

Voters Guide

IN HAPPY VALLEY

Candidates for council, mayor in State College, Bellefonte

CDT staff reports

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL WARD 1

Candidates (choose 2):
Melissa Hombosky
Party: Dem
Date of Birth: Oct. 19, 1978
Education: 2002, Penn College of Technology, BS
Qualifications: Bellefonte Borough Council, five years; Board member and Event chair, Downtown Bellefonte Inc.; Board member, Springboard
Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?



Melissa Hombosky

A: First, I wish to continue to support our local merchants. We are lucky to have a strong business community that has continued to grow despite a global pandemic. As a small business owner myself, I understand the unique challenges that face businesses daily. Second, continue to keep our community safe while we enter the recovery phase of COVID-19. I'm so appreciative of the sacrifices that our friends and neighbors have made to stop the spread. Third, I am chair of our Parks commit-

tee. Over the past year, our parks system has seen an uptick in resident use and I hope that we can continue that trend. There are so many outdoor recreation activities in our region and some of them start right in our parks. How can we continue to grow these amenities?
Jon Eaton
Party: Dem
Education: High School: Bald Eagle Nittany - 1977, College: Penn State Mechanical Engineering - BS (1981), MS (1991)
Qualifications: 1) Borough resident since 1985, 2) Council member since 2017, 3) Project Manager for several R&D programs (external funding) at ARL-Penn State, 4) Department Head -



Jon Eaton

ARL Penn State
Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?
A: As a member of Council's Finance and Human Resources committees; I consider 1) Budget & taxes, 2) Regional Integration, and 3) the American Rescue Plan funds to be immediate challenges to Bellefonte. Bellefonte's Real Estate tax rates are 4 to 9-times higher than those of the surrounding townships. The 2021 Budget document initiates an effort to concisely explain the flow of tax reve-

due and expenditures. This educational focus must be expanded in the future. Like the collaborative agreements between our water and sewage authorities, integration of the safety and emergency services within Nittany Valley will minimize duplication and provide regional coverage of services. This is a direct solution to the regional imbalance in Real Estate taxes. Bellefonte will distribute \$617,000 in COVID relief funds in 2021. This will require maximum transparency and compliance with federal guidelines. It's a tremendous opportunity to fund deferred projects and provide relief to the community.
Rita Purnell
Party: Rep
Date of Birth: Aug. 24, 1965
Education: B.S. and M.S. in Agricultural Engineering at Penn State
Qualifications: Ways and Means Chairperson of the Junior Woman's Club of State College (1999-2000), Treasurer of the Junior
SEE COUNCIL, 5B



Rita Purnell



ABBY DREY adrey@centredaily.com

A voter places a ballot in the drop box outside the State College borough building for the May 18 primary election.

IMPORTANT INFO

KEY INFORMATION

- To vote in Centre County, you must be registered in Centre County.
- Register to vote by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18.
- Check your registration status at vote.pa.gov
- Apply for an absentee or mail-in ballot by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26.
- Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 2.
- Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- This Voter's Guide may be taken into the voting booth.
- Mail-in ballot applications and ballots can be tracked at www.centrecountyvotes.com

FOR ELECTION INFORMATION

Go to www.centrecountyvotes.com for election information and answers to questions or contact the Centre County Elections Office: Elections@centrecountypa.gov; 814-355-6703.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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Candidates are listed according to their party and then alphabetically. Nothing in this guide should be construed as an endorsement or non-endorsement of any candidate, party, or initiative by the League of Women Voters.

APPLYING FOR MAIL-IN VOTING

Centre County registered voters may vote using the no-excuse mail-in ballot. You can request an application be mailed to you by calling the Centre County Elections office at 814-355-6703 or you can apply online at vote.pa.gov. Completed applications for mail-in ballots must be received by the Centre County Elections Office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26. If you are registered in another county, you must request your application from that county.

APPLYING FOR ABSENTEE VOTING

Centre County registered voters who are ill, disabled or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Completed applications for civilian absentee ballots must be received by the Centre County Elections Office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26. You can request an application be mailed to you by calling the Centre County Elections Office at 814-355-6703 or you can apply online at vote.pa.gov. If you are registered in another county, you must request your application from that county.

COMPLETING YOUR MAIL-IN OR ABSENTEE BALLOT

When you receive your mail-in or absentee ballot, carefully follow directions. Use a pen with black ink to blacken circles of the candidates you select. The completed ballot must be placed, first, in the envelope, marked "Official Election Ballot" and sealed. This secrecy envelope, then, must be placed into the outer envelope that is addressed to the Centre County Elections Office in Bellefonte. Seal this envelope and complete the declaration on the back, being sure to sign your name and date it. If you do not, your ballot will not be counted. You may then place your ballot in the U.S. Mail, drop it in one of the secure Elections Office drop boxes (locations are provided at www.centrecountyvotes.com) or take your completed ballot in person to the Elections Office at the Willowbank Building in Bellefonte. Completed ballots must be received by the Elections Office no later than 8

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Election 2021: Candidates for council, supervisor races in Centre County

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BENNER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (6-YEAR TERM)

Candidates (choose 1):
Thomas Moyer
Party: Rep
Did not respond

BENNER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (2-YEAR TERM)

Candidates (choose 1):
Randall Moyer
Party: Rep
Did not respond

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Candidates (choose 2):
L. Eric Bernier



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Party: Dem
Campaign Website: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/l-eric-bernier-88a14772/>
Date of Birth: Oct. 19, 1957
Education: • State College High School (1975) • Penn State (1975-1979) • United States Army Reserve (1979-1985)
Qualifications: • College Township Councilman (January 2013-present) • College Township Planning Commission-15 years (1997-2012) • 35 years working in a high profile, community service public sector career integrating access equity into community planning and developing public/private partnerships that enhanced community mobility options
Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?
A: As an existing Council member, my priorities are already integrated into the Township's Budget, Capital Improvement Plan, Vision, and Mission Statement. This Council has worked collaboratively over the last year to develop these tools to represent to the residents our guiding principles and



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Voting stickers sit on a ballot machine during the May 18 primary election.

our action plan. I believe the recent pandemic though has put our priorities in a slightly different context and given us reason to reemphasize our commitment to virtual public engagement, mobility options, and recreational opportunities. This community is blessed with residents who bring a tremendous amount of knowledge and expertise to the table. I have always relied heavily on community engagement and common sense throughout my professional career and my time on both the Planning Commission and Council. So, if reelected, I will continue to be very deliberate and methodical on all issues to ensure that everyone interested has an opportunity to be heard as part of the decision-making process.

Dustin Best
Party: Dem
Date of Birth: Aug. 27, 1983
Education: M.S. Biotechnology
Qualifications: Leader, Process/business manager
Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?



Dustin Best

A: 1. Environmental sustainability and protection. Let's be smart about how we move forward with our residential and commercial development. We must take action today to do our part to combat climate change. 2. Improving our government efficiency. We must look internally at how we are running our government and find ways to gain efficiency. I would like to make continuous improvement part of the culture. 3. Resident experience. Let's continue to improve the experience of live, work, and play for all residents in the township.
Anthony Fragola
Party: Rep
Date of Birth: Sept. 25, 1968
Education: BS Economics; Economics
Qualifications: Current College Township Council Member Past College Township Planning Commission



Anthony Fragola

Member Past College Township Industrial Development Authority Member Leadership Centre County Alumni (Class of 2004)
Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?
A: If re-elected, I will first thank all for the opportunity to serve and continue to work with our current Council, Township Staff and Residents to achieve and maintain our priorities to the benefit of our Township and Residents. Current interests and objectives are: 1. The Township is currently working on a Pedestrian Master Plan. What this entails is reviewing areas within the Township in which we can have better walkable, bike-able sidewalks and paths in our community. 2. The Township is currently working on a Small Area Plan. This entailed and involved a study which reviewed our current Zoning uses in our Commercial and Industrial Development Zones to assist Council in looking into other current, more up-to-date Zoning uses which may be beneficial in encouraging job creating Commercial development within our community. 3. Continue to work with and listen to the voices of our Residents and to represent all in keeping College Township a great place to live, work, learn & play.

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT LARGE

Candidates (choose 2):
Tierra D. Williams
Party: Dem
Campaign Website: tierra4ferguson.com
Date of Birth: Oct. 24, 1991
Education: Ridgeland High School Honors Graduate (Ridgeland, MS); 42A- Human Resource Specialist -United States Army Reserve (Fort Jackson, SC); B.A. Speech Communication- Con. Theatre, Jackson State University-

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Who's running for school board?

