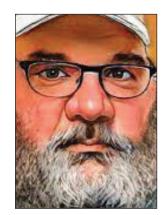
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Municipal election Tuesday

By Daniel Winningham editor@perryvillenews.com

In less than a week, local residents will head to the polls to select their preferred candidates for a variety of positions, including board of education (Perry County School District No. 32 and Altenburg Public School No. 48), Perry County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees as well as for city of Perryville mayor and aldermen. If last year is any indication, there won't be many lines at Perry County precincts.

SCHOOL BOARDS

District 32 had four individuals vying for board spots in 2020. This time around, a total of seven people are seeking a position on the board of education. This includes four individuals, Richard Dix, Glendon Sattler, Roger N. Sample and Dominic Blythe, all vying for a three-year term. In addition, three individuals have filed for a one-year term ending in 2023.

The names of Casey Brewer, Melissa Hahn and Christopher Paul Congiar-

Jones

previously

worked as

the Director

of the Eco-

nomic and

Business

Engage-

ment Center

at Southeast

Missouri

do appear on the ballot for the one-year term. Brewer announced her candidacy on social media in late December. However, she said via phone Tuesday afternoon she is no longer an "active" candidate. Brewer is the only District 32 candidate that did not respond to a candidate questionnaire.

Brewer was appointed to a board seat June 30 after Ashley Geringer, the former board of education president, resigned June 9.

The certification date for candidates on the April ballot

was Tuesday, Jan. 25. After that a judge would have had to order a candidate's name removed, according to Kutz.

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The top two candidates seeking the three-year spot as well as the top vote-getter for the seat expiring in 2023 will be sworn in during a School District No. 32 Board of Education meeting later in April.

For Altenburg School District No. 48, four spots are up for election. Candidates filing for the three-year term include Cary Lloyd Rother, Harold France, Lindsay J. Palisch and Andrew Lichtenegger. Voters are asked to choose three candidates. For a spot on the board with the term expiring in 2024, Candy Mueller's name is on the ballot.

Kutz is estimating the Tuesday, April 5 turnout at about 15 percent, but is optimistic that more show up to cast a ballot.

"I hope it is much higher," he said.

As of March 29, about 30 individuals had cast an

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EDA selects new director Crystal Jones

For the Republic Monitor

The Perry County Economic Development Authority is very pleased to announce that Crystal Jones has accepted the position of executive director. Jones, originally from Poplar Bluff, began her career in economic development in 2010. Most recently, she served as Executive Director of the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, leading regional planning and economic development efforts for five counties and 16 cities within the Ozark Foothills region of southeast Missouri.



CRYSTA JONES

EDA DIRECTOR

State University in Cape Girardeau, where she directed initiatives that stimulated economic growth throughout the entire southeast Missouri area, including small business, workforce, and entrepreneurship development. Crystal holds a bachelor

of science degree in Business Administration from Southeast Missouri State University and a Master of **Business Administration** from William Woods University. She received her Professional Community and Economic Developer certification from the Community Development Council in 2017, completed the Harvard Kennedy School executive education program on authentic leadership in 2014, and is a 2012 graduate of the Delta Regional Authority Delta Leadership Institute. She has participated in many community outreach organizations including the Kiwan-

is Club of Jackson where she has served as president, the Old Town Cape Economic Vitality Committee, board member for Smart Space of Poplar Bluff, and memberships in chambers of commerce throughout southeast Missouri. She has also served as a board member for the Greater Poplar Bluff Area Chamber of Commerce, Poplar Bluff Industries, Missouri Highlands Health Care, the Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation and the Missouri Association of Councils of Government. Crystal resides in Jackson, with her husband Denny Jones, who is employed at

Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. Their daughter, Kaylinn, lives in Perryville and works at a Cape Girardeau dental clinic. "The Perry County EDA is very fortunate to have acquired a director of Crystal's caliber," Perry County EDA President Kim Moore said. "Her experience, training and familiarity with the region and the key economic development players, will allow her to hit the ground running." Crystal Jones will join EDA as Executive Director beginning Monday, May 2.

Jones replaces previous director Scott Sattler, who resigned earlier this year.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

The 2022 Perryville High School Prom Court



The 2022 Perryville High School Prom Court includes seniors (from left) Trent Buerck, son of Nicholas Buerck and Kristy Buerck, and Sonora Bishop, daughter of **Brien Bishop and Joshua** Bishop; Aladdin Garris, son of Nicole and Aladdin Garris, and Teagen Gerler, daughter of Jaimy Brown and Scott Gerler; and Ty Baudendistel, son of Becky and Curt Baudendistel, and Katie Burns, daughter of Brenda and Jerid Burns. One of these senior candidate pairs will be crowned the Prom King and Queen during the student dance on April 2, as determined by student voting.

County commission awaiting legal guidance

By Daniel Winningham editor@perryvillenews.com

The Perry County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees made an unanimous decision to start negotiations for a letter of intent on March 22. Perry County Presiding Commissioner Mike Sauer was asked about

the county's involvement.

"From this point forward the letter of intent will be reviewed by a county commissioner attorney," Sauer said during a break at Monday's commission meeting. "He will bring that back to us and discuss it with us."

