



# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## PRIMARY ELECTION 2018

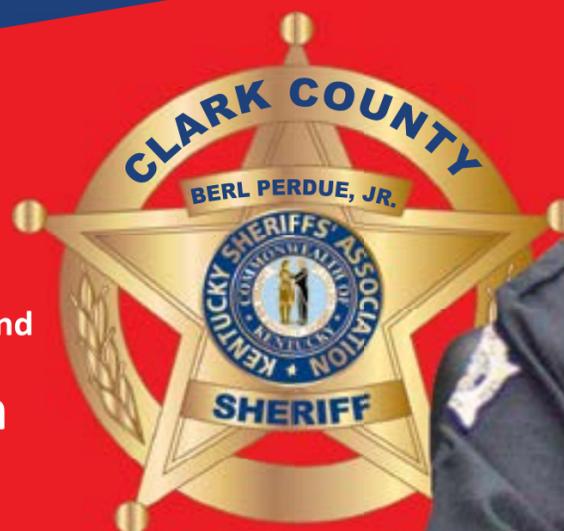
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# RE-ELECT BERL PERDUE, JR. CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF

- ✓ My top priority is to protect and serve ALL CLARK COUNTIANS
- ✓ Proven leadership
- ✓ 25 Years of service from the Winchester Police Department
- ✓ 36 Years of service to Clark County as a police officer and Sheriff serving our community

I humbly ask for your **SUPPORT** and **VOTE MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>** in the Republican Primary

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THE FOLLOWING RACES WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS IN THE PRECINCTS LISTED IN CLARK COUNTY FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 22, 2018.

**REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION**



**6th Congressional District**

**UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS**  
6th Congressional District (Vote for One)

Chuck EDDY

Andy BARR

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
73rd Representative District (Vote for One)

Donna MAYFIELD

Les YATES

**COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE**  
(Vote for One)

Sam WILLIAMS

Chris PACE

**SHERIFF**  
(Vote for One)

Shannon C. STONE

Berl PERDUE JR.

ALL PRECINCTS

**MAGISTRATE**  
4th Magisterial District (Vote for One)

Greg ELKINS

Kenneth ANDERSON

**CONSTABLE**  
4th Magisterial District (Vote for One)

David PUCKETT

Gerald "Jerry" TACKETT

MT. ABBOTT, RENICK, VANMETER AND VICTORY

**MAGISTRATE**  
6th Magisterial District (Vote for One)

Michael F. HACK

James L. NISBET

CITY HALL, FAIRFAX, MT. VERNON, NORTH WINCHESTER, SOUTH PARK AND WINCHESTER

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION**



**6th Congressional District**

**UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS**  
6th Congressional District (Vote for One)

Daniel KEMPH

Theodore David GREEN

Jim GRAY

Geoffrey M. "Geoff" YOUNG

Amy McGRATH

Reggie THOMAS

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
73rd Representative District (Vote for One)

Rory HOULIHAN

Pat BANKS

**COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE**  
(Vote for One)

Henry BRANHAM

Liz ELSWICK

ALL PRECINCTS

**COUNTY CLERK**  
(Vote for One)

Michelle TURNER

Wylar DYKEMAN

**JAILER**  
(Vote for One)

Bryan RICHARDSON

Franklin A. DOYLE

**CORONER**  
(Vote for One)

Robert A. GAYHEART

Jeff WILLISON

**MAGISTRATE**  
2nd Magisterial District (Vote for One)

Kevin WARNER

Pamela BLACKBURN

CALMES, FOREST GROVE, GARNER, GOODES AND PINCHEM

**MAGISTRATE**  
3rd Magisterial District (Vote for One)

Mike SOSBY

Don PASLEY

ECTON, FRANKLIN, KIDVILLE AND WADES MILL

**NONPARTISAN CITY BALLOT**

**MAYOR**  
City of Winchester (Vote for One)

Ed BURTNER

Ralph HARRISON

Billy R. FLINCHUM

**CITY COMMISSIONERS**  
City of Winchester (Vote for up to Four)

Kenny BOOK

Shannon J. COX

Ramsey FLYNN

JoEllen REED

Tom KORB JR.