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BELLEVILLE AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Candidates (choose 4):

Rodney E. Musser
Party: Dem
Date of birth: Nov. 28, 1951
Education: Belleville 1969, Michigan State University, B.S. 1974

Qualifications: Current board member; Former: Peace Corps Volunteer, VISTA volunteer, Spring Township Planning Commission, Agland Preservation Committee

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: Funding the needs of the district while respecting the community's pocketbook. This process of managing our annual budget is difficult given the annual last minute unknowns from the state and federal governments. Fortunately we have an exceptionally good budget office. We have been able to upgrade our facilities on a regular schedule but we need to remain within our borrowing capacity and maintain our AAA bond rating which allows us to borrow at a favorable rate and save money for the community. Our graduates will enter a global economy and we need to provide them with a broad perspective of the world. We must continue to focus on inclusion, diversity and equity education if we are to grow as a community and give our staff and students a better understanding of issues both here and abroad. The board of directors must be willing to lead the way in this discussion.

Jon Guizar

Party: Rep

Date of birth: 1966

Education: B.S. Civil Engineering, Penn State

Qualifications: Served for 6 years as school director. Served as board president for 3 years. Served as volunteer on many boards over the last 20 years.

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: 1. Learning gaps - I look forward to encouraging the administration to explore alternative methods of identifying the learning gaps now deepened by the pandemic and supporting/voting to allocate the resources needed to address these gaps. 2. Aging buildings - Our elementary project has been put on hold due to the events of the past year. As a civil engineer and sr. project manager in construction, I believe I am well positioned to get that project back on track and communicate concerns as well as opportunities to the administration to bring the project to a safe and timely completion. 3. Charter reform - I will stand strong with other members of the board and the district as we work to bring understanding and change to cyber and charter school funding. I am not opposed to charter schools but I do believe strongly that they should be held to the same rules and financial accountability as our district. Successful charter reform could save the district a substantial amount of money.

Jeffrey Scott Steiner

Party: Dem, Rep

Campaign Website: win4belleville.com

Date of birth: Feb. 12, 1966

Education: Bachelor's Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Master's in Education Penn State

Qualifications: Two terms as a director for the Belleville Area School District Board of Education, four years in board leadership. Currently district representative on the IU 10 Intermediate Unit Board of

Directors, where I chair the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Facebook: facebook.com/win4belleville

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: Four years ago I ran on building a track and renovating Rogers Stadium and am so grateful that we were able to accomplish this. We have initiated the process of upgrading our elementary schools and I very much would hope to use my experience with the track and stadium to help see this project through. We similarly need to ensure the availability of advanced technology for all students to ensure equal educational access. As we start to come out from under Covid we need to refocus on addressing mainstream learning gaps at all levels, which have increased due to the pandemic, as well as enhancing the identification of special needs and gifted students, with an easier and quicker path for testing and IEP development. Finally, ensuring the education of the whole student to include, but not limited to fine arts, clubs, athletic and non-athletic opportunities.



Jeffrey Steiner

Jack Bechdel II
Party: Rep
Campaign Website: facebook.com/search/top?q=win4belleville

Date of Birth: Sept. 24, 1966

Education: Associate degree

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: I would promote civil discussion versus heated hostility among board members. A sense of unity is necessary for the benefit of the students. I believe that music and art programs help develop young minds and expand their thinking. Preserving these will prepare our students to face their future better. In light of the pandemic, we need to do a better job at educating our children when challenges arise that disrupt their normal classroom studies. Online classes have to deal with more distractions for the students and make it difficult for the teachers to determine if the students are actively participating.

Jordan Emely

Party: Dem

Campaign Website: facebook.com/groups/emelyforbasd

Date of Birth: March 27, 1999

Education: Belleville Area High School, Class of 2017; Penn State, Class of 2020; Penn State, Class of 2022

Qualifications: Bachelor of Science in Education and Public Policy; Relevant advising experience at the collegiate level



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Twitter: @EmelyforBASD

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: 1) Equitable education: The debate surrounding the Red Raider mascot has shown more of the cracks within our curriculum and the depth we need to go in the classroom over what the mascot of the district should be. Equitable education is important to ensure that we are preparing students to go into

the world with the knowledge they need to be caring and contributing members of society. Finally, an argument against stripping the name Red Raiders has been "educate not eradicate." If this is something the community is truly passionate about, we need to enhance our education to be equitable to all races and their experiences. 2) Accessibility: As a member of the board, I will research opportunities to expand broadband to areas that don't have it, and advocate for policies such as universal pre-k, and universal free and reduced lunch. 3) Listen to the constituents: give students space to ask for change within the school. They are the ones that we vote on behalf of, and they deserve a voice.

Andrea Royer

Party: Dem, Rep

Campaign Website: win4belleville.com

Date of Birth: Feb. 1, 1975

Education: Belleville High School, 1993; B.S. Elem. Ed., Indiana University of PA, 1998; M. Ed. Indiana University of PA, 2001

Qualifications: I am a 1993 graduate of Belleville High School. I have experience in teaching 6th through 12th grade in an alternative education setting. I also have experience teaching in a private, residential group home for adjudicated girls. I have experience in mental health and substance abuse counseling as well as with adjudicated males, ages 12-21. I currently work with individuals with disabilities in a local day center. I also have two children in the district, Lillian (15) and Jackson (13).

Facebook: Andrea Royer for Belleville School Board, Win4Belleville

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A: If elected to the Belleville School Board, my top three priorities are: To look at identification and testing regulations for special needs and gifted students. Often times students get overlooked, resulting in delays with testing, proper placement and IEPs. Better processes are needed to assure that every student experiences success in education! To investigate the availability of advanced technology for all. This would include further training for our staff to teach, prepare and advance our students for the constantly changing world of technology. To advance education of the whole student; that includes opportunities for students to participate in fine arts, clubs, athletics and non-athletics. Our responsibility is to provide the best education and extra-curricular activities that help students grow into well-rounded, young adults, ready to adapt to the world around them.

State College Area Board of School Directors

Candidates (choose 4):

Deborah Anderson

Party: Dem, Rep

Campaign Website: deborahandersonphd.wixsite.com/deborahandersonscasd

Date of Birth: Jan. 9, 1972

Education: B.S. in labor and employment relations, Penn State (Schreyer Honors College), 1993; M.S. and Ph.D. in labor economics, Cornell University, 1996 and 1998.

Qualifications: 12 years of active volunteer work in SCASD, including Ferguson Township Elementary PTO president and

teaching 6th through 12th grade in an alternative education setting. I also have experience teaching in a private, residential group home for adjudicated girls. I have experience in mental health and substance abuse counseling as well as with adjudicated males, ages 12-21. I currently work with individuals with disabilities in a local day center. I also have two children in the district, Lillian (15) and Jackson (13).

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A: My top three priorities are recovering from COVID-19, tackling inequity, and providing fiscal oversight to support

incredible learning environments for our children's sustainable future. Our kids need to be safely back in school full-time as soon as possible. Like many, I am eager to see my son fully reunited with his teachers and his peers. We must also focus on social and emotional recovery and coping with lost learning opportunities, especially for our most disadvantaged students. Racial disparity in discipline and inclusion in advanced placement courses has barely improved since I graduated in 1994. I look forward to carrying the conversation forward to build will, policy, and a culture of real inclusion. School board service goes back to fundamentals: fiscal responsibility. With forecasting, efficient budgeting, and wise long-term capital investments in our buildings and grounds that draw down climate-forcing greenhouse gases, we can improve health as well as learning outcomes.

David K. Hutchinson

Party: Rep

Campaign Website: facebook.com/HutchinsonSCASD

Date of Birth: Dec. 7, 1953

Education: B.A., MBA, Penn State

Qualifications: State Col-

lege Area School Board. 2003-present; PA School Boards Assoc. governing board 2012-2020; PSBA president, 2019; National School Climate Council, 2010-2011

Facebook: facebook.com/david.hutchinson.52438

Twitter: twitter.com/hutchinson153

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: We need to continue to do the things we do well: preparing our students for college; an excellent career & technical

school; music, art, extra-curricular opportunities. We have been able to do this due to strong community support and prudent financial planning. However, we need to be more intentional about helping our students develop "21st-century" skills: the ability to think critically, to communicate clearly in multiple contexts — including public speaking, and listening! — to work effectively with people of different backgrounds and perspectives, to creatively solve real problems. Most importantly, this will prepare our students to become effective citizens. This will require that we intentionally develop school and classroom climates in which every student feels socially, emotionally and intellectually safe; in which every student is seen as an individual and as a contributor to the greater community. Finally, students, parents, teachers — and the community — must be our partners.

Jackie Huff

Party: Dem

Campaign Website: huff4scasd.org

Date of Birth: July 10, 1981

Education: B.S. electrical engineering, M.S. electrical engineering

Qualifications: -6 years teaching secondary math in public schools -currently teaching in higher-education

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: Education is the story I know, and I want to serve my community. I have first-hand experience from K-12 to higher-ed and understand the impact that good governance can have on the learning experience in a classroom. If elected, my priorities will be to (1) grow quality educational opportunities for all students, (2) give a voice to teachers and paraprofessionals in the governing process, and (3) serve the community and promote transparency in decision making.

