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taxes by speeding up elimination of single business tax and income tax to improve economy and business climates. Reducing size and cost of government. The more money people get to keep, the more they can spend on goods and services which grows the entire economy. WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I am the only candidate in this race who has spent most of his working life in factories. I know firsthand the difficulties faced by families living on a set income, and the solution is to make government less costly and less intrusive on people's lives.

103rd HOUSE DISTRICT

JOEL SHELTROWN Democrat **AGE:** 57

RESIDENCE: West Branch. **EDUCATION:** High school graduate; attended Western Michigan University and Kirtland Community College. **POLITICAL CAREER:** Ogemaw

Township trustee, 10 years; current Ogemaw Township supervisor and vice president of Michigan Township

Association (Ogemaw Chapter).

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Vietnam veteran; spent four years in US Navy with top secret Cryto clearance; owner of Budget Propane; musician and singer with gospel group "Crossing Jordan."

TOP ISSUE/WHY? The creation of good-paying jobs for northern Michigan.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I am the only candidate with grassroots experience having been a trustee in Ogemaw Township for 10 years and supervisor for four. I have proven leadership abilities through development of our current road plan, the development of a municipal water

system and the formation of a D.D.A.

RONALD BAZUIN Republican **AGE:** 51 **RESIDENCE:** McBain **EDUCATION:** McBain Rural Agricultural School **POLITICAL**

CAREER:



Collected money for the **Dairy Farmers Political** Action Committee.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Field representative for the Dairy Farmers of America **TOP ISSUE/WHY?** To protect and promote agriculture so that the United States doesn't become as dependent on foreign food as we are on foreign energy and we can continue to enjoy the same safe, cheap, abundant food supply we have become accustomed to.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? My experience in representing members of a marketing cooperative, promoting dairy products and being involved in political issues such as the bovine tuberculosis problem in Michigan.

BRUCE RENDON Republican

AGE: 52

EDUCATION: Associate degree, architectural design/ drafting, 1971; licensed

builder since 1978

PROFESSION-AL CAREER:

Farmer, owner of a Lake City construction company for last 21 years,



currently president of Rendon Quality Construction. **POLITICAL CAREER:**

Legislative committee chairman of the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Jobs —creation and retention. Government cannot create jobs, it can only create a friendly atmosphere so businesses can operate and make a profit. Businesses that plan to grow here in Michigan should be given tax breaks and rewards. Businesses that provide paid health and life insurances should receive additional tax incentives. WHY VOTE FOR YOU? The way to have a positive effect on change is through involvement. Through my involvement, I've had a positive effect on a number of issues facing the Michigan Association of Home Builders and the Michigan Jersey Cattle Club. I have a strong work ethic.

SUSAN VICK Republican Did not respond.

104th HOUSE DISTRICT

HOWARD WALKER

Republican **AGE: 49**

RESIDENCE: Traverse City.

EDUCATION:

B.S. in forestry, Michigan **Technological** University 1977.

POLITICAL CAREER: 2002present, state

representative, 104th District

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

1999-2000, managed the surveying department at **Environmental Consultant** and Services Inc.: 1986-99. owned and managed Walker Land Survey, a full-service land surveying firm; 1980-86, vice president and manager of land department at Terra Energy Ltd.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Healthcare, K-12 education, land use, and creating jobs are my top priorities. However, we are now seeing the start of an economic recovery in Michigan, so the No. 1 issue is to continue creating jobs because a strong economy supports all my top priorities.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? For the same reason voters elected me their state representative last time. My professional

experience has brought positive perspectives to the Legislature and keeps me in step with my constituents. Additionally, I have become an effective legislator they can count on.

105th HOUSE DISTRICT

GREG DEAN Democrat

AGE: 40

RESIDENCE: Elmira

EDUCATION: U.S.

Quartermaster School: Ram Technical Institute; associate's degree, North Central

Michigan College.

POLITICAL CAREER: None. PROFESSION-AL CAREER:

Self-employed business owner, 13 vears, with

business interest in limestone cutting and carving, spray foam insulation and land management.

Experience in combustion engineering, power transmission and distribution.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? My background shapes my concerns for Michigan's energy needs. An industry committed to meeting environmental standards while utilizing alternative sources of fuel is a vision I have for Michigan. Properly utilizing Michigan's renewable resources will serve as a touchstone for the generations to follow.

WHY VOTE FOR ME? I have committed myself to a nonpartisan approach to resolving the struggles we all face. I vow to fully investigate an issue as objectively as possible. As Tocqueville once said, "Democracy depends on the maturity of its citizens", and an unbiased approach is the first step towards that goal.

JIM McKIMMY **Democrat AGE**: 65 **EDUCATION:** B. S. Manchester College (Ind.); M. A. Central

Michigan University 1964;

Ph.D. Michigan State University 1971. **POLITICAL CAREER:** No prior

public elected office.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Public school superinten-

dent at: Charlevoix schools, 1973-1977:

Cadillac.1977-81: Northwest School District of Jackson County, 1981-86; and several other adminis-

trative positions; math

teacher 1965-70. Retired from public education in 1997 after 37 years of service TOP ISSUE/WHY? Every child deserves a quality education. I have followed with deepening concern the declining support for public education and I am committed to the improvement of our schools. My commitment, experience. and leadership enable me accomplish this goal.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? Your vote for me will give you a strong voice for quality public education, good jobs,

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