Seneca ANDERSON

Kitty W. STRODE

Paula Branham THOMAS

David WALKER

MT. ABBOTT, RENICK, VICTORY, McCLURE, SUNSET, CITY HALL, FAIRFAX, MT. VERNON, NORTH WINCHESTER, WINCHESTER; PART OF BECKNERVILLE, HAMPTON, FOREST GROVE, GARNER, ECTON, WADES MILL, VANMETER, SPHAR & SOUTH PARK

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

In an effort to remain as fair and balanced as possible, The Winchester Sun developed a more streamlined process for previewing races in the primary election.

In April, we mailed a questionnaire to each candidate who filed for office in Winchester and Clark County as well as at the state level. The questionnaire and letter to candidates can be viewed at [ti.nyurl.com/WSQuestionnaire](http://ti.nyurl.com/WSQuestionnaire).

Each candidate was given an opportunity to submit the completed questionnaire by April 27 to be included in this special section leading up to the May 22 primary.

In this section you will find all completed questionnaires from candidates who will appear on the May 22 ballot.

Because of space constraints, we have not included the questionnaires completed by candidates who are unopposed or who will not be on the ballot.

Any primary candidates on the ballot who are not included in this section did not submit a completed questionnaire.

Some answers have been edited only for clarity or to fit the designated 50-word limit.

# Democrats Turner, Dykeman face off for clerk

**WYLER DYKEMAN, 41**

**Party:** Democrat  
**Education:** George Rogers Clark graduate 1996; Western Kentucky University graduate 2000 with B.S. marketing; Certified Kentucky Assessor designation 2012; Senior Kentucky Assessor designation 2014

**Professional background:** Lowes Home Improvement, sales, service, assistant, department manager. G-Tech Corporation (KY Lottery) territory manager and only Kentucky representative chosen to help setup/recruit retailers for the Tennessee Lottery. Deputy property valuation administrator

**Occupation:** Deputy property valuation administrator for Clark County

**Political experience:** This my first official political campaign, other than student council president and senior advisor in high school.

**Civic involvement:** I am a Winchester-Clark County Chamber of Commerce member.

I have served as marketing coordinator for Leeds Center for the Arts.

I've been involved with Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, Warren County youth mentoring program, CCSEPP (Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program) public awareness campaigns, Winchester-Clark County Farmers' Market, Winchester Art Guild, food and clothes drives, coaching youth sports and working with businesses where I can lend a hand with providing entertainment and PR in our community.

**MICHELLE TURNER, 53**

**Party:** Democrat  
**Education:** 1982 graduate of George Rogers Clark High School

**Professional background:** Employee of Clark County Clerk's office for 16 years

**Occupation:** Clark County Clerk

**Political experience:** Clark County Clerk for three years

**Civic involvement:** Clark County Fair Board, Clark County Democratic Women's Club and Jail N' Bail for Winchester Kiwanis Club.



Wyler Dykeman Michelle Turner

## Q&A

### WHAT WILL BE YOUR TOP PRIORITY IF ELECTED TO OFFICE?

**WD:** To utilize all available resources to make the office operate in the most efficient, budget-conscious manner while planning for future expenditures and issues. Simultaneously, providing an office culture that represents Clark County's strengths as a community throughout the state and making the genealogy area welcoming and useful.

**MT:** To keep doing what we have been doing and that is taking care of our customers. Doing more updates in the office. I just recently applied for a grant in the deed room and was awarded to do more indenting and scanning.

### WHAT MAKES YOU THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB?

**WD:** I have worked directly with every department of the clerk's office for the past 12 years. I understand the importance of the clerk's role within the county government. I am looking to give our county a more widespread perspective on past and future issues of our community.

**MT:** I love people and I love my job. I still like to wait on people, that is why I am here.

I am proud to say that I started the Saturday hours three years ago, along with credit cards, and that been a big help.

