ANTRIM COUNTY



PROSECUTOR

CHARLES KOOP Republican Did not respond.

SHERIFF

GARY BLAIR Democrat AGE: 51 **RESIDENCE:** Bellaire **EDUCATION:** FBI

Academy: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

Firearms; International Association of Arson Investigators; Ohio

Arson Prevention Academy; Ohio Police Officers Training Academy; Criminal Justice Administration Park College. **POLITICAL CAREER:** None. PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Chief of police; division director, Michigan State Police; information officer, Michigan Department of Information Technology: Criminal Justice Information Systems director, Michigan Department of Management and Budget. **TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Crime in

Antrim County has risen almost 70 percent since 2000. I have the experience to deal with this alarming trend effec- SHERRY COMBEN tively and to bring additional programs that improve safety and security for everyone. WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I am an

experienced law enforcement executive who gets results. The sheriff's department will be better organized more effective and we will reduce crime. I pledge to bring at least \$300,000 in grants to Antrim County. There will be more deputies on patrol on

the streets and lakes.

CHARLES KING Democrat Did not respond

TERRY JOHNSON Republican **AGE:** 48 **RESIDENCE:** Bellaire **EDUCATION**: Kalkaska High School; police academy, Delta

College. **POLITICAL CAREER**: 2001present, Antrim County sheriff. **PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 1984-**1986, corrections officer for Couier

Community

County, Fla; 1987-1995, Antrim County Sheriff Department; 1995-2000, Bellaire Police Department; 2001-present. TOP ISSUE/WHY? I look forward to building on the projects I have created in my first term in office. Now is not the time, in these tight fiscal times of shrinking revenues, to start new projects but to build on what we have accomplished.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I care about the citizens' issues. With my community policing program I get my deputies involved in community business and citizen issues. I have stayed under budget each and every year and have kept all the promises I made from my first term in office.

COUNTY CLERK

LAURA SEXTON Republican Did not respond

TREASURER

Republican **AGE: 41 RESIDENCE:** Bellaire **EDUCATION:** Associate's degree in accounting from **Ferris State**



College; 17 years in the Antrim County Treasurer's

POLITICAL CAREER: Four

years as Antrim County treasurer.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 17 years experience within the Antrim County treasurer's office; six years experience as deputy treasurer for Kearney Township; 12 years as Bellaire Public Library trustee.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I am the only candidate who brings 17 years of "hands-on" experience, enthusiasm and new ideas with first-hand knowledge of all functions in the Antrim County Treasurer's office.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

DIANA L.B. GLINSKI Democrat AGE: 49 RESIDENCE: Mancelona **EDUCATION:** 1977, Adrian College, B.S., biology; continuing education courses in com-

puters, math. accounting and office procedures.

POLITICAL CAREER: None. **PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** 12 years in real estate as

a title examiner, as well as work in the Antrim County Register of Deeds office, deputy register of deeds for 18 POLITICAL months

TOP ISSUE/WHY? I believe there are areas where the office needs to improve. Documents are often not recorded on the same day received, an issue that could cause problems. I would implement a system like one used in Charlevoix County to make sure documents are recorded on the day of receipt.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I would improve the office's service by Antrim County. There needs recording documents in a timely manner, provide equal treatment to the public and protect Antrim County from recording irregularities.

PATTY NIEPOTH Republican **AGE: 42 RESIDENCE:** Bellaire **EDUCATION:** Northwestern Michigan College. **POLITICAL CAREER:** Elected register of deeds, 2000. PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 17

years in register of deeds office; 12 years as Echo Township assessor.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Since first elected. we have worked diligent-

ly to upgrade our system capacities. This has been accomplished without increased staffing or additional taxpayer cost. In the next four years, it will be crucial to continue to upgrade the capabilities of the office to satisfy the demands of property own-

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? To ensure that the Register of Deeds office will continue to provide Antrim County residents with efficient property recording services. I promise to continue to run a userfriendly office and to continue operations that have generated revenue for the county.

LYNNE STEEPE Republican AGE: Not provided **RESIDENCE:** Bellaire **EDUCATION:** Northwestern Michigan College, degree in

CAREER: Member of Bellaire Chamber of Commerce. **PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Real

paralegal studies.

estate sales. **TOP ISSUE/WHY?** To serve the peo-

ple of Antrim County with an office that is customer friendly and gets the job done. WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I am dedicated to the people of

to be a change. We need to have an office that is customer dent/publisher, friendly. I will work hard to accomplish this goal.

DRAIN COMMISSIONER

Community College, 2 years

EDWIN MARTEL Republican **AGE:** 51 **RESIDENCE:** East Jordan **EDUCATION:** Oakland

math, computer science; Wayne State University, 4 years math, physics, computer

science. **POLITICAL**

CAREER: No prior elected public office. **PROFESSIONAL CAREER:**

Computer systems analyst,

software developer; survey technician and wetland consultant; president of Advanced GPS, providing wetland consultation and site evaluations, documenting property assets and potential in terms of Army Corps of Engineers, USDA and MDEQ regulatory authorities.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? The Antrim County Drain Commissioner's position has been minimized by design of the Board of Commissioners and the current drain commissioner (while he served as a member of the board of commission-

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I will be engaged in all aspects of drainage issues and support solutions that protect private property use/values and the environment. I will improve current dam and lake level operations and considerations by applying better field data collection. I will demand better science to minimize and reduce shoreline damage.

MARK STONE Republican **AGE: 46 RESIDENCE:** Kewadin **EDUCATION:** B.A. Catholic University, Washington, D.C. POLITICAL CAREER: 1993-94, Antrim County commissioner; 1997-present, Antrim County drain commissioner.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 1990present, presi-

Michigan Maps, Fen's Rim Publications, & Lake Country Gazette.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? The Antrim

County drain commissioner's main job is to operate the two county dams. This job should

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