Michelle Glenn Young

Party: Rep

Campaign Website: www.young4scasd.org

Date of Birth: Nov. 2, 1971

Education: Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science - University of San Diego, San Diego. Masters of System Technology - Naval Post-graduate School. Masters of Military Science - US Marine Corps University.

Qualifications: US Naval Officer - 22 years of service, leadership, and team building while managing programs with budgets of \$995M and leading over 400 people. Active SCASD Parent - served on the FTE PTO executive board for the last five years helping to formalize the organization through recognition as a 501c3 non-profit and PA non-profit incorporation and raising funds to pay for all school supplies, field trips, and family fun events. I supported the Delta Middle Student Advisory Council as a Parent Advisor. Over the last

three years, I assisted SCASD by substituting as a paraprofessional and secretary when needed and more recently, as Chairperson of the SCASD Citizens Advisory Committee for Technology. I am experienced in the navigation of SCASD special education and gifted policies and procedures. I also focus my efforts on supporting youth athletics clubs including State College Youth Wrestling (SCYW), State College (SC) Lions Youth Football, and State College Little League (SCLL).

Facebook: facebook.com/young4scasd

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: My top priorities include: Advocating for more district transparency and communications. Maintaining SCASD's high academic standards. Ensuring taxpayers get the best value from their taxes and the district lives within their means. This is accomplished through my experience with: Strategic vision - I spent much of my Naval career in leadership positions that successfully developed and promulgated the strategic vision for several headquarters and departmental organizations. Policy management - I have extensive, career long experience creating and upholding policies in the Navy and the Information Technology field. Fiscal management - I'm an experienced, 22-year successful manager of defense programs with budgets of \$995 million and leading over 400 people. Community Representative -My experiences, thoughts, and opinions are different from current board members. I represent a fiscally conservative, constitutionalist, socially moderate, grassroots voice on the board.

Carline Crevecoeur

Party: Dem

Campaign Website: www.carlineforchoolboard.com

Date of Birth: Oct. 2, 1963

Education: St. John's University BS in Chemistry 1985. SUNY Downstate Medical School MD 1989. SUNY Downstate Health Science Center Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology 1993. Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology 1998.

Qualifications: Wife, physician, mother and teacher of five State College graduates. A resident of Centre County for 15 years. Volunteered on education boards such as WPSU and NAAHP and sponsored public health programs. Public speaker on women's health and community issues. Corroborates well with others.

Facebook: Carline Crevecoeur for SCASD School Board

Twitter: @medicrev

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: My priorities are accessible learning, an inclusive environment, and a re-imagining of education in the district. I would strive to eliminate any barriers to a child's learning related to their ability or socioeconomic status. I would move to provide more digital and mental health access. Students learn best when provided with a diverse curriculum, relevant materials, and an inclusive environment where they feel welcome. I will bolster special education programs and nurture our high-achieving students in their pursuits of excellence. I want to re-imagine education by providing a quality pre-k to close the opportunity gap and create a positive feedback loop between academic progress and social and emotional learning. I will foster partnerships between parents, teachers, and staff to ensure our students are safe while also exercising responsible stewardship of our community's financial resources. Our schools are successful when we meet the needs of every one of our students.

State College Music Boosters treasurer. Seven years of college-level teaching experience in economics and education. Served three-year term on governing board of State College Presbyterian Church. Current volunteer at Meals on Wheels. Involved parent of two children in SCASD.

Facebook: facebook.com/Deborah-Anderson-for-SCASD-School-Board-109155454576757

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: My first priority is providing excellence in education for all students. We should offer all students a challenging curriculum that helps them to reach their full potential. In addition, access to art, music, technical education, sports and other activities allows students to explore their interests and become well-rounded individuals. Second, I believe in financial responsibility: the school board should help ensure that monetary resources are used efficiently and effectively, so that we can provide the best opportunities to our students and support our faculty and staff without overburdening taxpayers. Third, I believe strongly that our schools must be welcoming and inclusive. All students deserve to learn in a positive environment, free from bullying, harassment, bias or discrimination, so that everyone feels supported and at home in our schools. If I am elected, I am committed to listening, learning, and making decisions for the benefit of all students.

Peter Buck

Party: Dem, Rep

Campaign Website: buckforpa.com

Date of Birth: July 8, 1976

Education: State College Area High School, 1994 B.A. music, Penn State, 2001 M.M. music theory & composition, Penn State, 2003 Ph.D. educational theory & policy, Penn State, 2015

Qualifications: 20 years of teaching experience

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Qualifications: US Naval Officer - 22 years of service, leadership, and team building while managing programs with budgets of \$995M and leading over 400 people. Active SCASD Parent - served on the FTE PTO executive board for the last five years helping to formalize the organization through recognition as a 501c3 non-profit and PA non-profit incorporation and raising funds to pay for all school supplies, field trips, and family fun events. I supported the Delta Middle Student Advisory Council as a Parent Advisor. Over the last

three years, I assisted SCASD by substituting as a paraprofessional and secretary when needed and more recently, as Chairperson of the SCASD Citizens Advisory Committee for Technology. I am experienced in the navigation of SCASD special education and gifted policies and procedures. I also focus my efforts on supporting youth athletics clubs including State College Youth Wrestling (SCYW), State College (SC) Lions Youth Football, and State College Little League (SCLL).

Facebook: facebook.com/young4scasd

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: My top priorities include: Advocating for more district transparency and communications. Maintaining SCASD's high academic standards. Ensuring taxpayers get the best value from their taxes and the district lives within their means. This is accomplished through my experience with: Strategic vision - I spent much of my Naval career in leadership positions that successfully developed and promulgated the strategic vision for several headquarters and departmental organizations. Policy management - I have extensive, career long experience creating and upholding policies in the Navy and the Information Technology field. Fiscal management - I'm an experienced, 22-year successful manager of defense programs with budgets of \$995 million and leading over 400 people. Community Representative -My experiences, thoughts, and opinions are different from current board members. I represent a fiscally conservative, constitutionalist, socially moderate, grassroots voice on the board.

Carline Crevecoeur

Party: Dem

Campaign Website: www.carlineforchoolboard.com

Date of Birth: Oct. 2, 1963

Education: St. John's University BS in Chemistry 1985. SUNY Downstate Medical School MD 1989. SUNY Downstate Health Science Center Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology 1993. Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology 1998.

Qualifications: Wife, physician, mother and teacher of five State College graduates. A resident of Centre County for 15 years. Volunteered on education boards such as WPSU and NAAHP and sponsored public health programs. Public speaker on women's health and community issues. Corroborates well with others.

Facebook: Carline Crevecoeur for SCASD School Board

The candidates for judicial races

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STATE JUDICIAL RACES

PENNSYLVANIA JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Description of office: The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania is the highest court in the commonwealth and the oldest appellate court in the nation. The Supreme Court's administrative powers and jurisdictional responsibilities are vested with the seven-member court by the Pennsylvania Constitution and a collection of statutes known as the Judicial Code. The justice with the longest continuous service on the Supreme Court automatically becomes chief justice. Administratively, the courts within the Unified Judicial System are largely responsible for organizing their own staff and dockets; however, the Supreme Court has several committees and boards responsible for writing and enforcing rules for judges, attorneys and litigants to ensure an efficient and fair judicial review. Annually, the seven justices receive over 3,000 requests for appellate review.

Term: 10 years
Salary: \$215,037
Vote for ONE.

Candidates
Maria McLaughlin
Party: Dem



Maria McLaughlin

County: Philadelphia
Occupation: Superior Court judge
Education: Penn State 1988, Delaware Law School at Widener University 1992

Qualifications: Current judge on our PA Superior Court; served six years as judge, Court of Common Pleas; chief and ADA, Philadelphia District Attorneys Office; rated Highly Recommended for the Supreme Court by the PBA

Campaign website: judgemclaughlin.com

Facebook: @Maria4PASC
Twitter: @McLaughlin4PASC
Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: Along with being our highest appellate court, the Supreme Court oversees our statewide court system and legal community. As such we have the opportunity to set rules, educate the legal community and create special court programs dealing with human services issues like substance abuse & mental health challenges, veteran's issues and initiatives focused on autism. All geared toward providing fair treatment and equal access for people with unique circumstances.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: As a lawyer and a judge I have always worked to ensure everyone who comes into a courtroom has an opportunity to be heard and the law applied without bias. This is the cornerstone of our legal system. As a justice I will not waver from that driving principle. My work on the bench and in my life will always reflect my dedication to fairness and equality.

