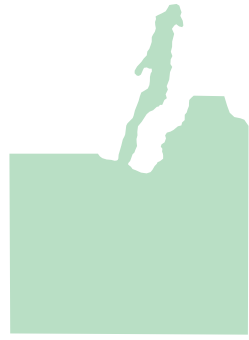


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of getting things done, opening up the decision-making process. I would like to be part of the regional decision-making process here.



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6TH DISTRICT

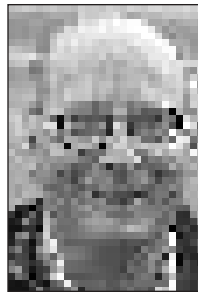
TOM FOLTZ
Republican
 ■ **AGE:** 51
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Resort Township
 ■ **EDUCATION:** Three years of college
 ■ **PROFESSION:** Grass farmer/builder
 ■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** None
 ■ **PRIORITIES:** Personal property rights, planned development
 ■ **WHY VOTE FOR YOU?:** People need a choice, a new style of thinker.

LISA BLANCHARD
Democrat
 ■ **AGE:** 44
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Resort Township
 ■ **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree from Albion College and master's degree from Maxwell School at Syracuse University
 ■ **PROFESSION:** Community volunteer
 ■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Appointed to county board in February. Three years on county planning commission and three years on county public works board prior to that. All of my professional experience is in government and local government. I was a U.S. congressional intern for Rep. Phil Ruppe. I worked for the city manager of Kansas City, Mo., and I was assistant to city manager of Rochester, Minn. Special projects coordinator for city of Charlevoix.
 ■ **PRIORITIES:** Successful completion of the airport and medical care facility projects; preservation of open space; cooperation in transportation and affordable housing planning with other governments.
 ■ **WHY VOTE FOR YOU?:** I am very involved in my community, very interested in the concerns of the citizens, and I'm qualified to do this job and do it well.



DISTRICT 1
 (Peninsula Township, Traverse City Precinct 9, East Bay Precinct 1)

THOMAS J. KERN
Republican
 ■ **AGE:** 51
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Traverse City
 ■ **EDUCATION:** Master's degree in public administration from San Diego State University; bachelor's from Eastern Michigan University
 ■ **PROFESSION:** Executive director of the National Cherry Festival
 ■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** None
 ■ **PRIORITIES:** Putting together a financial management plan for the county; bringing local governments together to discuss regional growth

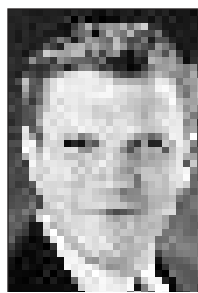


DEBORAH UNDERWOOD
Democrat
 ■ **AGE:** 52
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Traverse City
 ■ **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in psychology from Western Michigan University
 ■ **PROFESSION:** Direct care provider; student
 ■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** None
 ■ **PRIORITIES:** Promoting better land-use decisions within the county



DISTRICT 5
 (Garfield Precinct 4, Traverse City Precincts 7 and 8)

WAYNE A. SCHMIDT
Republican
 ■ **AGE:** 36

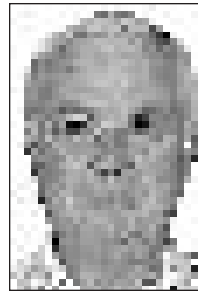


■ **RESIDENCE:** Traverse City
 ■ **EDUCATION:** Studied public finance at the University of Chicago
 ■ **PROFESSION:** Sales manager at the Captain's Quarters
 ■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Two-term county commissioner
 ■ **PRIORITIES:** Maintain fiscal stability; upgrade police fire radio system; resolve jail and court space issues

DAVID RYAN HANNON
Democrat
 ■ **AGE:** 26
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Traverse City
 ■ **EDUCATION:** Unavailable
 ■ **PROFESSION:** Unavailable
 ■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Unavailable
 ■ **PRIORITIES:** Unavailable

DISTRICT 6
 (Blair Precinct 1, Green Lake Precinct 1, Long Lake Precinct 2)