### WHAT PROFESSIONAL/POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN YOUR LIFE?

**WD:** While at the PVA, I have helped our small county become a leader in the state. I know what professionalism, organization, planning, technological initiatives and drive can accomplish. Your PVA office is a benchmark among the state. This is my vision for the county clerk's office.

**MT:** I started out at the courthouse in 1996 as a janitor, and went to work in the county clerk's office in 2002. I started out at the bottom and worked my way up. I am proud of myself. You never want to give up on your dreams.

### WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OUR COMMUNITY FACES? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT?

### YOU ADDRESS IT?

**WD:** Widespread community involvement beginning with voter turnout and addressing proactive voter registration drives. I would support and encourage local business growth by making our public offices leaders among the state, so we can help attract companies, workers and families to Clark County. Also, push public outreach for civic and volunteer opportunities.

**MT:** While there are a lot of challenges in our community, these do not affect my line of work in the county clerk's office.

### OTHER COMMENTS?

**WD:** As a clerk, you represent yourself, your office, your county and your state. It is also a life of service to the people who have entrusted you to do your duty. This May I ask you to vote for me so I can serve you even better. Thank you!

**MT:** I would like to thank the citizens of Clark County for your support these last three years and I ask you again for your vote May 22.

# Primary between Perdue, Stone to decide sheriff

**BERL PERDUE JR., 60**

**Party:** Republican  
**Education:** Bachelor of Science degree Eastern Kentucky University in police administration with a minor in Corrections

**Professional background:** 11.5 years as Clark County Sheriff; 24.5 years Winchester Police Department, detective sergeant

**Occupation:** Clark County Sheriff

**Political experience:** Three terms as Clark County Sheriff

**Civic involvement:** President KY State Fraternal Order of Police (six years), President Winchester-Clark County Fraternal Order of Police (20 years), 2008 Kentucky Sheriff of the Year. Serves on Kentucky Sheriff's Association Board of Directors, Winchester Little League Executive Board and served on Winchester Little League Board of Directors. Past President of GRCHS Baseball and Football Boosters. Founded Shop with a Cop program 25 years ago and still active with its administration. Board of Directors Clark Christian Coalition (drug prevention group), member of Clark County ASAP (Alcohol Substance Abuse Program). Member of Clark District Court Drug Court and Juvenile Substance Abuse Program. Member of Clark County Fair Board, member of Daniel Boone Festival Committee.



Berl Perdue Jr.



Shannon Stone

**SHANNON STONE, 52**

**Party:** Republican  
**Education:** Graduate of GRC, BA in business administration

**Occupation:** Police captain, Winchester Police Department

**Political experience:** 2006 primary Clark County Sheriff's election

## Q&A

### WHAT WILL BE YOUR TOP PRIORITY IF ELECTED TO OFFICE?

**BP:** Our top priority from day one is to protect and serve all Clark County's citizens. Doing this by continuing our dedication to criminal investigations, patrol duties, our DARE program for our children. We have detectives assigned to the KSP Drug Task Force and a Federal Drug Task force, HIDTA.

**SS:** Leadership and launching an aggressive law enforcement attack on our drug epidemic.

Upon approval, I would assign a deputy to the DEA Task Force for federal task resources and implement a data link between the sheriff's office and police department for vital information sharing, solving crimes and criminal apprehension.

### WHAT MAKES YOU THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB?

**BP:** Proven leadership. I have been in leadership positions my entire career, both professionally and in the community. I've served three terms as sheriff, served as sergeant 17 years WPD, elected president 10,000 member Kentucky State FOP, president 20 years local FOP Lodge, elected Board of Directors KY Sheriff's Association.

**SS:** I understand leadership and technology very well. I have the education, work experience and the drive to get the job done. I am also an effective communicator, can recruit talent and I know how to generate revenue for the office without taxpayer's expense.