The hospital board recommendation of signing a letter of intent was inevitable, Sauer noted, though for now, the commissioners will wait until the county's legal team can get a closer look.

"Eventually they were going to sign a letter of intent with with someone," Sauer said. "I think we've all pretty much felt all along. It was going to be with mer-

cy...whether that's right or wrong, none of us know at this time."

Since the county commissioners weren't privy to any of the discussions with the three health care groups in the running, Sauer didn't know what ultimately led to the final choice.

"We didn't get to see any

of that or how they came up with that decision," he said. "They tried to share a little bit of financial stuff about the three. That didn't convince me of anything. I don't know how it works with a letter of intent. I felt like they should have sent a

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Medallion turned in, final hunt

On tap
PHOTO BY DANIEL WINNINGHAM

Marcas Mahathath, back, Camdyn Litterst, 6, front, left, and Carson Litterst, 10, found the medallion Sunday, March 27 near a utility box by a commuter parking in Brey

a utility box by a commuter parking in Brewer east of Interstate 55 and waited to turn it in to the Republic-Monitor office Monday morning. "I probably walked over it five times," Mahathath said. Mahathath, who is from Crosstown, said his first instinct is that the medallion was hidden in McBride. A few other locations they checked included Perry County Lake, Tower Rock, Claryville and Falls Branch. Mahathath purchased a newspaper Thursday, March 24, shortly after 5 a.m. in beginning last week's medallion hunt. He was part of a team that located the medallion last year. Clues for the medallion hunt are included in a series of advertisements in today's issue. For those seeking the \$100 prize, this is the final opportunity until March 2023. Good luck!

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Support the American Legion

By Brian Brickhouse

American Legion Board Member / Former Legion Commander

Its not hard to understand what is hurting the restaurants nowadays, but it is hitting home really hard down at the American Legion. Every year minimum wage has increased and the cost to the American Legion is an additional \$17,000 with every increase. This has happened over the last few years and will hit us again this year. Then covid, we don't even want to talk about how that impacted the legion. Our sales are down around 50 percent from two years again, and we NEED the

Can you imagine a wedding or graduation party without LE-GION CHICKEN, I can't. I hear all the time how Perryville needs more restaurants, but we are not supporting the ones we have. Here are some of the huge benefits the American Legion has to offer. We are the only SALAD bar in Perryville. We have a full buffet Tuesday- Friday for lunch, a full buffet Friday and Saturday night, and a convenient fried chicken, fries and slaw on Sunday night. We have a full bar that is NON-SMOKING, a place you can be proud to take your family and your children.

So How can you support us: the board has agreed to

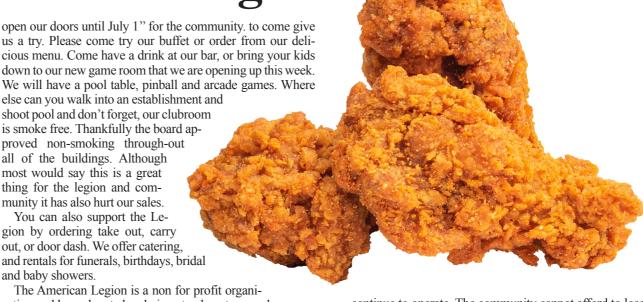
open our doors until July 1" for the community. to come give us a try. Please come try our buffet or order from our delicious menu. Come have a drink at our bar, or bring your kids down to our new game room that we are opening up this week. We will have a pool table, pinball and arcade games. Where else can you walk into an establishment and shoot pool and don't forget, our clubroom

proved non-smoking through-out all of the buildings. Although most would say this is a great thing for the legion and community it has also hurt our sales. You can also support the Le-

out, or door dash. We offer catering, and rentals for funerals, birthdays, bridal and baby showers. The American Legion is a non for profit organi-

zation and have donated and given to almost every donation we receive, and we receive a lot. But we cannot continue the path we are on. We have cut employee hours, all advertising and some donations temporarily to make sure we can

continue to operate. The community cannot afford to lose the donations and support of the American Legion and Perryville cannot afford to lose another restaurant. Please help us in the FIGHT!



Election

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absentee ballot at the circuit clerk's office.

HOSPITAL BOARD

Three candidates are vving for a five-year term to the Perry County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. They include Stephen Rozier, Robin Huber Sims and William "Bill" Bohnert.

CITY OF PERRYVILLE

Three individuals are seeking the position of mayor in the city of Perryville. The candidates, listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, include Larry Riney, Ken Baer and Kenny Tucker. In addition, for the alderman spot in Ward 3, Prince E. Hudson and Clinton D. Rice have filed. Uncontested races in the city of Perryville, with the candidate in parentheses, are city marshal (Direk L. Hunt), Alderman Ward 1 (Tom Guth) and Alderman Ward 2 (Curt Buerck).

OTHER MUNICIPALITIES

The cities of Altenburg and Frohna are not required to hold elections when the number of candidates is the same as total spots up for election. In this case, those already holding office will assume office in the same time and in the same manner as if they had been elected.

This includes Michael Engert (Alderman Ward 1) and John Welker (Alderman Ward 2) in Altenburg as well as Boyd France (mayor), Stuart Ruehling (Alderman Ward 1) and Charles A. "Tony" Vogel (Alderman Ward 2) in Frohna.

