

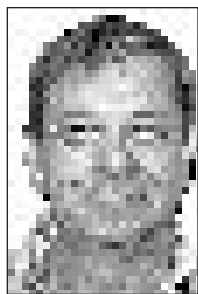
# ELECTION 2002: COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS

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commission in the 1980s, eight years on Manistee Area Public Schools board of education, current chairman of county planning commission.

**PRIORITIES:** County and state roads need improvement and the county needs to work toward providing more family-sustaining employment.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?:** Says he will do the best job possible as a commissioner.



**BRIAN KLUESNER**  
Libertarian Party  
Did not respond

## CLEON TOWNSHIP

Two candidates are running for the unexpired term of the township clerk.

**BETTY COLLINS**  
Republican  
■ **AGE:** 60

■ **EDUCATION:** Graduated from Muskegon Heights High School, attended Baker College in Muskegon, without attaining a degree

■ **PROFESSION:** Secretary at Traverse Bay Area Career-Tech Center, also taught night classes there in computer operations and applications

■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Served as township clerk for 10 years in the 1980s, currently serving as an appointed clerk due to the resignation of the previous clerk, also served as village clerk and treasurer for Copemish for 10 years.

■ **PRIORITIES:** Revamping the township zoning ordinance and restructuring the building department

■ **WHY VOTE FOR YOU?:** Says her previous experience as township and village clerk plus her computer knowledge will be assets to the township.

**MARLENE WOOD-ZYLSTRA**  
Democrat

■ **AGE:** 49  
■ **EDUCATION:** Graduated from Kenowa High School in Grand Rapids.

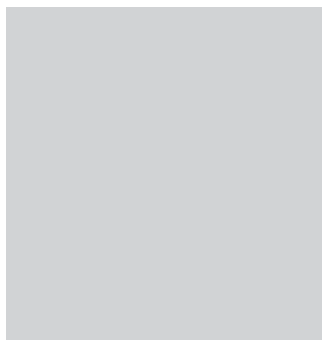
■ **PROFESSION:** Manages home-based recording studio, Frontier Recording.

■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Currently serving as Cleon Township representative for

the Betsie Valley District Library, serves on a five-township recycling committee, has served on county board of public works, was chairman of township zoning board of appeals.

■ **PRIORITIES:** Get more people involved in township meetings, improve communication between township board and residents and preserve the heritage of the area.

■ **WHY VOTE FOR YOU?:** I want the people to be able to come to the board meetings and know that someone is listening to them.



## MISSAUKEE

**DISTRICT 1**  
(Bloomfield, Caldwell, and small section of Lake townships)

**GARY BIRGY**  
Democrat  
Incumbent who has withdrawn from race and announced several times that he will not serve if elected

**LAN BRIDSON**  
Republican  
No information

**DISTRICT 2**  
(Pioneer, Norwich, West Branch and Enterprise townships)

**LARRY R. GRIFFITH**  
Republican  
■ **AGE:** 43  
■ **RESIDENCE:** Norwich Township  
■ **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's in business administration in accounting from University of Texas, 1981; Nurembourg High School in Nurembourg, Germany, 1977.

■ **PROFESSION:** Owns Bohning Co. Ltd., manufacturer of archery and golf products near Lake City.

■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** None.

■ **PRIORITIES:** Trying to make county government more efficient. Missaukee County doesn't have a central purchasing department. All the departments buy supplies separately and should purchase them together to get better prices. Also, see if there's another way to provide better fire coverage for the county, such as a small corps of first responders to get to a scene before the volunteers can get away from their

jobs and to the scene of an emergency.

■ **WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU?:** I bring a couple of things to the table. I have experience running a business to help stretch tax dollars even better. And, being new to politics, I don't have any allegiances. If people elect me, I'm here to take care of their needs.

**RAYMOND RISING**  
Democrat  
■ **AGE:** 61  
■ **RESIDENCE:** Pioneer Township  
■ **EDUCATION:**

College courses in law enforcement, public speaking and finance from Oakland University, University of Michigan and Mott

College; graduated from the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council in 1968; Clio High School, 1959.

■ **PROFESSION:** Retired in 1979 as chief of Montrose Township Police Department in Genesee County. Helped start Clio-Montrose Ambulance in the late 1960s.

■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Vienna Township (Genesee County) 1984-88.

■ **PRIORITIES:** Out-county areas need to be looked at. Federal funds could be obtained for townships for parks, pavilions, soccer fields and baseball diamonds.

