

ELECTION 2002: COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: I think my record speaks for itself. I think the people know I'm there to fight for them because what they gain, I gain.

DISTRICT 7
(Village of Kalkaska)

CRAIG WOOD
Republican
AGE: 46
RESIDENCE: Kalkaska
EDUCATION: Kalkaska High School, 1974
PROFESSION: Kalkaska village public works superintendent.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: County commissioner for past three years.

PRIORITIES: Smooth day-to-day operations of the county. Try to negotiate contracts with the Police Officers Association of Michigan and with the nonunion county employees. Try to manage the operations of the Kaliseum sports complex so eventually, it will be a money-maker.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: Experience. It takes a few years to know the ins and outs of county government. I've been around enough that I know them and will make responsible decisions for the county. I'm dedicated to the county. I've lived her all my life.

FRANCIS E. KELLY
Democrat
AGE: 74
RESIDENCE: Kalkaska
EDUCATION: Lake City

(Iowa)
High School, 1947

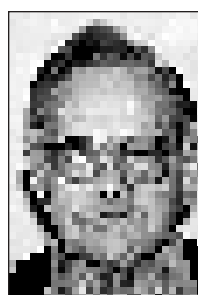
PROFESSION:

Currently works for Hague Equip ment, rebuilding pumps for the oil and gas industry. Retired as a maintenance mechanic from Hygrade Food Products in Stone Lake, Iowa. Also, laid oil and gas pipe line until 1989

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Member of village planning and zoning board for the past six months.

PRIORITIES: To try to hold the spending down so the poor taxpayer doesn't get ripped. And there are a lot of poor taxpayers in this village.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: I'll try to keep a lid on the wasteful spending, but I can only do so much.



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DISTRICT 5
(Leland, Centerville, North Manitou Island)

THOMAS F. EVANS
Republican

AGE: 69
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in history from Princeton University

PROFESSION: Retired trust and investment banker
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Currently serving as Leland Township trustee and has been active in Republican parties.

PRIORITIES: Solving location of county facilities issue, solid waste, septage and repairing the Leland Dam all are big challenges for next year.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: Says he has experience in government and community service and does not have a fixed agenda.

DICK KERR
No party affiliation

AGE: 71
EDUCATION:

Bachelor's degree in business administration and journalism from Hillsdale College.

PROFESSION: Retired editor and publisher of the Leelanau Enterprise

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: served two terms as Leland Township constable.

PRIORITIES: Kerr says courthouse personnel and county finances are top priorities.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: Kerr says he has been involved with politics for a number of years through his job as editor and publisher of the local weekly newspaper.



MANISTEE

DISTRICT 1
(All of Arcadia, Bear Lake and Pleasanton townships, port of Onekama Township north of Eight Mile Road and Portage Lake, except Village of Onekama)

DAVID W. MCNEILLY
Republican
AGE: 58

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in science from Michigan State University, master's degree in educational administration from MSU.

PROFESSION: State farm insurance agent

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: County commissioner for four years

PRIORITIES: County board needs to balance the budget and help manage growth within the county.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: Experience and a proven record.



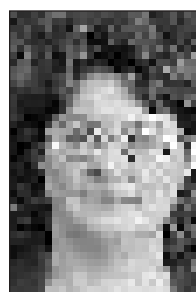
JUDITH P. CUNNINGHAM
Democrat
AGE: 53

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in medical technology from Michigan State University

PROFESSION: Teaches environmental education, is taking some time off currently
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Member of county solid waste council

PRIORITIES: Managing growth and protecting the environment are top priorities.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: County has been dominated by Republicans for last few years, but Democrat candidates provide a choice for voters.



DISTRICT 2
(All of Springdale, Cleon, Maple Grave and Marilla townships)

THOMAS ALLAN MANNISTO
Republican

AGE: 42
EDUCATION: Brethren High School graduate, some college at Michigan State University.

PROFESSION: Paramedic at West Shore Medical Center

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Served as county commissioner for one year about 10 years ago, currently is township trustee in Maple Grove Township, served as village of Kaleva trustee.

PRIORITIES: Balancing the county budget and improving morale of county employees

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: I have political experience and a desire to improve the county.

ALLAN O'SHEA
Democrat

AGE: 60
EDUCATION: Three years at Alma College, without attaining a degree.

PROFESSION: Owns Thermolock Manufacturing, a window manufacturing company, in Copemish.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Marilla Township supervisor for nine years, also ran for 101st State House seat in 1990, has served on the Kaleva Norman Dickson School Board, currently serves on the Manistee Intermediate School District Board.

PRIORITIES: O'Shea says there will be budget constraints to deal with and the county must keep an eye on development to ensure resources are protected.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: Says he has a lifelong record of active support of his community. Worked to bring Honor State Bank to Copemish and is working on a county recycling program.

DISTRICT 3
(All of Norman, Dickson and Brown townships)

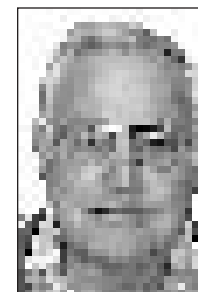
CARL P. MEZESKE
Republican
AGE: 70

EDUCATION: Muskegon High School graduate, some course work at University of Michigan

PROFESSION: Retired from maintenance department of Packaging Corp. of America.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Served on the Kaleva Norman Dickson school board 14 years, was supervisor of Dickson Township for 10 years, county commissioner for 12 years, chairman of ways and means committee, serves on Betsie River Zoning Board of Appeals.

PRIORITIES: The county



needs to maintain a balanced budget, work to keep rivers clean and continue to improve the airport and fairgrounds facilities.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: Helped balance the county's budget when he first joined the county board and has worked to keep a balanced budget while improving county facilities and services since then.

GLENN T. LOTTIE
Democrat

AGE: 71
EDUCATION: Electrical engineering degree from Detroit Institute of Technology

PROFESSION: Retired engineer from Ford Motor Corp.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Currently serving on the board of directors of the Manistee Conservation District, treasurer of Spirit of the Woods Conservation Club.

PRIORITIES: Protecting the environment and helping people are top priorities.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: Have a proven track record of working to protect the environment, something Manistee County must do to maintain tourism.



DISTRICT 5
(Village of Onekama, all of Onekama Township south of Eight Mile Road and Portage Lake, all of Manistee Township, except village of Eastlake)

SHARI WILD
Republican
AGE: 62

EDUCATION: Registered nurse, attended Edward W. Sparrow School of Nursing in Lansing

PROFESSION: Owns Lloyd Henry's art gallery.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: 12 years as county commissioner, also served on Onekama school board for 10 years.

PRIORITIES: Economic development and protecting the environment will be main issues next year.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: Have worked and will continue to work to improve communication between the county and the residents and the township governments.

KARL S. WAITNER
Democrat
AGE: 51

EDUCATION: Graduated from Manistee High School

PROFESSION: Group sales manager at Little River Casino

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Served four years on county