Kevin Brobson
Party: Rep
County: Dauphin



Kevin Brobson

Occupation: President judge, Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court
Education: Widener Commonwealth Law School, summa cum laude (2nd in class),

Managing Editor Law Review; Lycoming College (B.A., Accounting/Economics), magna cum laude

Qualifications: President judge of the Pa. Commonwealth Court; over 11 years as statewide appellate court judge (elected 2009, retained 2019); Pa. Judicial Conduct Board, 2015-19 (chair); 14 years' private practice; former federal judicial clerk; "Highly Recommended" by Pa. Bar Association

Campaign website: brobsonforpa.com

Facebook: @KevinBrobsonforPA

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: I would work cooperatively with the governor and the legislature to increase funding for legal aid programs. While in private practice, I created a program in Dauphin County to expand pro bono opportunities for lawyers to provide services to nonprofit organizations. I would encourage county bar associations to think creatively

about expanding pro bono service to small and minority-owned businesses and nonprofits. I want to ensure our courts have access to interpreters for parties with limited English proficiency. I would build upon the excellent work of Philadelphia Legal Assistance with respect to the representation of low-wage workers and the unemployed by engaging law schools and other legal aid associations throughout the state.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: I believe I have earned a reputation as a fair and impartial arbiter of the law. I treat everyone who enters my courtroom, or has a matter before me, with equal respect and dignity. I strive to appreciate the perspectives and points of view of all parties. It is important to me that every litigant, represented and unrepresented, be given every opportunity, within the rules and the law, to present their case. Moreover, as a former chair of the Pa. Judicial Conduct Board, I am keenly aware of how important it is to Pennsylvanians that our judges observe the highest ethical standards on and off the bench. I hold myself to this high standard. All Pennsylvanians deserve to have faith in a fair and impartial judiciary.

PENNSYLVANIA JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Description of office: The Superior Court is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. This court, established in 1895, reviews most of the civil and criminal cases that are appealed from the Courts of Common Pleas in the commonwealth's 67 counties. The Superior Court consists of 15 judges. The president judge is elected to a five-year term by his/her colleagues. A large number of appeals flow to the Superior Court from the trial courts. Generally, appeals are heard by panels of three judges sitting in Philadelphia, Harrisburg or Pittsburgh. The court often is the final arbiter of legal disputes. Although the Supreme Court may grant a petition for review of a Superior Court decision, most petitions are denied, and the ruling of the Superior Court stands.

Term: 10 years
Salary: \$202,898
Vote for ONE.

Candidates
Timika Lane
Party: Dem



Timika Lane

County: Philadelphia
Occupation: Judge - Court of Common Pleas
Education: West Catholic High School and went on to graduate Howard University in

Washington DC and received my law degree in 2002 from Rutgers University School of Law in NJ.

Qualifications: Major trials judge presiding over thousands of trials, authoring hundreds of opinions. I handle all human trafficking cases & many of the most serious criminal cases & Grand Jury matters. Certified Child Advocate & as former Executive Director of the Senate Government Committee advised on the constitutionality of legislation

Campaign website: judgelane.com

Facebook: @LaneforSuperiorCourt
Twitter: @JudgeTimikaLane

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: As a sitting judge, I ensure everyone in my courtroom is treated with dignity and respect regardless of race, gender, creed, religion, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status. As a member of the Access to Justice Committee, we address this issue by looking at possible barriers and how to remove those barriers to ensure everyone has equal access. As co-chair of the Local Criminal Rules Committee we recommend the qualifications for court appointed attorneys to make sure that indigent people have capable legal representation. We ensure that the local criminal rules are fair and applied equally to all who all who come before our courts.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: The Superior Court is an error correcting court and often the last line of defense for the parties involved in a case. When reviewing an appeal it is vital the appellate judge have strong courtroom experience on both sides of the bench to best determine if the proceedings in the lower court were fair, all parties were heard and the law has been applied fairly regardless of race, creed, ethnicity,

gender, sexual orientation or economic status. I will ensure equity and fairness in all cases before me, just as I do for all who appear in my current courtroom. Off the bench, I believe judges should be visible in the community. We are public servants and it is our duty to make sure the public understands how the court system functions.

Megan Sullivan
Party: Rep
County: Chester



Megan Sullivan

Occupation: Attorney
Education: Temple University Beasley School of Law, Juris Doctorate (cum laude) Saint Joseph's University (B.A.)

Qualifications: 20 years criminal and civil law experience. Deputy attorney general in PA Attorney General's Office and supervisory district attorney, protected victims including the most vulnerable members of our society as a child abuse prosecutor. Assistant general counsel at West Chester University and civil litigator.

Campaign website: megsullivanforjudge.com

Facebook: @MeganforJudge
Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: I believe equal access to justice is essential to maintaining trust in our courts and our justice system's legitimacy. I am committed to providing all individuals in my courtroom with equal access to justice by ensuring their voice is heard, their rights are protected, and that they are never subject to discrimination. I support efforts to enhance equal access to justice through legal aid programs that provide individuals with access to qualified attorneys. Providing interpreters for those individuals for whom English is a second language is also important. It is also important to give individuals with disabilities full access to the courtroom. Everyone that comes before a judge should fully understand their constitutional rights.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: I have a deep respect for our Constitution and our system of justice. I have spent a large part of my 20-year career as an attorney helping others to navigate both the criminal and civil judicial system. I respect the system but understand why some fear it. Individuals who serve in the role of a judge must recognize that they are the arbiter of the rules and the process. This is a great power that requires objectivity, an innate sense of fairness, and humility. I possess these traits and am committed to delivering to all citizens a justice system that shows respect and fairness, as well as knowledgeable decision-making that takes into account the parties' perspectives and applies the law objectively.

PENNSYLVANIA JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT

Description of office: The Commonwealth Court is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. This court, established in 1968, is unlike any other state court in the nation. Its jurisdiction generally is limited to legal matters involving state and local government and regulatory agencies. Litigation typically focuses on subjects such as banking, insurance, utility regulation and laws affecting taxation, land use, elections, labor practices and workers' compensation. The Commonwealth Court also acts as a court of original jurisdiction, or a trial court, when lawsuits are filed by or against the commonwealth. The Commonwealth Court is made up of nine judges. The president judge is elected to a five-year term by his/her colleagues. Generally, appeals are heard by panels of three judges sitting in Philadelphia, Harrisburg or Pittsburgh.

Term: 10 years
Salary: \$202,898
Vote for not more than TWO.
Candidates
Lori A. Dumas
Party: Dem
County: Philadelphia



Lori Dumas

Occupation: Judge
Education: North Carolina Central School of Law; Duke University; executive certificates from Cornell University, (D&I); University of Pennsylvania, Fels Institute of Government

Qualifications: Trial court judge since 2002; jury and non-jury experience; presided in Family, Criminal and Civil Divisions; former corporate executive, nonprofit leader; adjunct professor; national leader in trauma informed courts; led the creation of victim centered juvenile human trafficking court in Philadelphia.

Campaign website: www.judgeumas2021.com

Facebook: @JudgeDumas
Twitter: @JudgeDumas

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: As a judge, I must ensure that every person that comes before the court has the opportunity to be heard. I must rule according to the law without losing sight of the ultimate goal of dispensing justice. I must remove any obstacle which prevents equal access to justice by any means necessary. As a citizen, I can involve myself with organizations and in activities which seek to educate people about the court, its processes and procedures and to equip them with the knowledge and power to be able to use the legal system as an advocate for themselves and their interests.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: Judges set the tone in their courtrooms. They must model fairness, civility, patience and impartiality and demand it from those in their presence. In my courtroom, every voice will be heard and my decisions will be rooted in the law and cloaked in compassion and the urgency to do what is right. I must conduct a daily heart check to ensure that I am not bringing any biases with me that may interfere with my ability to render impartial decisions. I must call out injustice when it occurs ... every time. In the community, I can educate others about their rights and the status of the law. I should regularly attend implicit bias trainings and require my staff to do the same, to ensure that fairness is not just a mantra but embedded in my core.

David Lee Spurgeon
Party: Dem
County: Allegheny



David Spurgeon

Occupation: Judge - Court of Common Pleas

Education: McKeesport Area Senior High, Duquesne University - B.A., Duquesne University School of Law - Juris Doctor

Qualifications: "Highly Recommended" by the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Endorsed by the PA Dem; Serving as a judge since 2016; Appointed by the governor and unanimously confirmed by the PA Senate; Adjunct Law Professor; National Judicial Fellow; Domestic Violence National Expert; former prosecutor family violence

Campaign website: judgespurgeon4commonwealth.com

Facebook: @judgedavidspurgeon4commonwealthcourt

Twitter: @DavidSpurgeon4J

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: As a judge, I use my position to promote systems change that ensure that all people have more accessibility to the courts. As a Judicial Fellow, I am using those resources to study the statistics over the year of the pandemic to understand whether the use of advanced technology communications increased participation in the court process. Often times, people with limited resources face additional obstacles inherent with our established court processes. Further, we can ensure that everyone in our community has equal access to the court regardless of how you look, who you love, the language you speak and your socio-economic status. Off the bench, judges should participate in the community as a stakeholder to promote the above matters.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: Judges must continue to be active members of the community. In order to understand how the court is perceived, one must be accessible and engage in intentional dialogue to understand all the people that we serve. Judges must continue to be trained in explicit and implicit bias as it relates to all aspect of the existing court system, and be open to discussing and participating in the changes identified to make the courts more equitable and fair. I recently participated in a national panel to address the racial disparities that exist in the child welfare system. On the bench, we must continue to serve as a servant leader and hold ourselves as well as our colleagues accountable for inequities.

