MANISTEE COUNTY



PROSECUTOR

FORD STONE Republican **AGE:** 43 **RESIDENCE:** Onekama

EDUCATION: 1979, graduated Manistee High School; 1983

B.A., University of Nebraska-Lincoln; 1986, J.D, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. **POLITICAL**

CAREER: 2001present, Manistee

County prosecutor.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 1988-1991, attorney in private practice, Manistee; 1992-2000, Chief assistant prosecutor, Manistee County.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Public safety. People must feel their property and personal safety are being protected, and the law is being enforced equally for all. WHY VOTE FOR YOU? The prosecutor must be honest, fair and tough on serious crime. I expect to maintain the high standards achieved in this office for the next four years.

SHERIFF

DALE KOWALKOWSKI Republican **AGE: 47**

RESIDENCE: Manistee **EDUCATION: FBI National**

Academy; advanced police officer training certification; Michigan State

Police Training; associate's degree, criminal justice.

POLITICAL

CAREER: Manistee County

undersheriff, 8 years; Manistee 2000 and 2004. County sheriff, 4 years.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Patrol appointed Manistee County deputy, 12 years; detective lieutenant, 2 years; patrol supervisor, 2 years.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? To improve countywide law enforcement service, courthouse security, enhance jail programs, greater jail diversions and jail security improvements.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? No response.

CLERK

MINDY SEDELMAIER **Democrat**

AGE: 33

RESIDENCE: Kaleva

EDUCATION: Brethren High School graduate, 1988; associate degree in office information systems, West Shore Community College.

POLITICAL CAREER:

Serving 2nd term on the Onekama Consolidated of Education

Schools Board PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Full-time employ-

ment at Filer Credit Union since 2001; Manistee County Medical Care Facility, 12 years. **TOP ISSUE/WHY?** No response.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I am anxious to bring new energy and enthusiasm to YOUR County Office. I am ready and eager to be helpful to those seeking assistance and information. Accuracy and promptness will be top priority of the clerk's office.

MARILYN KLIBER Republican

AGE: 59

RESIDENCE: Manistee

EDUCATION:

High school: college credits in accounting, speech and computer programs at West Shore

Community College.

POLITICAL CAREER:

Republican candidate for Manistee County Clerk, 1998,

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 1997. Clerk, which includes Clerk of the Court for the 19th Judicial Circuit Court/Family Division, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Election Commission, Special Election Scheduling Committee, Jury Board, Board of Canvassers and the Plat Board.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? To balance my budget and use taxpayers' money wisely and to provide job security to my employees so that the public will receive the best service possible.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? Vote for experience. I have been the county clerk for almost seven years and have been employed by Manistee County in the County Clerk's Office for 141/2 years. During this time I have implemented many new computer programs and developed a Web page so that we can better serve the public.

TREASURER

ROSALIND JAFFE

Democrat AGE: 47

RESIDENCE: Onekama **EDUCATION: B.A., State**

University of New York at Albany, 1978: now enrolled in college finan-

cial planning

classes. POLITICAL CAREER:

Onekama Village Council.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Financial Planner 2000-present; Worked in publishing for 12 years; owned a bookstore for bookkeeping, 2 years.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? County monevs are not earning the maximum return available to conservative investments and this could be easily improved. Also, Filer Credit procedures in the treasurer's office should be changed for higher efficiency and improved security.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I will

increase the return on county funds, change office hours to be more convenient to the public, and improve communications and relations with other

governmental bodies so they can serve the public better.

ALAN VERHEEK

Republican **AGE**: 60

RESIDENCE: Manistee **EDUCATION:** 1961, Manistee

High School; 1971, B.S., business, Central Michigan

University.

POLITICAL CAREER: 1974-present, Manistee County treasur-

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Manistee County treasurer, 1974-present. TOP

ISSUE/WHY? To

be able to still

serve the resi-

dents of Manistee County. I feel I know the job and can best serve as county treasurer. I have always had a good working relationship with the city, township and village treasurers and wish for that to contin-

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I have 29 years experience as county treasurer, know the laws that pertain to collection of delinquent taxes as well as accounting for all county financial records.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

MARY BLADZIK

Democrat

AGE: No response. **RESIDENCE:** Manistee

EDUCATION: High school with

honors

POLITICAL CAREER: None PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 12 years of financial institution

experience, collections, customer service, auditor: presently employed with Union.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? It's time to bring a fresh, crisp look and feel to the register of deeds office. If you come to the deeds office on your lunch hour, it would be nice if it was open with a user-friendly record sys- JANICE McCRANER

tem. I will try very hard to

make this happen.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? My reliable work ethics and positive attitude. My willingness to work 40 hours or more a week to bring Manistee County what they want and deserve.

PENNY PEPERA

Republican

AGE: 43

RESIDENCE: Manistee

EDUCATION: College courses include accounting, data processing, programming, manage-

ment, Lotus.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:

Elected in 1992 and currently serving my third term as regis-

ter of deeds.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: real estate, oil and gas industry, register of deeds techni-

cian, deputy register of deeds.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? With many counties in the state facing financial difficulties, experience is a major issue. With my experience, along with assistance of my staff, I will continue bringing in revenue needed for the operation of the deeds office and will also continue generating additional revenue for Manistee County.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I have been a dedicated county employee for 18 years in the register of deeds office. The office has maintained high level of quality and service, met budget cut challenges and adapted to changes in state law. My priority will be to continue level of service expected by taxpayers.

DRAIN COMMISSION **KENNETH BERENTSEN** Republican

Did not respond

SURVEYOR ANTHONY SLAWINSKI Republican

Did not respond

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT 1 Republican

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