Two individuals, Jim Hacker and Robert Leible, filed for two board of trustee positions with the village of Longtown.

PREVIOUS TURNOUT

Turnout in June 2020 was not quite 13.5 percent.

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A year ago, turnout for the municipal election was 16.94 percent (2,209 ballots cast among 13,042 registered voters), though three of the county's 14 precincts (Frohna, 29.8 percent; Altenburg, 26.3 percent; Belgique/ Sereno, 21.29 percent; Highland, 20.25 percent) had a voter turnout of better than 20 percent which pushed the overall turned closer to 17 percent.

Not counting absentee ballots, voter turnout in Altenburg and Frohna was a combined 28.0 percent (232 ballots cast among 828 registered voters).

A total of 19 individuals will get enough votes to serve in office next Tuesday, though for a couple of the races, specifically School District No. 6 of Cape Girardeau and School District R-I of Madison County will need results tabulated from other precincts.



REPUBLIC MONITOR/DANIEL WINNINGHAM

A sign at the corner of West Ste. Maries and North Church streets lets those passing by know where the future Perry County Justice Center will be located.

County

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letter of intent to at least two of them and talk actual business with them and got it on paper, what ency would likely prove they're offering what beneficial. tney can offer, now they would conduct business from here forward. And go from there."

Sauer keeps getting questions about the process from constituents.

"The biggest question I get asked, 'Why has everything been kept so quiet? Over the last three or four years? Why hasn't the public know anything about any of this? Any of these decisions being made? What happened to the last

Working

CEO? Why was he terminated? None of those answers have ever come out in public."

Sauer said he has spoken with board members about and has mentioned that a degree of transpar-

Until they bring some of that out in public, the public doesn't no longer trusts (the board)," Sauer said, referring to several of his unanswered questions. "The trust is the whole issue here. The public does not trust the decisions that they're making over there."

JUSTICE CENTER UPDATE

A few weeks ago, a new sign was placed in front of the future justice center site. The sign, which is located at the corner of West Ste. Maries and Church streets, contains the official logos of both Perry County and the city of Perryville plus a short four-word message at the bottom: "We are stronger together!"

A sign has been in the planning stages for a little while, shortly after the property was purchased last fall.

"Once we purchased the property and at all that we decided to go ahead and have a sign made," Sauer said.

The commissioners are starting the process of seeking requests for qualifications. This is where several contractors determine the scope of the project.

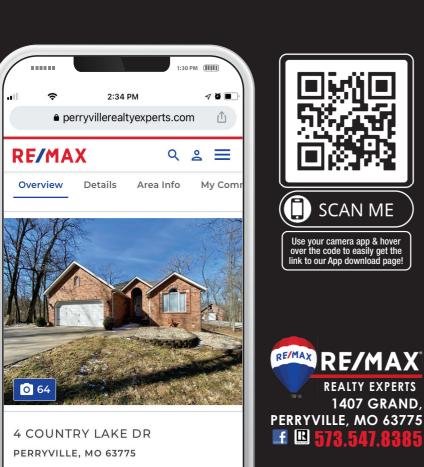
Later this spring, when the RFQs are turned in, they will get reviewed and the commission will then seek a series of requests for proposals.

"We'll review all the companies that sent requests for qualifications. And then we'll pick a handful of them. To ask for a proposal, an RFP. Okay. Probably two or three companies

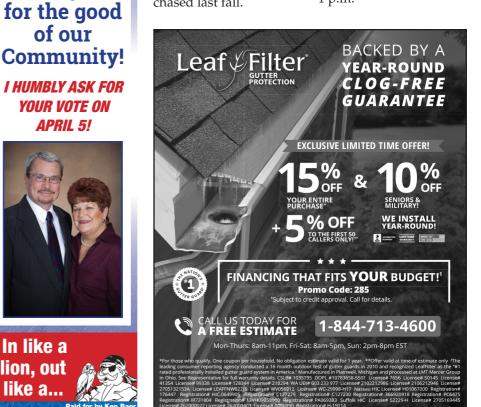
A stipend is to be paid to all of the RFP finalists, according to Sauer.

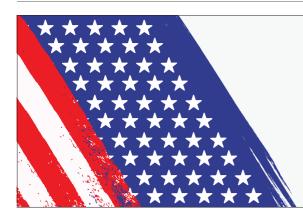
"They're going to have to go into engineering and design and it'll cost them money," Sauer said. "We'll have to pay him a percentage."

The county commission meets each Monday at 9 a.m. as well as Thursday afternoon, starting at 1 p.m.









Republic Monitor

CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT

City of Perryville

Earlier this month, the Republic-Monitor presented questionnaires to the candidates running for seats on the city of Perryville Board of Aldermen, in each of the city's three wards, plus the the position of mayor as well as the position of city marshal/chief of police.

KEN BAER

Name: Ken Baer Wife: Judy Baer

Children: Julie, Kathy, Tim **Employment:** Retired

Position seeking: Mayor of Perryville

1. Why are you running for public office?

• CIVIC DUTY ~ In our democracy it is essential that concerned citizens offer their time and talents

when the need arises • To give the working people of Perryville a voice in their government

· To keep Perryville a great

place to live, work, and raise a

2. Why should voters choose

you to serve? · While serving as your mayor,

our city has made extraordinary progress because we work together as a community for a common purpose, to be the best we can be.