Stacy Marie Wallace
Party: Rep
County: McKean
Occupation: Attorney
Education: B.A. communications, University of Pittsburgh



Stacy Wallace

('01) J.D., Duquesne University School of Law ('04)

Qualifications: Nearly 17 years' experience & Owner of Stacy Wallace Law LLC

Specially Appointed Family Law Master & SORNA Counsel Adjunct Professor, University of Pittsburgh-Bradford Clerkships; McKean County Court of Common Pleas, PA Superior Court Certified Mediator-Conflict Resolution McKean County Bar Assn., President

Campaign website: stacyforpa.com

Facebook: facebook.com/StacyforPA/

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: Throughout my career, my purpose has been to always seek justice. I was first inspired to enter the legal field by a pamphlet for Northwestern Legal Services, a legal aid organization of which I now serve on the board of directors. I've worked tirelessly to ensure that our state's most vulnerable individuals, including at-risk children and those with disabilities, have equal access to justice, and have done much of this work pro bono. If elected, I will continue to advocate for and engage with underserved communities. On the bench, I will be a steadfast defender of equal justice under the law in all matters and safeguard the rights of all citizens regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or financial status.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: The makeup of the Commonwealth Court should be a true reflection of Pennsylvania and the broad perspectives and values of our residents. I will use my grassroots upbringing from McKean County, diverse experience, and values to guide informed and thoughtful opinions that produce equitable outcomes. Off the bench, I will continue to engage our citizens, lead by example in promoting inclusiveness of all people, and raise awareness of our judiciary's role. Equitable courts start with having equitable judges who value equality, fairness and a desire to serve others. As just one example of how I've done that in my personal life, I co-founded "Blessing Boxes of Bradford" which serves as small sidewalk food pantries throughout my community.

Drew Crompton
Party: Rep

County: Cumberland
Occupation: Judge
Education: Phil-mont Christian Academy, Dickinson College, Widener School of Law

Qualifications: Currently a sitting judge on the Commonwealth Court. I have authored over 100 opinions. They are balanced, well-reasoned and thoughtful. I am recommended by the PA Bar. I also serve on the Supreme Court Appellate Rules Committee. I have extensive

Drew Crompton

constitutional, statutory and regulatory experience.

Campaign website: judgescrompton.com

Facebook: facebook.com/judgescrompton

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: As a sitting judge I have done all in my power to treat every person that comes before me with respect and fairness. Judges must ensure those with modest means have equal

access to justice. We are all created equal but as judges we must insist that all are treated equally or justice is being unfairly denied. Filing fees and other court costs must be waived for those who cannot afford them. Also, quality lawyers must be available to low income individuals free of cost for civil and criminal matters. Further as judges we must ensure that no one perceives that race or wealth or political connections are weighed when a decision is rendered. High ethical standards are vital to instill confidence in the judiciary.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: Litigants must be convinced that the judge's personal philosophy does not impede justice. I have also defended the powers of each branch of government since citizens want to be assured that the legislative, executive and judicial branches are not overstepping their constitutional boundaries. Further I try to be a judge that has common sense and treats every person with common decency. Judges must also remain connected to their communities and not be overly isolated. People have more confidence in the judiciary when they know judges care about our the same things in our commonwealth as they do. Judges must have a heightened sense of their words and actions in the courtroom. Both must be beyond reproach.

JUDICIAL RETENTION

According to www.pacourts.us, retention is a nonpolitical method of reelecting Pennsylvania judges. It is intended to be politically neutral and does not require judges to engage in campaigning against other candidates. Retention is specifically designed to keep judges out of the political fray while at the same time holding them accountable to the voters based on their overall records and performance in office. The intent is to provide a fair and nonpartisan way for the public to judge its judges. The names of the candidates are listed at the end of the ballot, apart from other offices. No political affiliation is listed for retention candidates.

PA Bar Association ratings and information for incumbent judges are available at www.pavotesmart.com/current-judicial-ratings.

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT RETENTION ELECTION 1

Shall John T. Bender be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT RETENTION ELECTION 2

Shall Mary Jane Bowes be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT RETENTION ELECTION 1

Shall Anne Covey be retained for an additional term as Judge of Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT RETENTION ELECTION 2

Shall Renee Cohn Jubelirer be retained for an additional term as Judge of Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

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The "Empty Place at the Table" display will rotate through Centre County YMCA locations through October.

COMMENTARY

Display tells powerful stories about domestic violence

BY ANNE K. ARD



Enlightenment philosopher John Locke wrote, "The improvement of understanding is for two ends: first, our own in-

crease of knowledge; secondly, to enable us to deliver that knowledge to others." The recent media firestorm around the disappearance and homicide of Gabby Petito sadly provides us with many opportunities for the "improvement of understanding" as we recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

We improve our under-

standing as we are reminded that even in the tragedy of a domestic violence homicide, if the victim is a young white woman more attention will be paid, while the thousands of indigenous women, women of color and, LGBTQA+ individuals who are victims of domestic and relationship violence too often go unnoticed. We improve our understanding when

we are reminded that those who abuse their partners typically look just like everyone else and that even after a domestic violence incident, it is the abuser who looks calm and in control. We improve our understanding when we are reminded that everyone knows someone (#Every1KnowsSome1) whose life has been impacted by domestic vio-

Where to find 'The Empty Place at the Table' display

State College YMCA — through Sunday

Bellefonte YMCA — Sunday through Oct. 17

Penns Valley YMCA — Oct. 17-24

lence — a family member, neighbor, friend or co-worker — even if we don't know who they are or what their story may be.

Every life has meaning and those of us who work in the community to address domestic violence have a commitment to tell the stories of those who have died at the hands of an intimate partner, knowing that their stories deserve to be told. But we also work to dig deeper, to not just increase our own knowledge but to improve our understanding so that we can as Locke put it, "deliver that knowledge to others" in the hope that the next domestic violence homicide might be prevented.

During the month of October, in various locations around Centre County, "The Empty Place at the Table" display will tell the stories of those who died as the result of domestic violence. The individual place settings are a powerful testimony to the empty place left at the dinner table, the empty spaces in the lives of parents and children, neighbors and friends as the result of domestic violence.

As powerful as The Empty Place display is, however, we must always work to improve our understanding of why this violence happened and what might have been done to prevent it. Consequently, the Fatality Re-

view Committee of the Centre County Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force meets regularly to review each homicide, to see what might be learned from it. The review committee doesn't assign blame or point fingers, but rather works to see where the systems put in place to protect victims might have broken down, might have failed those victims. And most importantly, the review committee works to identify what needs to change in our community.

Recommendations have included training to workplaces, so co-workers understand how to respond when someone discloses, training for law enforcement so they understand what they are seeing when responding to an incident of domestic violence, the development of the Child Access Center for supervised custody exchange and visitation, and the development of a dedicated Domestic Violence Unit within the State College Police Department.

Our "improvement of understanding" about domestic violence must not just include our own increased knowledge and awareness, important as that is. But it must enable us to do what a healthy community should do, deliver that knowledge to others so that as we hear the stories of domestic violence victims the whole community will learn how to respond more effectively and so create a context of safety for all of us.

Anne K. Ard is the executive director of Centre Safe, Centre County's domestic violence/rape crisis center, 140 W. Nittany Ave., State College. Contact her at 238-7066 or at annekard@centresafe.org.

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

'Survivor's vegetables' provide sustenance through winter

BY BILL LAMONT



Yesterday I was getting a much-needed haircut by my favorite barber, Becky at Rinaldo's Barber Shop on Allen Street, and I asked her if she had any thoughts on a topic for my upcoming column. Those that know Becky can attest to her lively and dynamic personality and that she is also an avid gardener and extremely passionate about eating good and nutritious food. Without hesitation she said, "root crops."

She told me about a book that she brought a long time ago called "Staying Healthy with the Seasons" by Elson M. Haas, M.D. She broke out her phone and found the book for me and said that there was a new edition. According to the promo, the updated version of "Staying Healthy with the Seasons"

shows how nature affects not only the outside climate but our internal health and mental well-being. The book was first published in 1981 and combines Western and Eastern medicines and philosophies with seasonal nutrition, herbal remedies, and exercise practices, providing the keys to staying healthy from spring through winter.

