

KALKASKA COUNTY



WHY VOTE FOR YOU? As your next sheriff, I promise to run the department with integrity and efficiency with my primary focus being the safety of all Kalkaska County residents and visitors. I will be accessible to the public, and strive for a good working relationship with all other departments and Board of Commissioners.

DOUGLAS KORONKA
Republican

AGE: 45
RESIDENCE: Williamsburg
EDUCATION: Northern Michigan University, bachelor's degree, criminal justice.

POLITICAL CAREER: None
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Kalkaska Sheriff's Department since 1986, in many areas of police enforcement.

TOP ISSUE/WHY?: To restore integrity, honesty, ethics, morale and character to the police department. To protect the people, help the people and be an example to the youth in our county. It is important to lead by example; hypocrisy is distasteful and must stop.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: I will work hard to bring back integrity, honesty and ethics to this department. I will not squander hard-earned tax dollars. Everyone deserves to be treated respectfully, even those who choose to break the law; yet law-breakers will be held accountable to their actions.

KEVIN ROHN
Republican
AGE: 43
EDUCATION: Kalkaska High School, 1980; Delta College Police Academy.
POLITICAL CAREER: None.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 1989-present, Kalkaska Police Department officer; assistant team leader for Team 1 (emergency response) of Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Task Force.
TOP ISSUE/WHY: Bring back

the pride and morale to the department and its employees and deputies. Being dedicated to fairness for everyone, making the department a user-friendly sheriff's department.
WHY VOTE FOR ME? I am committed to this profession and anyone who has ever had dealings with me knows I treat people very fair, and equal. I believe there is room for discretion in this line of work, and will direct the department to the best of my ability.

JAMES D. THOMAS
Republican

AGE: 46
RESIDENCE: Kalkaska
EDUCATION: High school; certificates in oil field management, CPR, first aid and hazardous material.

POLITICAL CAREER: None
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Oil field-related industry for 29 years; court officer for several counties; owner of Kalkaska Archery for 16 years.
TOP ISSUE/WHY?: Need to restructure and operate within budget.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: I am 47 and was born and raised in this county. I feel I know and care about the residents of Kalkaska County. I know I can do the job and will do my very best.

MARVIN J. WALTER
Democrat
AGE: 50
RESIDENCE: Kalkaska

EDUCATION: Northwestern Michigan College, associate's degree; Kalamazoo Community College Police Academy.
POLITICAL CAREER: None
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Kalkaska County sheriff's deputy, a sergeant. Supervises road patrol, special operations, jail and dispatch.
TOP ISSUE/WHY?: To provide cost-effective quality service to residents and visitors of

Kalkaska County with courteous police officers, fair law enforcement, effective communication between command personnel, deputies, correction officers, and staff. To seek grants, keep up with the ever-changing technology, continue 24-hour road coverage; maintain officer presence in schools.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: A U. S. Army veteran with 25 years of experience as sheriff's deputy in Kalkaska County. Has served as road officer, youth officer, detective, D.A.R.E. officer, school liaison officer, and traffic investigator.

CLERK

PATRICIA RODGERS
Republican

AGE: 62
RESIDENCE: Kalkaska
EDUCATION: High school, college.
POLITICAL CAREER: Kalkaska County Clerk since 1978.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Deputy clerk, 2 years before becoming clerk; Kalkaska State Bank and Cadillac State Bank, 10 years.

TOP ISSUE/WHY?: To complete projects for my department — such as computerizing and scanning vital records. Court records are computerized and elections are partially computerized. My office was first in county complex to have a computer for accounting in late 1970s, but we lack funds, equipment and software to complete rest of records.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I have the experience and knowledge of running the county clerk's office. I enjoy serving constituents and would like to serve them the next four years. I would like to complete some tasks to serve constituents and to save time within the office.

RANAE McCAULEY
Democrat
AGE: 46

EDUCATION: Preparatory school in Richland Center, Wis.; course work, College of St. Scholastica- Duluth, and University of Wisconsin-Madison.
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:

Forest Area school board; Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District trustee.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Michigan State University Extension with Strong Families/ Safe Children Program, last

seven years; grant writer for family and youth programming in Kalkaska County
TOP ISSUE/WHY? Customer service. This can be provided with greater efficiency using today's technology and resources. Office organization, township communication and increased accountability are essential. Citizens deserve respect and responsibility. Our government structure deserves timely response and equitable treatment. The media and our citizens deserve responsible access to PUBLIC information.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I have the reputation of meeting or exceeding expectations of every endeavor I have ever undertaken. It is my intention to perform likewise as Kalkaska County clerk with the enthusiasm and respect that our citizens deserve. I also look forward to raising the bar for the expectations of county officials.

TREASURER

GWENDOLYN GEHRCKE
Republican
Did not respond

REGISTER OF DEEDS

JOAN HALL
Republican
Did not respond.

DRAIN COMMISSIONER

FRANCIS E. KELLY
Democrat
AGE: 76
RESIDENCE: Kalkaska
EDUCATION: High school.
POLITICAL CAREER: Three years on Kalkaska Village Zoning and Planning Board.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

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PROSECUTOR
BRIAN DONNELLY
Republican
Did not respond

SHERIFF

WILLIAM ARTRESS
Republican
AGE: 44

RESIDENCE: Kalkaska
EDUCATION: Kirtland Community College, associate's degree, police administration, 1980. State Police/Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council, 1980.

Northwestern University Traffic Institute & Eastern Michigan University, 400-hour School of Police Staff and Command, 1993. State Police/Law Enforcement Officers Training Council, management development certificate, 1993.

POLITICAL CAREER: First time running for office.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Kalkaska County Sheriff's Office, 1981-present, assignments have included Traverse Narcotics Team undercover officer, K-9 handler, jail sergeant, uniform road patrol; certified evidence technician, radar operator, taser instructor.

TOP ISSUE/WHY: When elected sheriff, I will review the operations of all areas of the department and see if there is a better way to manage it and if necessary, make appropriate changes to run the department more effectively and efficiently.