• My experience and leadership skills will add significant value to the continuing cooperative effort

and the efficient operations of your city government.

3. What do you consider to be the top two or three issues for the City of Perryville at this time and why?

· The fundamental purpose of city government is to provide **OUALITY OF LIFE comforts of** clean water, waste disposal, natural gas, recreation, safety, and se-

• Efficient completion of these responsibilities are our top priorities and pursed with vigor.

Name: Prince Hudson

Personal: Married to my wife Shirley for 50 years. We have two children, Kimberly Bock and Nathan Hudson. I am a veteran of the United States Navy, member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Knight, 50-year member of the American Legion Post 133 and life member of the AmVets.

Job Employment/Status: 1982-1988: Ouality Control Man-

ager, Rockwell International B-IB Aircraft program.

CLINTON RICE Name: Clinton Rice **Age:** 35

Personal: My wife Kelsey (Kutz) and I both grew up in Perry County.

We have 4 children, ages 6, 4, 3, and 1. I am involved in the Rotary Club of Perryville, Knights of Columbus, a member of St. Vincent DePaul. I volunteer at local high school sporting events, and have served on the Perryville Parks and Recreation Board Employment status: I am a part

owner of Mid America Rehab in Perryville where I have worked as a physical therapist since 2011

Position Seeking: Alderman Ward 3

1. Why are you running for pub-

Name: Curt Buerck Position seeking: Ward 2 alder-

Name: Curt Buerck Age: 60

Personal: Wife Linda, three children, a son-in-law; and three grand-

children Position seeking: Ward 2 alder-

1. Why are you running for pub-

Ling, Temco.

Vought, LTV Corporation, Multiple Launch Rocket System

retired

1993-2020: Business owner,

Currently working part-time at St. Vincent de Paul Parish My full-time

PRINCE HUDSON

Why running: To serve the citizens of Perryville

Why should voters choose you to serve: Honest, hardworking, willing to represent and listen to the people of Perryville

What do you consider to be the top two or three issues for the City of Perryville at this time and why: They are all important. The issues of the citizens of whom I represent are the most important to me.

job is to represent Ward 3 and the people of Perryville. Position seeking: Alderman Ward

lic office?

I am running for Alderman in Ward 3 because I have a strong desire to see our community continue to thrive. As a father to four children I want

to ensure that Perryville remains an excellent place to raise a family for future generations.

2. Why should voters choose you to serve?

I hope to bring fresh ideas and a new perspective to the Board. I helieve my education, experience as a small business owner, community involvement, and motivation to see

Perryville thrive make me an excellent candidate for Alderman. 3. What do you consider to be

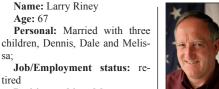
the top two or three issues for the city of Perryville at this time and why? If elected Alderman my top priori-

ties would be: 1. Ensure that the city maintains

financial stability through appropriate

2. Make sure the city is providing the services, utilities, and infrastructure necessary to not only maintain our beautiful city, but also meet the needs of the future.

3. Ensure that the citizens of Perryville have a voice in local govern-



Position seeking: Mayor 1. Why are you running for public office?

To represent the citizens of the great city of Perryville

2. Why should voters choose

tired

you to serve? Most candidates say what they hope to do let me say those things I will not do, when I decide to retire from the mayor position. I will not try to handpick my replacement. I simply believe the people of Perryville are educated and intelligent enough to make that decision on their own. The second thing I will not do is recruit the people of Perryville to replace those individuals currently on the board of aldermen. I repeat, I simply believe the people of variable are educated and intelligent enough to make up their own minds when and what time in

their lives to seek city positions

Person: Married 18 years, two

Job/employment status: St.

1. Why are you running for pub-

lic office: To be a voice of the com-

Louis Proctor & Gamble, Cascade

kids; son, 16, and daughter, 15;

Position seeking: Mayor

Name: Kenny Tucker

Age: 55

department

LARRY RINEY such as mayor or

alderman. Now let me say what I will do. I hope to satisfy most of the people on any situation that may enter into their lives or neighbor-

hood. I will apply and accept any federal, state, local and any other type grant that is deemed beneficial to the city and our citizens approval. Without a review and approval of the Board of Aldermen. we've missed out on many opportunities to apply which could have potentially saved city taxpayers thousands

3. What do you consider to be the top two or three issues for the City of Perryville at this time

As we reconstruct some of the city streets the big issues of the times is to have a sidewalk or not to have a sidewalk

Let's reflect on the past two years for a moment. In my opinion, what happened on North Parkview Street was the city was up sizing water lines in the street and going to invade into most yards. Knowing this, the mayor met with most, if not all, citizens on both sides of the street to be constructed reconstructed. He told the citizens they had the choice of a sidewalk or not to have a sidewalk. Now let's look into the past approximately one year ago. The city wants to redo the street

policy. What is the biggest issue? Sidewalks. It was decided, if the city had the right of way, a sidewalk was to be installed. Now the present, imagine the board's surprise when the citizens of North Parkview attended a meeting raising cane about having a sidewalk forced on them after being told two years earlier the decision was theirs. The Board and the citizens came to an agreement there would not be sidewalks put on North Parkview.