Becky said that as we move into fall, we are transitioning from the warm season crops such as tomatoes, watermelons, muskmelons, honeydews, peppers, eggplant, green beans, sweet corn, okra, and summer squash into cool season crops again such as a wide variety of winter squash, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, Swiss chard, Kale, collards, carrots, beets, turnips, rutabagas, parsnips, onions, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, spinach, and lettuces. If you have a high tunnel or cold frame, you could sometimes grow and harvest some of these root and leafy vegetables throughout the winter. These vegetables are

what I call the "survivor's vegetables" that provided sustenance to the pioneers during the winter months and were stored in many root cellars. Becky's root crops are used in many stews and soups that are served in the winter months to warm us up and provide much needed nutrition during this time of colder weather. I know that we personally make a lot of venison stew with many different winter vegetables in the recipe and served with it up some hot homemade biscuits.

Thus, we can see why Becky chose "root crops" and how the book provided her with information on the outdoor seasons and the vegetables that are available in each season and how they play into our staying healthy through each season. Thanks, Becky, for a great haircut and the inspiration for this column.

Bill Lamont is a professor emeritus in the department of plant science at Penn State and can be reached by e-mail at wlamont@psu.edu.

ELECTION 2021 VOTERS GUIDE: CENTRE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DISTRICT JUDGE RACES

CENTRE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Candidates (choose 1):

Bernie Cantorna

Party: Dem

Campaign Website: Facebook

Date of Birth: Nov. 14, 1962

Education: Juris Doctor BA - Business Administration - Accounting

Qualifications: Attorney for 31 years, Former Clinical Professor of Law and Public Defender

Facebook: Bernie Cantorna Centre County DA

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: If elected to office I will continue to serve and protect our community

through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice. Our office will work hard to hold the guilty accountable, protect the innocent and preserve the dignity of victims and families. Our first priority is to aggressively prosecute crimes of violence including sexual violence,



Bernie Cantorna

child abuse and domestic abuse. We work cooperatively with our partners in law-enforcement, CYS, and the child access center to insure victims are protected. Although the core function of a DA's office is prosecution it is equally important that the underlying issues that bring someone to court are addressed so they do not reoffend. If elected to office I will continue to expand the behavioral health diversionary program which diverts individuals away from the court system and into mental health treatment; implement a veterans treatment tract and increase alcohol and drug treatment options in lieu of prosecution.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE 49-03-04

Candidates (choose 1):

Gregory Koehle

Party: Dem, Rep

Campaign Website: gregkoehle.com

Date of Birth: July 29, 1975

Education: Ph.D. Criminology, M.S. Criminal Justice, B.S. Administration of Justice, Act 120 (Police Academy)

Qualifications: Professional: State College Po-



Gregory Koehle

lice Officer (1999-2011), Criminal Justice Professor - Lock Haven University (2011-present), Lead-

ership Centre County (Class of 2020). Volunteer: Centre County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability/Early Intervention/Drug and Alcohol Board (2016-present), College Township Industrial Development Authority (2017-2020).

Facebook: [facebook.com/gregkoehle-for-District-Judge-111567524101583](https://www.facebook.com/gregkoehle-for-District-Judge-111567524101583)

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: 1.) Be fair and impartial, 2.) serve the community, and 3.) work collaboratively with agencies and stakeholders. I will fulfill these priorities by drawing upon my experience, education, and community involvement. I will also bring the same level of professionalism and dedication as with my careers in law enforcement and higher education.

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KEY INFO

p.m. on Nov. 2.

If you did not use the secrecy envelope before submitting your ballot or you damaged your ballot, please contact the Centre County Elections Office for instructions.

POLLING LOCATIONS

You can identify or confirm your polling place on CentreCountyVotes.com. If you have questions about the acces-

sibility of a polling place, consult the Centre County Elections Office.

WRITE-IN VOTING

Information for write-in voting will be available at your polling place.

ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the

judge of elections at the polling place should telephone the Centre County Elections Office. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not and you want to try to resolve the problem, then you can go in person to the Centre County Elections Office where a judge from the Court of Common Pleas will be on duty to resolve election problems. Alternatively, you can ask for and vote by provisional ballot. If the Elections Office determines that you were eligible to vote, your ballot will be counted. You

will be given instructions on how to determine if your vote was counted. If you have any questions or need to report any problems, call 866-OUR-VOTE for assistance in English or Spanish or 888-API-VOTE for assistance in Asian languages.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

If you are a new voter or if you are voting at a polling place for the first time, then you must bring your voter ID card or a photo ID such as a driver's license, student ID or some other form of federal or state government-issued ID. Some forms of non-photo ID are also

acceptable such as a firearm permit, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government check. If you do not have any acceptable ID, then you will be allowed to vote by provisional ballot.

If you are not a new voter and are not voting at your polling place for the first time, you are not at this time required to provide identification.

ONLINE VOTER'S GUIDE

VOTE411.org provides voters with a personalized ballot that includes candidate information from this Voter's Guide as well as important election informa-

tion. Links to this guide, videos from Candidates' Nights, as well as other useful information for voters can be found on the LWVCC's website at lwvcentrecounty.org

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COUNCIL

Woman's Club of State College (2000-2002), Office Assistant at AJ Fine & Co. (2004-2006), Treasurer of the Bellefonte YMCA swim team parents group (2009-2011), President of Class of 2014 Parent's Group (2010-2014)

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Kent D. Bernier

Party: Rep
Date of Birth: July 21, 1968
Education: Bachelor Degree From Penn State - 1993 Administration Of Justice



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Council because I care about Bellefonte, have children and a family here and want to get involved in my community.

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BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL WARD 2 (4-YEAR TERM)

Candidates (choose 1):

Barbara Dann

Party: Rep
Campaign Website: votebarbaradann.com

Education: Graduate - Bellefonte Area High School Graduate - CCVTS - Practical Nursing
Qualifications: • Extensive experience in all facets of small business operations with 21 years as owner/operator •

Superb written and verbal communication skills acquired through years of public speaking and teaching • Wide-ranging background in operational budgets, product development, business contracts and customer relations • Ability to share ideas and thoughts in a concise and clear manner • Able to foster productive relationships by eliciting feedback and being responsive to other's needs

Facebook: Barbara Dann for Bellefonte Borough Council facebook.com/groups/275380854171956/

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: 1. The Bellefonte Community deserves Fair Representation from Borough Council. This starts with communication and accessibility between Council and the community. I will facilitate in person meetings. I will provide regular updates of the meetings and proposed ordinances in a timely and expected manner. I will provide different ways to contact me so I'm accessible to the community. 2. Our Police Department is an important and valued part of our community. I will establish a good working relationship with the department to ensure that our community is kept safe. I will support the Police Department with their funding needs including training, equipment and other related budget needs. 3. Bellefonte Borough Council needs diverse membership to represent the community. When everyone in a group agrees there is no room for growth, creativity or fair representation. I will speak up and serve the wonderful people of Bellefontel

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL WARD 2 (2-YEAR TERM)

Candidates (choose 1):

Randall Brachbill

Party: Rep
Education: Graduate of Bellefonte Area School District and Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology

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A: 1. Pedestrian Safety: I encouraged the hiring of an engineering firm to complete a study of downtown crosswalks and street lighting with the goal of applying for a PennDOT permit for crosswalk improvements. I support our Planning Commission working with the engineering firm for long-term street improvement. 2. Revenues and Expenses: I support: The 2021 budget of cutting expenses with no tax increase; Council avoiding the funding of non-budgeted requests; The sale of 2 acres of Armory property to provide additional tax revenue; Approval of a strategic management plan for more effective local government. 3. Bringing Bellefonte back to normal: I support: Restaurants having assigned parking stalls for curbside pickup; Park activities where people gather while maintaining social distancing; Masking; People receiving COVID vaccines; Continuing current Borough employee COVID 19 protocols; State COVID-19 guidelines that protect the health and safety of residents and businesses.

Mary Abbott
Party: Dem
Date of Birth: Sept. 26, 1969
Education: Bachelor of Music Education from Penn State Masters of Ethnomusicology from University of Maryland

Qualifications: I was born and raised in Centre County and have lived in Bellefonte for 15+ years. I co-own a successful business (Jabebo Studio) with my husband. I have worked in both education and in job-placement so I feel like I have a pretty good grip on many of the issues confronting Bellefonte.

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: Bellefonte has become a much more vibrant small town in the 15 years that I have lived here. I want to see that trend continue by ensuring that Bellefonte is friendly to both pedestrians and small businesses. I would also like to see Bellefonte promote and maintain its beauty and Victorian charm. I believe that the upcoming project at the Diamond is an opportunity to make the town both more lovely and more pedestrian friendly. I know that change isn't always easy, but the proposed projects are intended to make pedestrians more visible to motorists and to open up more area at the Diamond for landscaping, plantings, and outdoor gathering and eating. By creating a town that is safe and inviting for visitors and residents alike, the downtown businesses will benefit. In addition, I would work towards continuing collaboration between the borough and DBI (Downtown Bellefonte, Inc.) and the Chamber of Commerce to support and promote the great events that bring people to our enchanting town.