### WHAT PROFESSIONAL/POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN YOUR LIFE?

**BP:** My proudest accomplishments are being elected sheriff by Clark County's citizens, elected president of 10,000 member Kentucky FOP, being named Sheriff of the Year by the Kentucky Sheriff's Association and my many years of service to the youth of our community through Shop with a Cop and sports programs.

**SS:** Obtaining a BA in business administration and graduating Criminal Justice Executive

Leadership Development Training, CJED, which is an advanced leadership school from the Department of Criminal Justice located at Eastern Kentucky University and implementing a unified communication network link for emergency communications in our 911 center.

### WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OUR COMMUNITY FACES? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT?

**BP:** The nationwide drug epidemic. The sheriff's office is addressing by having a deputy assigned to the KSP Drug Task Force and joining the federal HIDTA Task Force, which also provides access to treatment programs. We are the only police agency in Clark County that instructs the DARE Program.

**SS:** Generating revenue to fund drug investigations, body cameras and other technologies without expense to the taxpayers. Our police DEA task force officer has brought in

about \$500,000 in federal forfeitures with a percentage of \$4 million to \$5 million pending disbursements from the federal asset forfeiture program. This would grow our sheriff's office.

### OTHER COMMENTS?

**BP:** Clark is much better than surrounding counties. The city averages 2,000 crimes a year to the county's 400. Drug overdoses in the city are 4 to 1 versus the county. Drug-related deaths since 2008 have decreased from 38 to 6 on current reports. This shows we are doing our job.

**SS:** Clark County Republicans will be deciding if our sheriff's office will continue down the same path or a new direction. If you are looking for someone to grow our sheriff's office and take it to a new level, then I'm your man. I will also always protect your constitutional rights.

## Puckett seeking 4th District constable

**DAVID PUCKETT, 58**

**Office sought:** 4th District Constable

**Party:** Republican

**Education:** GRC graduate

**Professional Background:**

21 years Valvoline Inc, 11

years Sekisui S-LEC America

**Occupation:** Production

Manager

**Civic involvement:** Current

member of the Winchester

Board of Adjustments

**WHAT WILL BE YOUR**

**TOP PRIORITY IF**

**ELECTED TO OFFICE?**

**DP:** To assist and serve

the community in every way

I can.

**WHAT MAKES YOU THE**

**BEST CANDIDATE FOR**

**THE JOB?**

**DP:** This is my community

and I want to see it get better.

Using the right tools and assets, there is

no

end to how great our community could

be.



**David Puckett**

**WHAT PROFESSIONAL/POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN YOUR LIFE?**

**DP:** As a high school graduate, I have used a good work ethic and dedication to every task to become a successful professional.

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OUR COMMUNITY FACES? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT?**

**DP:** It is no secret that drug abuse is the biggest challenge for not only our community but surrounding communities and the US as a whole.

There is no short-term answer, as this did not develop overnight.

This starts at grass roots, and cannot be solved by staying the course and allowing our country to continue to get away from the values that we once held.

Wyler Dykeman  
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# 3 seek Winchester mayor seat

**ED BURTNER, 66**

**Education:** High school graduate 1969. Earned bachelor of arts in 1974 and Master of public administration in 1976 from University of Tennessee.

**Professional background:** Municipal administration

**Occupation:** Mayor

**Political experience:** Mayor of Winchester since January 2007

**Civic involvement:** Marine Corps League. Participate in numerous community and volunteer activities.



**Ed Burtner**



**Billy Flinchum**



**Ralph Harrison**

**BILLY RAY FLINCHUM, 56**

**Education:** Studied industrial electronics at South East Tech, post-secondary education and high school diploma, Lexington with business administration.

**Professional background:** Licensed minister with The Church of God for 35 years; Advocate of FACEES of the Bluegrass (advocate for children with any and all handicap). Advocate for drug and alcohol rehabilitation. Husband, father, grandfather, pastor and business owner.