There has never been a law or ordinance written that will address all situations in a small town such as Perryville. Why can't we use a lot more common sense and a little less concrete?

CURT BUERCK



I am running for office to continue helping the citizens living in our community get their issues addressed.

2. Why should voters choose vou

to serve? Voters from any ward can count on me to help them communicate with the city services when they need to resolve issues and present

ideas at the city level.

3. What do you consider to be the top two or three issues for the city of Perryville at this time and why? Important issues include improving the infrastructure to prevent flooding caused by aging sewer systems. Also, we need to get our new fire station built to most efficiently serve our city and county and keep insurance rates for property owners

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TUCKER mon folks. I have listened to everyone I have talked to, no matter their

stature. 2. Why should choose voters you to serve? I

am one of "We

a leader.

3. What do you consider to be the top two or three issues for the city of Perryville at this time and why? All elected officials and those that are running for a public office have their own agendas that they have discussed with their

The People." I am not a boss. I am

Name: Tom Guth

Moll. Nine grandchildren.

Age: 66 Personal: Married to Nancy (Steinbecker), four children, Matt (Kelley) Guth, Mandy (Ken) Trail, Cicely (Dan) Lacy, Whitney (Eric)

Retired co-owner Earth First Contractors

Position seeking: Alderman Ward 1 1)Why are you running for

office? I am running to continue the path we have been on for the 9 vears I have served on the city council. We have greatly improved on the city's infrastructure concentrating on water issues, sewer line improvements and storm water issues that cause flooding. We have a great police force and a volunteer fire department that is second to none. Our parks are clean and

TOM GUTH



well used. We are fortunate in Perryville to have a good tax base that allows us to continue to improve

the quality of life for all residents. I will strive to keep our town moving in the right

2) Why should voters choose vou to serve?

My background in construction has helped me see and understand the infrastructure challenges Perryville faces. I try to be a good steward of the cities revenues and will speak up if money is being spent that does not benefit the taxpayers. The city staff does a tremendous job of running the business of the city. Together with the

council we make a great team!

3) What do you consider to be the top two or three issues for the city of Perryville at this time and why?

Perryville is at the point where we need to expand the cities footprint. We need more lots to build homes that attract the much-needed workers to our industries. Annexation, tax credits, or creative financing are things I feel need to

be looked into to attract builders. This will not be easy, but it is important mov-

ing forward. The COVID experience has taught us that faith in God and love of family are most important. To that end I would like to continue improving our quality of life with more family friendly actives, more restaurant options and make Perryville a great place to live, work, and play.

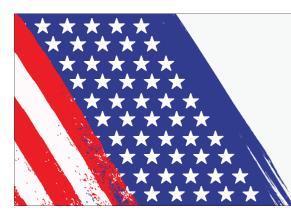
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CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT

Perry County School District No. 32

The Republic-Monitor presented questionnaires to the candidates running for seats on the Perry County School District No. Board of Education. The candidates on the left are seeking a one-year term while the candidates on the right are seeking a three-year seat. Their responses are presented below.

CHRIS CONGIARDO

Name: Chris Congiardo

Personal: Married to Jessica Congiardo with two 9 year old children (Dax and Amelia).

Job/Employment Status: The Bank of Missouri - IT Systems Analyst Manager

Position Seeking: 1 year term board seat.

Why are you running for public office?

I have a vested interest in Perry County School District given my spouse is employed (since August of 2007) with the school district and both children have attended since kindergarten. I am running to provide positive input into the school and serve the needs of students, staff and parents. I also genuinely enjoy watching others succeed and want to enable that success for all school stakeholders in any what that I can.

Why should voters choose you to serve?

I am generally passionate about

the things I get involved in and pride being able to listen to others. I would promise, if elected, to hear the concerns and

opportunities of

school staff, students and parents. I don't stretch myself thin with other community involvement so can commit the time and dedication needed to serve. I am hopeful that I can contribute out-of-thebox ideas to further enable positive outcomes

I have experience with continuous improvement and continuous development from a process perspective in my professional career and am positive I can apply those skills to policies and procedures within the school.

I don't assume to know everything, it takes a community or team working towards a common goal to succeed. I have been fortunate

to attend board meetings over time and see the amazing things staff, students and parents can do when working together. Put simply, I'll do my best to further enable this.

What do you consider to be the top issues facing the Perry County School District No. 32 Board of Education at this time and why?

With attending the board meetings I see these wonderful videos the school staff put together related to community events or exciting programs accomplished. I feel the district could do a better job communicating these success stories to the community.

School staffing is a big concern, both retaining talent and obtaining temporary or substitute staff is a challenge on the local and state level. The job market has gotten very competitive and will not only voice staff feedback to local and state leaders but am willing to contribute tangible ideas.

MELISSA HAHN

Name: Melissa Hahn **Age:** 38

Personal: I have three children; Trenton in 12th grade, Alexis in ninth Grade, and Ryder in fourth grade

Job/employment status: I have a nursing degree and I am currently a nurse at our amazing Perryville Family Care Clinic here

in Perry County. I am a member of St. Vincent Church here in Perryville. I am a 2001 graduate of PHS and a proud lifelong resident

Position seeking: I am running for the one year PCSD32 SCHOOL BOARD term. I want to wish Chris Congiardo good luck on his campaign. I would



like to thank our current member Casey Brewer for her dedication and time on the school board and wish her well in her new adven-

tures as she is moving to the great State of Alaska! Best of luck!