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL WARD 3

Candidates (choose 2):

Jeffrey J. Puhala

Party: Rep
Date of Birth: Sept. 20, 1975
Education: Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Curriculum Leadership - Northeastern University

Qualifications: Educator within the Bellefonte Area School District for the past 21 years Bellefonte Borough resident 21 years

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Shawna McKean
Party: Dem
Date of Birth: Feb. 13, 1958
Education: MEd Counselor Education, Penn State. BS Human Development and Family Studies, Penn State.

Qualifications: I have been a resident of Bellefonte for 12 years and opened my therapy practice here over two years ago. I believe my training as a counselor allows me to problem solve and consider various options before deciding on a course of action.

Facebook: Shawna Confer McKean, Shawna McKean LLC

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: Historic Preservation: I would address this by encouraging investment in the rehabilitation and reuse of historic buildings. I would like to incorporate a beautification program for the business section of Bellefonte with plantings and window boxes. Business Development: I envision Bellefonte developing an artsy vibe with small town charm. Small shops offering a variety of goods that appeal to a mixture of people. I would love to develop a dog park similar to Tudek Park for residents and weekend visitors. Community Events: I would work to bring events to Bellefonte to engage people and promote tourism. The possibilities for a town as rich in history as Bellefonte are limitless. I would encourage the advertisement of historic walking tours, including Bellefonte's part in the Underground Railroad. I would seek out opportunities to bring new ideas and events such as a psychic fair, a wine and food festival and art exhibits in Talleysland Park, to name a few.

Johanna Sedgwick
Party: Dem
Did not respond

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH MAYOR

Candidates (choose 1):

Gene D. Johnson Jr.

Party: Rep
Date of Birth: Jan. 20, 1972
Education: BS Lock Haven University MS California University of PA

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Centre Daily Times, file

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STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH MAYOR

Candidates (choose 1):

Ezra Nanes

Party: Dem
Campaign Website: http://bit.ly/ezra-for-mayor

Date of Birth: June 4, 1972
Education: - University of Pennsylvania, Bachelor of Arts with Distinction '94 - Penn State Smeal College of Business,

Masters of Business Administration, Marketing and Finance '12, Valectorian

Qualifications: - 3 Decades of Professional and Leadership Experience in the Performing Arts, Hospitality and Event Planning, Product Development and Business Development. - Member of the Osaze Osagie Memorial Scholarship Endowment Committee - Member of

Sue Grafton's alphabet mysteries headed to TV

BY HILLEL ITALIE
Associated Press

A TV adaptation of the late Sue Grafton's million-selling Kinsey Millhone mystery novels, a prospect the author once swore she would return from the dead to prevent, is now in the works.

A+E Studios announced

it has acquired rights to Grafton's alphabet series, with such titles as "A Is for Alibi" and "E Is for Evidence." Grafton completed 25 Millhone books, through "Y Is for Yesterday," but died in 2017 before she could write a story for Z.

Grafton's many fans might celebrate the chance to see her work on the

screen, and wonder who might play the famed sleuth Millhone. They might also remember a vow she made back in 1997, recalling her unhappy experiences writing for television movies before she caught on as a novelist.

"I will never sell (Kinsey) to Hollywood. And, I have made my children promise

not to sell her. We've taken a blood oath, and if they do so I will come back from the grave: which they know I can do," she told January Magazine. "They're going to have to pass the word on to my grandchildren: we do not sell out our grandma."

Grafton's daughter Jamie Clark reaffirmed her mother's vow when announcing her death four years ago, but the author's husband and executive producer of the series, Steve Humphrey, says he and the family have agreed that the times - and the medium - have changed.

"Television has greatly evolved since Sue was writing in Hollywood in the 1980s. From her experience then, she was concerned that her stories and characters would be diminished when they were adapted. But as the power of television has transformed over time, so too has the quality from writing and acting to the production values and viewing experience," Humphrey said in a statement issued through A+E and also posted on Grafton's Facebook page.

"I selected A+E Studios

as my partner because they understand the importance of maintaining the tone and tenor of Sue's work and the character and are dedicated to working with us to bring her stories to life in a way that that will please both current and new fans, and will also honor her legacy.

"Together her children and I believe Sue would bless this decision and would be delighted to see her cherished Alphabet murder series live on and reach millions of new and existing fans around the world."

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CANDIDATES



Tierra Williams

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Qualifications: Centre County Community Conferencing Trained Facilitator; Creator of "Black Tea"- Community engagement show addressing local issues; Vice President and Charter Member of GAOZ- State College Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated (oversees chapter at Penn State); Co-Chair of the 3/20 Coalition grassroots organization; Former Junior Diplomat for the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce; Active Member of the NAACP since 2010; Small business ownership experience; nonprofit management experience; teaching, leadership and human resource experience.

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Twitter: twitter.com/Tierra4Ferguson

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A: My top three priorities are: Transparency, Equity, and Accountability. I plan to ensure that we have Transparent Mental Health practices, access to affordable health care, and access to accurate mental diagnosis. I want to push for different community resources to assist individuals as it pertains to the 302 Mental Health Warrants, and all other hospital admissions. Next is Equitable Housing and Affordable Living. Currently, Ferguson Township's Realty Transfer Tax Rate is at 1.25%, bringing our total RTT to 2.75%, the second highest in Centre County. I will also address the Stormwater Management Fee Ordinance, Whitehall Road Reconstruction, the American Rescue Plan, and agritourism. Last, but not least, Accountability for Police and Elected Officials. As an activist and advocate for the people and I plan to make sure those in power are held accountable, including myself. These issues can only be accomplished through community engagement, and conversation; People over Politics.

Lisa Strickland
Party: Dem
Date of Birth: Nov. 4, 1973
Education: State College Area High School graduate; B.A. International Politics, Penn State; Graduate Certificate in Community and Economic Development, Penn State

Qualifications: Ferguson Township Supervisor since June 2019; SEDACOG Board member; CRCOG Transportation and Land Use Committee member; Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordinating Committee member; Pine Grove Mills Farmer Market Steering Committee, Chair; Past Ferguson Township Planning Commission member and Chair; Centre Region Planning Commission, past Chair; Small business ownership and non-profit management experience.

Facebook: facebook.com/LisaforFerguson
Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: My first priority is to improve community engagement and communication. I value the perspectives and insights of residents from across the Township. I will continue to work directly with community members and advocate for citizen advisory groups and more opportunities for public dialogue to ensure all voices are heard. Second, I will prioritize fiscal responsibility and economic development. Through careful budget review and oversight initiatives, including proposing a financial advisory committee, I will work for pru-

dent use of tax revenue. I will work to support our small businesses and diversify our economic base through creative initiatives such as agritourism. Finally, I will prioritize long range planning for the sustainability of our community. Through coordination with regional partners and resident feedback, I will work to create sound and equitable solutions that address, in particular, environmental, public safety and infrastructure issues.

Patti Higgins
Party: Rep
Date of Birth: April 29, 1978
Education: State College Area High School; South Hills School of Business

Qualifications: Lifelong Ferguson Township resident; Seven years in banking; Fifteen years in the construction industry.

Facebook: @pattihiggins201
Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: My first priority would be to put the residents of Ferguson Township in charge, by engaging them in person, by phone, email & on social media about important township business. All residents should have the opportunity to be more involved & feel that their opinion is heard. Township residents' concerns & opinions matter more than any board or staff members. The second priority would be to address the Stormwater Management Fee Ordinance. Many residents were not in favor of this ordinance, yet it was passed anyway. There is no limit to what property owners can be charged year to year, and it will live on in perpetuity. I would introduce a resolution to cap the fee at a lower rate, and give it an end date. My third priority would be to address the budget & spending. I will examine the budget in detail and question every line item & it's purpose to determine if it's a necessity. I would recommend and approve spending freezes on equipment and facilities for multiple years.

Jeremie Thompson
Party: Rep
Campaign Website: jeremiethompson.com
Date of Birth: March 4, 1989
Education: Labor and Employment Relations (BS) - Penn State '12

Qualifications: Ferguson Township Planning Commission Chair, Former Centre Region Planning Commission Representative, and Over 10 Years Experience in Retail & Customer Service
Facebook: @jeremieFTWP
Twitter: @jeremieFTWP
Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: While we pull through the COVID-19 pandemic, we must keep health, safety, wellness, and recovery top of mind. I will promote COVID-19 mitigation best practices; connecting residents to testing, vaccines and other essentials; and ensure proper distribution of the \$1.92 million in American Rescue Plan funds allocated to the Township. In addition, I want to foster a welcoming and inclusive community. We need equitable and sustainable resolutions to social justice; public engagement and open dialogue; anti-discrimination ordinance adoption; and affordable housing options for everyone. Furthermore, sustainability is essential to our future from environment to finances. We must care and protect our environment by preserving open space, natural resources, and farmlands in addition to exploring climate action initiatives. Fiscally, we got to ensure proper and adequate funding for TWP departments and services coupled with efficient operations, financial oversight, advising, and

Refuse Authority, Chair of Centre Region COG. Chair of PA Local Government Investment Trust. Serving on DEP Storage Tank Advisory Committee.