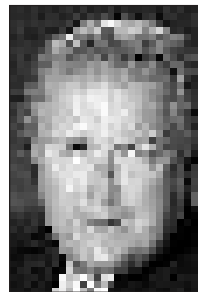
RICHARD F. THOMAS
Republican
 ■ **AGE:** 66
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Grawn
 ■ **EDUCATION:** Associate degree from Flint Junior College
 ■ **PROFESSION:** Retired builder
 ■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** 4-term county commissioner; former Green Lake Township supervisor
 ■ **PRIORITIES:** Finish pending county facility projects including law enforcement center and jail, court expansion



M'LYNN HARTWELL JACKSON
Democrat
 ■ **AGE:** 51
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Traverse City
 ■ **EDUCATION:** Master's degree from Ryerson University, Ontario.
 ■ **PROFESSION:** Advertising, public relations and web design consultant
 ■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** None
 ■ **PRIORITIES:** "Opening the door to the commission for the public...establishing an effective line of communication with constituents."

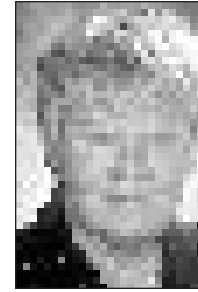
DISTRICT 7
 (Garfield Precinct 5, Traverse City Precincts 1, 3 and 10)

PETE STROM
Republican



■ **AGE:** 60
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Traverse City
 ■ **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in retailing from Central Michigan University
 ■ **PROFESSION:** Owner of Strom's Career Apparel
 ■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** 2-term county commissioner
 ■ **PRIORITIES:** Complete jail expansion and assist townships with developing septage plant

GERALDINE D. GREENT
Democrat
 ■ **AGE:** 61
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Traverse City
 ■ **EDUCATION:** High school, attended college
 ■ **PROFESSION:** Real estate agent
 ■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** 8½ years on the Traverse City Commission
 ■ **PRIORITIES:** More accessibility to the public; televised meetings



DISTRICT 8
 (Blair Precinct 2, Mayfield, Paradise)

VIRGINIA P. OLDS
Republican
 ■ **AGE:** 70
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Kingsley
 ■ **EDUCATION:** High school
 ■ **PROFESSION:** Retired attendant nurse
 ■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Six-term county commissioner
 ■ **PRIORITIES:** Get the budget back under control; complete jail expansion



JOHN C. TOTH
Democrat
 ■ **AGE:** 58
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Kingsley
 ■ **EDUCATION:** High school
 ■ **PROFESSION:** Works for the Traverse City Parks and Recreation Department
 ■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** President of Traverse Bay Area Labor Council
 ■ **PRIORITIES:** Unavailable



KALKASKA

DISTRICT 6
 (Kalkaska Township)

DIANA NEEDHAM
Republican
 ■ **AGE:** 51
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Kalkaska Township
 ■ **EDUCATION:** Classes for licensing in real estate and insurance; Breck enridge High School, Breckenridge, Mich. 1969.
 ■ **PROFESSION:** Office manager for Northside Alternative Education.
 ■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** County commissioner, 1999-present; Kalkaska Public Schools Board of Education, 1984-93.
 ■ **PRIORITIES:** Trying to keep the budget balanced and still do an efficient job of keeping the employees satisfied. Would like to see the budget increase. Do whatever it takes to get more businesses in the county.



■ **WHY VOTE FOR YOU?:** My interests are here. I live here, I work here, I want to stay here. I want to make this a place that stands out in the area. I want people to say, "I want to live in Kalkaska. I want to work in Kalkaska."

GEORGE NICE
Democrat
 ■ **AGE:** 57
 ■ **RESIDENCE:** Kalkaska Township.
 ■ **EDUCATION:** Received general equivalency diploma in 1980.
 ■ **PROFESSION:** Retired as truck driver from Kalkaska County Road Commission.
 ■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Kalkaska County commissioner, 1992-present.
 ■ **PRIORITIES:** Get the budget under control. Stop using the undesignated tax funds. They are to be used for emergencies; not to run your departments.