Why am I running?

For me it's simple. Moms everywhere just want what is best for their children, to love, care. and nurture them. But most importantly, to give them a chance to be the best person they can be with a solid foundation of educational excellence.

Why choose me?

When you have children in school, your life, trust, and heart revolves around your interaction at school. You have an obligation to support your school and to encourage your district to be the best it can be, bar none. I want to be that encouragement to our school.

Top issues...

I promise to do my best to bring transparency, community involvement, and to put your fears and concerns upon my back and carry them to the school board for honest debate. I want you to come to our school board meetings and see where we can improve. It's my promise to you to make improvements as needed. - Thanks so much and God Bless

CASEY BREWER

Editor's note: Casey Brewer filed for election to the School Board in December 2021. However, since that time she announced plans to relocate out of state.

Brewer, reached by phone earlier this week, said she is not openly campaigning for the position, though her name will still appear on the ballot.

Brewer did not respond to a questionnaire.

Name: Casey Brewer



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Name: Rich Dix

Personal: Married to Sue Dix and have three sons; Grant, Garrett and Carter who all are graduates from Perry County District 32. President of the Board of Directors for United Enterprise and Treasurer for Zion Lutheran Church in Crosstown.

Job/Employment Status: Regional Procurement Manager at Holcim (US) Inc.

Position Seeking: School Board of Education at Perry Countv District 32

Why are you running for public office? I have served on the School Board since 2016 and have witnessed a lot of progress at the District over these 6 years. Thanks to the voters in Perry County passing the tax levy, we have made great improvements to our facilities. Additionally we have implemented a five-year Comprehensive School Improvement Plan that will address the core elements for student achievement. I wish to continue serving on this board because I feel these are extremely

RICH DIX



want to continue to be a part of their implementation and success. Finally, over the past 2 years, during the most

important and I

trying times in educational history, I have witnessed the commitment and dedication by our Administration, Teachers and Staff and the involvement and understanding from parents. Everyone's sole commitment is to do what is best for the safety and education of the students! Wanting to support them for these efforts is the single biggest reason I chose to run again for the school board.

Why should voters choose you to serve?

I feel the School Board should be a representation of Perry County. In order to do this it is important to vote for someone that reflects the values of the community and someone that is open to listening to all perspectives. I meet both of these objectives. Additionally,

there have been board members in the past that did not understand the time commitment that is involved with serving on the board. Over the past 6 years I have attended all School Board obligations and have volunteered on other school committees. I want to build a climate of school pride through collaborative practices with staff, parents and community.

Top issues facing Perry County District 32 Board of Education at this time and why?

The goal is for academic excellence which was trending favorable until Covid hit in 2020 when some kids had fallen behind. I believe we have a solid plan to get back on target and this plan needs to be monitored closely. I feel one of the biggest issues to accomplish this is to recruit and retain qualified and effective teachers and staff. To accomplish this is to provide competitive pay, professional development and create an environment of school pride.

DOMINIC BLYTHE

Name: Dominic Blythe **Age:** 45

Personal/Family: My wife Erin and I have been married for 23 years we have two children, Ethan and Noah

Job/Employment status: I am an owner and manager at Jim's Auto Service Center. I am seeking a spot on the Perry County District 32 school board.

Why are you running for public office? I am running for the school

board to in an effort to be involved and help lead the district in provid-



ing education for our students Why should

voters choose you to serve? As a graduate

and parent and business owner in the community

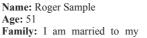
I know how important our school is to this community. I have volunteered my time through the years in other capacities as a scoutmaster and with the National Wild Turkey Federation and the advisory committee for the votech and now I

want to help lead our school in the right direction.

What do you consider to be the top issues facing the Perry County School District No. 32 board of Education at the time and why?

I believe the key issues are ever changing in our schools and communities so to pick any one is always a challenge. So the best we can do is take the challenge at hand and research and make the best decision for the students of Perry

ROGER SAMPLE



lovely wife Kim Sample and i have two children and two step children and six grandkids.

Age: 51

I have been many things over the years, including a teacher in the military. I have worked many jobs in Perry County since getting out of the military but for the last 18 years i have been a business owner in Perry County serving our community. I have lived here for 28 years now and love being a part of Perry County. My children still talk about the great teachers they have had over the years at perryville school.

Position seeking: I am running for one of the two 3 years seats on the PCSD32 board and i wish the best of luck to all the great candi-

dates Why am I running? As a member

of Perryville and a parent with grandchildren in Perryville school. I feel that i must

do my part in helping the process of continual betterment of our school. To make sure that all our children have great opportunities and the tools to be successful in their life endeavors for they are our future and will be the light of this community long after we are gone. To support our great teachers and staff that work long hours and sacrifice time at home to make sure our children get the best from their education.

Why choose me?

We as a community want what's best for our children and to do that we must listen, not only to the teachers but the families as well. We must research and talk about what's best for the school and the children too. To make sound decisions. I want to not only be the ears that listen but the voice for you the community. The school board is a position that should not be taken lightly for it is your voice that we represent.

