ELECTION 2002: COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS

RECORD-EAGLE



ANTRIM COUNTY

DISTRICT 7 (Warner, Jordan, Star and Chestonia townships)

WILLIAM KITCHEN Republican

■ AGE: 58

■ **RESIDENCE:** Star Township EDUCA-

TION: Alba High School ■ PRO-FESSION: Potato farmer POLITI-



■ **PRIORITIES:** I'm for the people's rights in the county. Protect Jordan Valley, but keep it open for people to use. Opposed to wetlands protection ordinance because of its restrictions on individual property rights.

■ WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I'm a stable longtime resident. I'm a business owner who cares about the community and the county. I'm a farmer. I make my living on the environment; therefore, we take care of it. And I care about people and people's rights.



AGE 46 RESI DENCE: Jordan Township FDUCA-TION: East Jordan High School PROFES-SION: Dairv



County commissioner six years, Jordan Township treasurer for 11 years

PRIORITIES: Balanced budget, better communication with the townships

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I've worked hard for the people of my district. I have no personal agendas, and I've always tried to exercise honesty.

DISTRICT 8

(Village of Mancelona and por-

tions of Mancelona and Custer townships)

BERNARD BLACKMORE Republican

■ AGE: 53 RESI-DENCE: Village of Mancelona EDUCA-TION: Traverse City High School

■ PRO-



FESSION: Bestaurateur, Mancelona Schools bus driver

 POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: County commissioner for 10 years

■ **PRIORITIES:** Wetlands protection, implement comprehensive county solid waste plan. continue progress in reforming Antrim-Kalkaska Community Mental Health; finishing new animal shelter project.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? Experience. We have so much going on in the county, it's really a scary thought to leave inexperienced candidates to operate the county.

GERALD "TUT" PATRICK Democrat AGE: 61

RESIDENCE: Village of Mancelona EDUCA-

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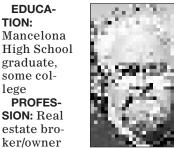
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POLITICAL **EXPERIENCE:** Currently on village council. Served number of vears on council in the past in different terms. Previously county commissioner for three years. Mancelona Township

board supervisor for 5.5 years. **PRIORITIES:** Better lifestyle for people in the county — jobs with better wages, less taxes. The eastern side of the county does not get the attention that it deserves on the county board.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I work for the people, and the people only.



BENZIE COUNTY

DISTRICT 5 (Homestead Township)

FRANK WALTERHOUSE

- Republican
- AGE: 59
- EDUCATION: Graduated from Honor High School ■ PROFESSION: Owns Honor
- Insurance Agency POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:
- County commissioner for 21 years
- PRIORITIES: The county budget is the number one issue

■ WHY SHOULD VOTERS VOTE FOR YOU? A long history of service to the county and experience working with the county's tight budget.

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"ANNE" PELCH Green Partv **AGE:** 58 EDU-CATION: Bachelor's degree in business

administra-

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tion from



University ■ PROFESSION: Medical insurance biller

■ POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Served on the board of Local 1603 of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, also served as treasurer and union representative

■ **PRIORITIES:** Implementing smart growth in the county and developing public transportation, along with preserving small family farms are Pelch's goals.

WHY SHOULD VOTERS VOTE FOR YOU? It's time for the county to have a Green Party candidate with the party's commitment to communities and the environment.

DISTRICT 6 (Inland and Colfax)

BRUCE ANDERSEN SR. Republican

AGE: 76 EDUCA-TION: Graduate of Redford High School in Detroit.

PROFES-SION: Retired from United Tech-nolo-



gies Corp. POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: County commissioner for 10 years, Inland Township Board trustee for 8 years.

PRIORITIES: Andersen says the county needs to find a way to balance the budget and continue to provide human service programs.

WHY SHOULD VOTERS VOTE FOR YOU? Says he is the

"human services commission-

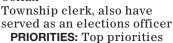
er," serving on several boards that deal with issues from mental health to veterans affairs to surplus food distribution for the poor and elderly.

MICHAEL MOORMAN Democrat

AGE: 55

EDUCATION: Attended Lansing Community College and Michigan State University without attaining degree **PROFES-**

SION: Building contractor. also raises and sells Rocky Mountain horses POLITICAL **EXPERI-**ENCE: 1996-2000 as Colfax



include maintaining fiscal responsibility and implementing county's new master plan. WHY SHOULD VOTERS VOTE

FOR YOU? Says he cares about Benzie County, welcomes growth but recognizes need to manage the growth.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

DISTRICT 1

(North side of city of Charlevoix; Hayes, Bay and a portion of Charlevoix townships)

VALERIE SNYDER

- Republican
- AGE: 33

OCCUPATION: Attorney GOVERNMENTAL EXPERI-**ENCE:** Former Charlevoix City

Council member for 2.5 years. ■ **PRIORITIES:** County board accountability, questions whether commissioners should have pension and health care benefits, county administrator question.

Why vote for you? I read in the newspapers all the investigations going on (with the possible Open Meetings Act violation), and I was concerned. I can do a better job than that.

PAUL RICHARDS Democrat ■ AGE: 67 RESI-DENCE: Haves Township ■ PRO-FESSION: Retired

high school principal and teacher

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in political science and government, Central Michigan University. Master's degree education with emphasis on administration and counseling, Wayne State University

■ POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Former mayor of Harbor Springs for two years.

■ **PRIORITIES:** Controlling urban sprawl, maintaining environmental quality, the prudent use of tax money. Supports hiring county execu-tive, using "excessive" pay and benefits county commissioners currently receive to help fund it. Repair and improve county roads.

■ WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I think we've had enough of the old guard, and I don't mean that in an age sense. I think we need a change. I think they have made some mistakes that leave them less qualified to remain on the county commissioners. I don't have any vested interests. I don't have anything that sways me. I will therefore always try to simply do what's right.

WILLIAM HENNE

Green Party ■ AGE: 59

■ **RESIDENCE:** Hayes

Township

■ **PROFESSION:** Retired health department inspector,

organic farmer **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in environmental health Ferris State University

■ POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: 12 years on Hayes Township planning commission, board of directors Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council for eight years, president of Water and Air Team Charlevoix.

■ **PRIORITIES:** Prevent sprawl and preserve open spaces and farmland. Protect the quality of water and air. Promote nonmotorized trails.

■ WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I

think that it's time for an environmental voice on the county commission. To me, this area is beautiful and it has to be kept that way in order for the economic and aesthetic values to fall into place.

DISTRICT 3

(Melrose, Chandler, Hudson, Boyne Valley and part of Wilson townships)

■ **PROFESSION:** Four years in

Jordan Iron Works superinten-

EDUCATIONAL: Boyne Falls

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POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:

the Air Force, Retired East

RONALD REINHARDT Republican

■ AGE: 62 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Wilson

dent, beef farmer

High School graduate

Township