.buildingringgold.com

Education: Graduate, Charleroi H.S. and Penn State Univ., B.S., Computer Science

Occupation: IT Manager

Qualifications: Over 20 yrs. of military and business experience, where I have leveraged business and IT solutions. I currently have 4 children in the school district, from elementary through high school. I am a resident of Nottingham township and taxpayer of the Ringgold school district.

Answer to question: I believe that significant progress has been made in my short time on the Ringgold school board. We have been able to make progress on much needed school renovation and building projects, and we have been able to sell 2 older buildings. This has allowed the primary discussion for the Board, Administration, Faculty and Community to be on students and the curriculum, and on ways that we can improve Ringgold, without distractions from the past.

Gene Kennedy

Did not reply

Gail A. Glaneman

Nottingham Twp.

D.O.B: 6/7/66

For more information: www.g-glaneman.com or Facebook page, G-Glaneman

Education: Art Institute of Pittsburgh, 1986, Assoc. degree, retail mgmt.; Greater Latrobe H.S., 1984

Occupation: Retail Management

Qualifications: Regular school board meeting attendance for past 4 yrs.; 10 yrs. School volunteer work; 3 District-wide parent committees

Answer to question: To become a stronger advocate for friends and family, and to build on the positive momentum in the district in regards to cohesive curriculum and the long-term facilities plan.

Jim Dodd

City of Monongahela

D.O.B. 8/23/77

For more information: www.VoteDodd.com or jimdodd@votedodd.com

Education: California Univ. of PA, B.S., Elementary/Middle School Education, Music Minor; M.S., Community/Agency Counseling

Occupation: Licensed Professional Counselor, Program Manager for Substance Use Disorder Initiatives

Qualifications: I have a background in education as well as experience in managing large and small budgets. Finally, lived experience of supporting a family of six on one income has taught me to set clear priorities and ...

Answer to question: I am running for this office because I want to promote and seek opportunity for the children of the Ringgold District. I have 4 young children who attend or will attend. I am driven to be part of this board because I see those currently seated engaging in run-away spending on building projects, doubling our district's debt while decreasing spending in other areas. I will ask the tough questions of those receiving tax payer dollars.

Dennis Charles Fisher

Did not reply

Mariann Cook Bulko

Did not reply

REPUBLICAN:

Gail A. Glaneman

Cross-filed; see above

Jim Dodd

Cross-filed; see above

Mariann Cook Bulko

Cross-filed; see above

Jason H. Gerard

Cross-filed; see above

Gene Kennedy

Cross-filed; see above

Dennis Charles Fisher

Cross-filed; see above

REGION 3

Finleyville, Nottingham, Union

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:

Maureen Ott

Nottingham Twp.

D.O.B: 2/20/57

For more information: <http://ottmaureen.wix.com/ott-for-ringgold> or Facebook Maureen Ott

Education: B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Occupation: Engineer

Qualifications: Incumbent since 2012 when appointed by Judge Bell. Have attended Board meetings regularly for 10+ yrs. and am well-informed on the issues facing Ringgold. I have 2 children in the district, hold a DOE security clearance, and my taxes are paid.

Answer to question: I am passionate about the education of our youth. I have been a school director since 2012. Since then we hired directors of curriculum and security, sold old buildings that were a financial drain, settled a teacher's contract with no work stoppage, are building a new middle school and are in good financial condition. I want to continue to make these types of positive improvements to our district in the future.

Gene Kennedy

Did not reply

REPUBLICAN:

Gene Kennedy

Cross-filed; see above

Maureen Ott

Cross-filed; see above

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

REGION I

Amwell, North Franklin

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:

SEAN DOBICH

Amwell Twp.

D.O.B: 4/3/63

For more information: N/A

Education: B.S., Business Management, Penn State Univ.

Occupation: Business Manager

Qualifications: Quality Focused business executive with 30 yrs. of experience of providing strategic vision & leadership. Experience with budget planning, performance management, cost control and staff development.

Answer to question: As a father of 4 Trinity students as well as someone who wants to make a lifelong commitment to living in this area, I have an investment in the Trinity School District. I understand the values of public education and want to use my business education & experience to assist the community in having the best education at a fair cost to the taxpayers.

J. Frank Golsky

Did not reply

REPUBLICAN:

J. Frank Golsky

Cross-filed; see above

SEAN DOBICH

Cross-filed; see above

REGION I

Amwell, North Franklin

TERM: 2 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 1

DEMOCRAT:

REPUBLICAN:

No candidate filed

REGION II

Canton Twp.

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:

Penny S. Caleffe

Canton Twp.

D.O.B. 2/15/44

For more information: 724-222-2761

Education: B.A. in Education, Fairmont State College

Occupation: Retired Teacher

Qualifications: Over 40 years in education & 3½ yrs. of Board experience

Answer to question: We, the present Board members and administration, have been able to provide our school district the focus and direction that the district was lacking. The Board currently has a very strong focus which is to continue to be diligent about providing the best learning environment for our students to become successful, and we can continue to be mindful of the district's financial health in order to remain solvent in the years to come.

REPUBLICAN:

Penny S. Caleffe

Cross-filed; see above

REGION III

South Strabane Twp.

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 2

DEMOCRAT:

Jennifer Frazier Morgan

Did not reply

Kerrin McIlvaine

South Strabane Twp.

D.O.B: 6/2/64

For more information: N/A

Education: B.S., Business Administration, 1986; J.D., Pepperdine Law School, 1989

Occupation: Retired

Qualifications: A combination of factors including education, community involvement and currently sitting as a TASD Director.

Answer to question: I am proud to live in Washington, PA and raise my children in the Trinity Area School District. Sitting as a director is both challenging and rewarding.

REPUBLICAN:

Jennifer Frazier Morgan

Cross-filed; see above

Kerrin McIlvaine

Cross-filed; see above

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Washington and East Washington. At Large.

QUESTION: Why did you decide to run/run again for this office?

TERM: 4 YEARS;

VOTE FOR 5

DEMOCRAT:

Marsha K. Pleta

Did not reply

Linda L. Clemons

Did not reply

Troy G. Breese

Did not reply

John C. Campbell, Sr.

Did not reply

Karen I. Ruby

Did not reply

REPUBLICAN:

Karen I. Ruby

Cross-filed; see above

Linda L. Clemons

Cross-filed; see above

John C. Campbell, Sr.

Cross-filed; see above

Marsha K. Pleta

Did not reply

Troy G. Breese

Did not reply