**Occupation:** Retail and wholesales business owner, entrepreneur.

**Political experience:** First-time candidate.

**Civic involvement:** Member of Chamber of Commerce. Pastor of The Church of God. Evangelist.

**RALPH HARRISON, 66**

**Education:** GED and two years of HVAC at community college in Lexington

**Professional background:** Car sales and towing company

**Occupation:** Self-employed

**Political experience:** Self-study on politi-

cal issues since 2008

**Civic involvement:** Helpful to all people in the community.

problem in Winchester. Jobs for our people. I want to see this city grow.

## Q&A

**WHAT WILL BE YOUR TOP PRIORITY IF ELECTED TO OFFICE?**

**EB:** My top priority would be to address neighborhood and community issues such as drugs, dilapidated housing and unsightly conditions. That includes our residential areas and downtown area. An important part of that would be to address the challenges our families face.

**BF:** To give the best of myself to the city I love and be a servant to both the rich and poor. To expedite the process of making Winchester a welcomed business friendly community. To aid those in need of refuge from substances that are controlling them and causing difficulties.

**RH:** Helping with decisions on our drug

**WHAT MAKES YOU THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB?**

**EB:** The voters will decide that. I can only offer as I have in every past election: to work as hard as I can and do my best.

**BF:** I don't know every detail of this office, but I know I can do the job through Christ who strengthens me. I am a born leader and called by challenges to perform my best knowing I am and will be accountable.

**RH:** I have vision for the town to make it a better place to live and prosper.

**WHAT PROFESSIONAL OR POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?**

**EB:** Individual pride is not a good thing. I am proud of our community for their hard to improve and progress for the greater good. Progress and improvement does not occur

through one person but rather by the collective efforts of all working together for the common good.

**BF:** I have not had the opportunity to accomplish a professional task as of yet.

**RH:** Did not provide an answer.

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OUR COMMUNITY FACES? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT?**

**EB:** Our biggest challenge is to achieve true community collaboration and cooperation to address the needs of our families and neighborhoods. To do so will require an all-hands approach to deal with issues such as drugs, neighborhood deterioration and community re-investment.

**BF:** I am almost sure the answer is the controlled substance abuse. To implement and support all agencies who are trying to stop the widespread of drug availability. Love the addict not the drug.

**RH:** Did not provide an answer.

**OTHER COMMENTS?**

**EB:** Thank you to the voters of Winchester for your support. I would ask for your support on May 22. I would urge all that are registered to vote to do so. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this survey.

**BF:** I have been in Winchester all my life with my family. I love my hometown and am very proud to be a part of its ever-changing challenges. I have served Winchester myself in business for more than 30 years, and have had the opportunity to raise my family here.

**RH:** I'm not a politician, but I use common-sense approach to all issues. I'm saying to you, I will do my very best at all issues for the best outcome for Winchester. If elected, I'll be there for all the people. Thank you.

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# Four vying for judge-executive seat

**HENRY BRANHAM, 59**

**Party:** Democrat  
**Education:** Graduate of George Rogers Clark High School, 1977. Certification from NARDA School of Appliance Retail and Service Management. Certification from NARDA, Freon Technician 1.

**Professional background:** Retail appliance and electronics, sales and service, 27 years. Serving my 12th year as judge-executive.

**Occupation:** Clark County judge-executive  
 Political experience: 7th District Magistrate, Clark County Judge-Executive

**Civic involvement:** Chamber of Commerce since 1981, Winchester Rotary, Extension District Board- Clark County Board of Health, Gideons International, Clark County Board of Education Finance Committee, Shearer Elementary FRC Board Member, Kentucky Transportation Center Advisory Board, Bluegrass Workforce Area Chief Local Official and member of the Executive Board, Bluegrass Area Development District Board Member and Chair of Regional Transportation Committee in Bluegrass Area.

**LIZ ELSWICK, 63**

**Party:** Democrat  
**Education:** Pikeville College  
**Professional background:** I have 30-plus years of experience in county government as deputy county judge.

**Occupation:** I am currently the chief deputy county clerk

**Political experience:** I have 30-plus years working in the county judge-executive's office.

**Civic involvement:** I have served as a board member at Rose Mary Brooks Place, a board member on the Ky River Foothills district committee, chairman on the Fourth of July Committee and chairman of the Winchester-Clark County Christmas Parade Committee.