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FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WARD 2 (2-YEAR TERM)

Candidates (choose 1):
Hilary Caldwell
Party: Dem
Date of Birth: May 4, 1990
Education: Penn State, State College Area High School

Qualifications: Budget research, communications development, event planning, and community outreach through work on municipal, county, and statewide campaigns; advocacy for reproductive rights, domestic violence awareness, gender equity, and workers; professional experience in the performing arts; resident of Ferguson Township from 2002 on

Facebook: facebook.com/hilary.caldwell.35/
Twitter: @hil_caldwell

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: As a Ferguson Township Supervisor, I would prioritize environmental stewardship, expanding access to community resources, and responsible fiscal oversight. Whether it's preserving land through the regional growth boundaries, collaborating with developers to provide incentives for solar power, or building for the future of electric transportation, Ferguson Township is in a remarkable position to become a leader in sustainability in the region, and can partner with other municipalities in the COG to develop initiatives. We can provide programs to improve an equitable quality of life for our neighbors, with a focus on childcare programs, mental health services, community healthcare, business development, zoning for affordable housing, and more. And we can accomplish this without an additional burden on taxpayers. A pragmatic and comprehensive examination of the budget would be necessary to determine what funds can be reallocated, with an eye on investments for the future.

Robert A. Whitaker
Party: Rep
Did not respond

HARRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Candidates (choose 2):
Dennis Hameister
Party: Dem
Campaign Website: drhameister.com
Date of Birth: Feb. 22, 1943
Education: B.S. & M.S. Southern Illinois University, Ph.D. The University of Michigan

Qualifications: Harris Township resident since 1978. Twenty-five years as Harris Twp. Supervisor and current Chair. Serving on Centre County Planning Commission, Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority, Chair of Centre Region COG. Chair of PA Local Government Investment Trust. Serving on DEP Storage Tank Advisory Committee.

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connecting neighborhoods, intersection safety and highway design, encouraging use of CATA, safe bridges, and improvements to U.S. Route 322.

Franklin Harden
Party: Rep
Date of Birth: June 13, 1951
Education: B.S. in Economics from Penn State

Qualifications: Career of Management and Sales; 5 1/2 years as Harris Township Supervisor, 8 years US Navy Submarine Service.

Facebook: harden4harris
Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: My priority has been and will remain to serve the people of Harris Township. This drives my decisions. We have accomplished a lot of good things in the past 6 years. Going forward there is a lot of challenges for the Board of Supervisors. We have been very good at fiscal management, however there has been growth keeping up with expenses. Growth may not continue at that rate, so we will need to pay attention to expenses and level of services. The other area that is a potential issue is Parks & Recreation. With our growth, to maintain and create new opportunities, we will need to be fiscally responsible.

Tracey Moriarty
Party: WI
Campaign Website: traceyforsupervisor.org
Date of Birth: Oct. 7, 1966
Education: BS from Penn State in Finance Minor in German MS from Penn State in Finance

Qualifications: Lived in township for 22 years Business owner in the township since 2012 (Duffy's Boalsburg Tavern) Boalsburg Village Conservancy Member Boalsburg Wine Walk Organizer Memorial Day Bagpiper I

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PATTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (6-YEAR TERM)
Candidates (choose 1):
Sultan Magruder
Party: Dem
Campaign Website: instagram.com/sultanmagruder/
Date of Birth: July 3, 1989
Education: 2017 Oklahoma State University-Stillwater, Doctor of Philosophy Major: Counseling Psychology; 2013 Oklahoma State University-Stillwater, Master of Education Major: Counseling Psychology; 2012 Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Bachelor of Arts Major: Psychology Minor: Child Development and Family Studies

Qualifications: Staff Psychologist, Penn State CAPS; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Coordinator, Penn State CAPS; Instructor, Oklahoma State University; Task Force Leader, Building Resilient Communities (BRC); Campus Representative,

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Advocacy Coordinating Team (ACT); Vice President, ABPsi Student Circle-Stillwater; Treasurer, ABPsi Student Circle-Stillwater

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: If elected, my top three priorities will focus on: Housing, small business, and parks and recreation. First, I would like to see an increase in affordable workforce housing with pathways to renting and home ownership. I would address this issue by advocating for and approving new housing development projects that incorporates affordable housing options for the Patton Township workforce. Second, I want to support the establishment and maintenance of small local businesses to increase employment opportunities for Patton Township residents, keep monies circulating in the local economy, and increase the uniqueness of businesses in Patton Township. I would address this issue by approving sensible policies, zoning ordinances, land use, and tax rates that achieves this goal. Last, it is my hope to support the maintenance and revitalization of parks and recreation in Patton Township so as to help facilitate community building and promote the health and well-being of Patton Township residents.

PATTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (UNEXPIRED 4-YEAR TERM)
Candidates (choose 1):
Pamela Robb
Party: Dem
Date of Birth: July 21, 1954
Education: Camden HS,

Glassboro State College, US Army; ASA Telecommunications & Human Relations specialization, Zoning Land Use & Planning Certification, Police Chaplain Certification, Community Leadership Certification, and Red Cross Disaster & Volunteer Certification.

Qualifications: Current Patton Township Supervisor and Vice Chair, Council of Government (COG) Joint Public Services & Environmental and Transportation & Land Use committee member, Public Safety, Public Services and Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) committee member. Previous Service: Zoning Board of Adjustments member, Human Relations and Veteran Affairs Commission member, Red Cross Disaster, and Volunteer member. Excellent collaborative and interpersonal skills, a dedicated and compassionate public servant, honest, open-minded, and courageous.

Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: "Consistent communication regarding initiatives that impact our neighborhoods. I will utilize networks I've established in the community to transmit information and encourage feedback and will create new opportunities for soliciting community participation. *Sustainable and affordable housing. There is a need for affordable housing for those who reside in our community. I will raise concerns when developers present proposals that do not align with maintaining affordable housing and push for public officials and residents to remain open to alternative ideas that further our housing goals. *Ensure that the Board continues to promote social justice. The pandemic and current racial climate have demonstrated that communities continue to experience inequality within employment, housing, education, and healthcare. I have raised important questions related to police reform, discrimination and harassment, and accessibility to transportation and will continue to do so in my second term.

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Qualifications: Twp Supervisor, 3 yrs; Open Space Stewardship Committee, 4 yrs; Excellent communication skills; excellent people skills; passion for the job; diligent worker.

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As chair of the COG (Council of Government) Climate Action and Sustainability Committee, I guide and advise COG staff to educate the public on climate issues and take action to achieve pragmatic, fiscally responsible, and equitable environmental stewardship. See, for example, centrestains.com. 2) Workforce housing. The Centre Region needs more housing for teachers, nurses, police, clerks, and cashiers. I am an active member of the Patton Housing Task Force which researches housing options and will educate and advocate for fiscally and socially responsible solutions. 3) Communication. A community operates best when members are readily informed and can easily offer feedback on day-to-day township needs and activities, eg., traffic and roads; development and zoning; policing; health and safety; parks and open space. I will guide the content and function of the township's new website which I and another supervisor initiated.

RUSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Candidates (choose 1):
Pat Romano Jr.
Party: Rep
Date of Birth: Oct. 7, 1968
Education: Penn State World Campus

Qualifications: -5+ years as Township Supervisor -3 years on CCATO -3 years on CCMPO -4 years Parks and Recs -1 year MoValley Fire Council -3 years Penn State Fan Council -Several decades in real estate development and general contracting

Facebook: Pat Romano Jr.
Q: If elected, what will be your top three priorities, and how will you address them?

A: Our top three priorities are already in motion. In my first year, we started a blight program to remove dilapidated structures and work to have properties cleaned up to make the area safer and less unsightly. We've recently applied for and received grants to help mitigate costs and avoid using township funds that should be reimbursed. Secondly, we have some major projects in the planning phase that I would be honored to see through to completion. We have a \$3 million road project a large portion of which is funded by grants with a low percent match from the township and a \$7 million sewer project that has been rumored for a couple years. Lastly, we have other projects and need to have them done as effectively as possible while avoiding a local tax. At last check, Rush is one of only two municipalities in Centre County that has no local millage and we plan to keep it that way. My goal is to remain focused on our future.

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SPRING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Candidates (choose 1):
Dave Capperella
Party: Rep
Did not respond

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Candidates (choose 1):
Keith Harter
Party: Dem
Did not respond

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