Top issues: I think at this point the top issues for me are Community involvement and transparency we must have better communication among everyone involved to move forward in these pressing

Thank you all for your support and God bless.

tion of our great community

• Most Important!! Parents and

Grandparents- uphold your family

values, retain your CHOICE and your voice within the school.

GLENDON SATTLER

Name: Glendon Sattler **Age:** 40

Family: Married to Sherry Sattler children- Julia, Clint, Lauren,

Job/Employment status: Small business owner Position seeking: PCSD32

School Board- 3-year-term Why are you running for public office?

Because you send your kids there 7 hours + per day and give 60% + of your hard-earned tax dollars to PCSD32, you choose your representation on the Board of Education. I will uphold your family values and keep your voice and most of all your CHOICE in your school. I commit to keeping you informed of progress and challenges that arise

Why should voters choose you



Current board-work with you and challenge the board with the

goal of excellence in education with New Ideas and Fresh Prospective

• Teachers and Staff- schedule regular open-door sessions to bring concerns and issues

· Students- provide best tools, resources, and opportunity for success after High School · Taxpayers-steward, manage,

and give best value to your tax dollars without asking for more. · Community Members-Keep our board independent and reflec-

I have these commitments to each of the following.

What do you consider to be the top issues facing the Perry County School District No. 32 Board of Education at this time

and why? · Lost time and progress- two years without of the normal protocols at school has impacted prog-

ress for some students. • Discipline Distractions-implementing policies that support Great

teachers and do not distract from instruction will be a focus of mine. • External influence- noise from beyond our community seeks to influence our local values in edu-



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CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT

Perry County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees

The Republic-Monitor presented questionnaires to the candidates running for seats on the Perry County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. Their responses are presented below. Voters will be asked to select one candidate to serve a five-year term.

Regular meetings for five-member board meets the last Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in Education Room A at the hospital, 434 N. West St., Perryville

WILLIAM "BILL" BOHNERT

Name: William "Bill" Bohnert

Personal: I am married to Lydia. We have four children and five grandchildren.

Job/Employment: I was born and raised in Perry County. I graduated from Perryville High school in 1975. I served in the Army National Guard from 1976 to 1978. I then served in the U.S. Marines from 1978 to 1983. I then went to school at SEMO and started working at the Cape Girardeau Police Department. I retired from there in 2013. I was then recruited by the Army Special Forces where I trained and supervised Afghan undercover police units in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan in 2013 and 2014. I was then elected as the Perry County Coroner in 2016 and

Position seeking: I am running for a seat on the Perry County Hospital board of Trustees. I currently serve as the Perry County Coroner. If elected to the board of Trustees, I will remain as Coroner.

Why are you running for public office? As Perry County Coroner, I am able to have an inner view of the workings at Perry County Hospital. I found that we have a great group of employees at the hospital. I also found that there



are problems on the administrative side of the hospital. That is why I became a candidate for the Perry County Hospital board of Trustees.

Why should voters choose you to serve: I think I am the best choice because I would bring some common sense to the board Whoever decided that ramming this merger through like this needs their head examined. It has done nothing except create animosity between the taxpaying citizens of this community.

I would also bring a vast amount of experience in dealing with people and businesses in the worst and best of situations.

What do you consider to be the top two issues for the Perry County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees at this time and why? SECRECY and DE-CEIT! I will never use the word "transparency" again.

Instead of being open and honest about the problems past and present, the boards and administration have always tried to cover things over. The possible merger of the hospital has brought these problems to light for all the taxpayers of Perry County. The administration says that the hospital is in financial stress and that they must act quickly with the merger. The Trustee board president then says that the hospital has no debt and not in financial trouble. If that is so, why merge? That makes me wonder why have they pushed the merger with Mercy so quickly and secretly? There have been numerous requests for financial information from the hospital but to no avail. We have been told to trust in the decision by the administration and doctors. The administration and the boards have lost the trust of the taxpayers. Maybe the hospital should remain alone? Maybe a merger is the right answer? If so which hospital? At this point I can't and won't make a decision on what the hospital should do because of the lack of information made available. I do believe that if a merger is decided to be the best plan for the hospital then it should be an open and fair process from beginning to end for any citizen who wants to be involved. I also believe that the hospital corporation board should be done away with and have only the Trustee board which is elected by the taxpayers and answers to

them. Thank you.