■ **WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU?:** I have political experience. I've already been there.

**DISTRICT 4**  
(Most of Lake Township)

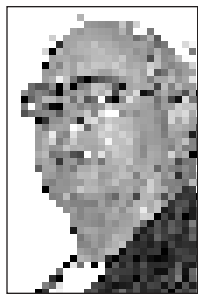
**DON R. HALVORSEN**  
Republican  
■ **AGE:** 74  
■ **RESIDENCE:** Lake Township  
■ **EDUCATION:** Morley High School, 1947.

■ **PROFESSION:** Retired insurance agent; also former farmer and dairy farm inspector for Dean Foods.

■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** County commissioner, 1986-present; Lake City school board, 1973-80.

■ **PRIORITIES:** Making sure the county is operating on a balanced budget and making sure the people get a fair shake.

■ **WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU?:** I've got a lot of experience. There are five current board members who aren't running this time, so we're already losing a lot of experience.



**JAMES HAROLD BECKER**  
Democrat

■ **AGE:** 64  
■ **RESIDENCE:** Lake Township  
■ **EDUCATION:** Master's degree in education from Western Michigan University, 1963; Grand Ledge High School, 1955.

■ **PROFESSION:** Retired Department of Army guidance counselor and supervisor.

■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Suttons Bay Village Council member for two years in the early 1970s.

■ **PRIORITIES:** Increasing the services and lower spending.

■ **WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU?:** My experience and background. One of the reasons I'm running is I feel I'm a viable candidate on the Democratic side. Two years ago, there were no Democrats on the ticket for county offices.

**DISTRICT 7**  
(Aetna, Butterfield, Clam Union and Holland townships)

**HUBERT ZUIDERVEEN**  
Republican  
■ **AGE:** 62

■ **RESIDENCE:** Falmouth  
■ **EDUCATION:** McBain Northern Christian High School, 1958.

■ **PROFESSION:** Milk inspector for National Farmers Organization and raises draft horses.

■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** County commissioner, 1999-present.

■ **PRIORITIES:** Firm believer in finding out the will of my constituents. We have to live within our budget and it gets tougher each year. We might have to make some tough decisions, so I would look to cut things that would make the least impact.

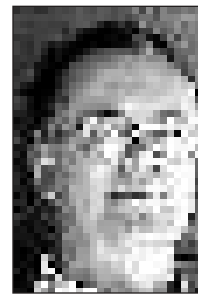
■ **WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU?:** I'm trustworthy. I have a good feel for the pulse of the people. I have a genuine love of Missaukee County and I would like to see it stay the good place to live that it has been. I have lived in Missaukee County all but three years of my life.

**BRADLEY CHARLES HALE**  
Democrat

■ **AGE:** 54  
■ **RESIDENCE:** Butterfield Township  
■ **EDUCATION:**

1.5 years of general studies and fire science at Oakland Community College; Waterford Kettering High School, 1966.

■ **PROFESSION:** Retired from General



Motors, where he inspected trucks and was a United Auto Workers representative for 20 years. Was a firefighter and emergency medical technician in Independence Township of Oakland County from the mid-1970s to the mid-1990s.

■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** None.

■ **PRIORITIES:** Representing the people, police and fire protection, programs for senior citizens and youth.

■ **WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU?:** I'll give them good, firm representation. A lot of people don't feel they're getting it right now.



## OTSEGO

**DISTRICT 6**  
(Bagley Township)

**KEN GLASSER** Republican  
■ **AGE:** 44  
■ **RESIDENCE:** 2366 Perch Lake Drive

■ **EDUCATION:** Gaylord High School graduate, bachelor's of science degree in business administration from Central Michigan University.

■ **PROFESSION:** President of Glasser Insurance Agency  
■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Two years on the county board, five years on Otsego County Planning Commission and four years on the Hayes Township Board of Review.

■ **PRIORITIES:** Managed growth instead of uncontrolled growth and getting the county budget in order.

■ **WHY SHOULD VOTERS ELECT YOU?:** I think I bring business experience to the board, I'm active in the community and my ties are here. What happens in the county affects my business and my family and I want to part of that.

**FRANK TRIGGER**  
Democrat  
■ **AGE:** 47

■ **RESIDENCE:** 4326 Krys Road  
■ **EDUCATION:** Flint Northern High School graduate  
■ **PROFESSION:** Retired Flint city