Name: Stephen C. Rozier **Age:** 70

Personal: Mary L. Rozier Wife, retired ICU Nurse, 35 years Southeast Health; Zachary S Rozier, son, Attorney at Law Perryville; Kala Bohnert Rozier, Daughter in Law, wife of Zachary; Bachelor of Science/Major Biology:Micro/ Cell/Motec/Biote, and Southeast Missouri College with Medical Laboratory Scientist Finley M. Rozier, daughter of Zachary and Kala Bohnert Rozier Theodore Rozier, son of Zachary and Kala Bohnert Rozier Elizabeth M Rozier, daughter, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, AGACNP-BC at the University of Penn. Medical Center Position

Position seeking: Re-election on 205 Board of Trustee for Perry

County Memorial Hospital Why are you running for Public Office: Times are changing in the medical field and the citizens of Perry County need consistency within the office to oversee the possible upcoming changes that need to be done with the best interest for Perry County Memorial Hospital, employees and our citizens. I have been on the Board for 15 years and seen a lot of changes, from how the hospital changed from a rural hospital to a modern health care facility. This took a vision form the Administration, the County Commissioners, a dedicated Staff and the

STEPHEN ROZIER

System Board and the Public Board Participation. What Do You

Consider the top two or issues for the Perry County

Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees at this time and why? The upmost and most important issue is for Perry County Memorial Hospital to give the best affordable healthcare that we can offer to our Citizens at. I know that the Board of Directors, Administration and the dedicated Staff are working daily to be able to accomplish this task. I know that PCMH has the right Administration, PCMH has the Right Doctors, PCMH has the right services PCMH has the right dedicated staff to take care of your Medical Needs Over 15 years ago the Board of Trustees, Administration and the dedicated staff of Perry County Memorial Hospital along with the County Commissioners, desired to expand the services of PCMH and modernize and reshape the campus that you see today with all the services that we offer for the health care needs of our citizens. This was a great undertaking for our community. PCMH spent well over 25 million dollars to upgrade our facility and during that time the administration and Boards of Di-

rectors decided to pay off all of our loans. This took the diligence and dedication from both Boards, Administration, and Staff at PCMH, to accomplish this goal. Healthcare is changing. How the insurances and government reimbursement us. But our hospital is positioned for the best and we have a bright future ahead of us and will have the best interest of our citizens/community in mind with all our decisions that we make today and Newspaper in the future. Perry County Hospital is a 25 bed Critical Access Hospital and is looking to see if they can partner with another healthcare system to help with this. They will be able to bring services that we do not have at PCMH as well as negotiate with the insurances companies to get a better reimbursement which will bring down the cost without sacrificing healthcare. I would challenge anyone, to look at a community of our size that offers the services that we offer at our hospital that can beat what we offer here. We are so lucky to have the dedicated staff that we have at PCMH that brought this hospital to a modern medical facility. We have a hospital that has no debt, a dedicated staff and is not in financial trouble. I would appreciate your vote on the 5 April.

ROBIN HUBER SIMS

Name: Robin Huber Sims **Age:** 60

Personal: I have two children. Maggie Barron and Rocky (Esther) Huber, and two grandchildren, Jazlyn and RJ. I enjoy spending time with family and traveling to California to see my grandchildren.

Job/Employment status: Durable Medical Equipment Manager at Crown Hospice

Position seeking: Board Member for PCMH Board of Trustees

Why are you running for public office? I am running for PCMH Board of Trustees to help be a voice for the community while in this time of growth for Perry County Health System. We all know change can be a scary, but necessary, move and I hope to help our community hospital grow and thrive in today's environment. While PCMH is one of the smaller area hospitals in Southeast Missouri, it provides wonderful local



been a vital business in the area for many years.

Why should voters choose vou to serve? Having grown up in the Perry Coun-

tv area, I feel I have a good pulse on how the community expects the hospital to grow and succeed in the future. With my 40+ years of experience in the healthcare industry. I feel as though I could be a vital liaison for the board members and citizens to keep our community informed while also sharing my vast amount of knowledge on healthcare ideas. As in all businesses growth is essential and I look forward to sharing my ideas while working with all board members to keep our local hospital growing in the right direction.

What do you consider to be services to our citizens and has the top two or issues for the cess.

Perry County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees at this time and why? The top two issues I feel the Perry County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees faces at this time are openness and cultivating growth. As we are all aware, there are some big potential changes on the forefront for Perry County Health System and having input from those pillars of the city and county would allow everyone to have a voice in the matter at hand. Being elected to this board would allow me to address both of these issues while moving the hospital and community forward in the direction of positive growth by being open with our citizens about major decisions. While everyone has different personal views on these matters, having someone who can bridge that gap with healthcare knowledge and community involvement, such as myself, would put us all in a better area for suc-

Altenburg Public School District No. 48

The Republic-Monitor distributed questionnaires to the candidates running for seats on the Altenburg Public School District No. 48 Board of Education.

Four individuals filed for a three-year term. One person filed for a two-year spot on the board. The only response, from Lindsey Palisch, is below.

LINDSEY PALISCH

Name: Lindsay J. Palisch Age: 32

Personal: I am married to Drew Palisch and we have two children.

Job/Employment status: I am Registered Nurse at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau Missou-

Position seeking: 3 year term with Altenburg Public School

Why are running for public office?

I am running for the school

volved in my children's education and the education of all children in the district. I want to encourage transparency between the school board, staff and community.

Why should voters choose you to serve?

I would encourage people to vote for me for several reasons. First, I am a parent of children in the district, so I have a vested interest in the topics that are presented to the board. As a former employee of the district, I am also well versed nance. I will always support our staff, parents and community and be an open ear to all concerns.

What do you consider to be the top two or issues for the Altenburg Public School District No. 48 Board of Education at this time? Altenburg Public School District is in a good financial position and I look forward to finding ways to put this money back into the district. I also would like to see better communication from the district to community board because I want to be in- in public education and school fi- members, staff and parents.





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