**CHRIS PACE, 40**

**Party:** Republican  
**Education:** George Rogers Clark, 1995. Bachelor of Science, ECU 2000. Law Degree, NKU 2004.

**Professional background:** Customer service, Kentucky Bank 1996-2001. Teacher, Kaplan Learning Center, 2001-2002. Attorney,

Dixon and Juett, 2005 to present.

**Occupation:** small businessman/attorney.

**Political experience:** Lifelong Republican. Clark County Republican Party 1995 to current. ECU College Republicans 1995-2000. NKU College Republicans 2001-2004. Clark County Young Republicans Chairman, 2007. 6th Congressional District Delegate, Kentucky Young Republicans 2007-2008. 2014 Republican Party nominee for Clark County Clerk. 2016 6th Congressional District Alternate Delegate to nomination of President Trump. Current member and Secretary of Clark County Republican Executive Committee. I have also volunteered for dozens of conservative causes and Republican candidates, including Sen. Jim Bunning, Larry Forgy and Congressman Andy Barr.

**Civic involvement:** Calvary Christian Church. Former president of Winchester Rotary Club. Former president of Clark County Bar Association. Former member of Leeds Center for the Arts. Head coach for Winchester Youth Soccer League. Head Coach for Winchester Upward Bound basketball.

**SAM WILLIAMS, 65**

**Party:** Republican

**Education:** GRC graduate and earned bachelors of science in civil engineering from University of Kentucky.

**Professional background:** Licensed professional engineer (civil and mining engineering) and licensed land surveyor.

**Occupation:** Engineer and land surveyor

**Political experience:** Clark County surveyor, served on road and building committees

**Civic involvement:** 4-H leader, Fair Board member, Boy Scout leader

**WHAT WILL BE YOUR TOP PRIORITY IF ELECTED TO OFFICE?**

**HB:** To continue to encourage communication and partnerships to build a strong community to protect services for Clark County citizens.

**LE:** My top priority will be to unite the local government. The position of county judge-executive is to lead the fiscal court in making good decisions for the people of Clark County. As we have seen in the past few years, there has been more division than bipartisan

leadership.

**CP:** Fixing our sluggish economy, attracting good-paying jobs to Clark County and working to restore Christian values in our community. Our children shouldn't have to settle for second best. I will strive for something better.

**SW:** My top priority is to keep Clark County's unique identity while promoting a safe, economically-vibrant county. I will support our existing businesses and industry by reducing the "red tape" in county government. I will also support our farm economy and promote "value added" agricultural enterprises.

**WHAT MAKES YOU THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB?**

**HB:** My broad experience of small business, county legislative as magistrate, county administration as county treasurer and chief executive officer, chief administrative officer, chief operating officer as county judge-exec-

utive; combined with my ability to facilitate communication and partnerships within the community and outside the community.

**LE:** I began working in the county-judge's office in 1982 with Judge Jimmy Allen, one of the most knowledgeable and forthright judges in Clark County's history. Under his leadership, I learned the working knowledge of county government. My experience, judgment, knowledge, leadership abilities and transparency.

**CP:** Unlike my opponents, I am not a government bureaucrat and I have never been part of the liberal bureaucracy. I am the only candidate without a large government retirement to pad. That's why I am the only candidate who really believes in smaller, more efficient government. A real conservative Republican.

**SW:** I have served in the U.S. Army Reserves and the U.S. Navy, and worked as civil

engineer and land surveyor designing and building residential and commercial developments, roads and bridges.

I have managed the maintenance and repair (over 25 million annually) of city/county street and road infrastructure.

**WHAT PROFESSIONAL/POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN YOUR LIFE?**

**HB:** The ability to serve in my home community and see measurable progress.

**LE:** I have no political accomplishments since I do not consider myself to be a politician. I am a citizen that is seeking the office of county judge-executive. My experience of 30-plus years in the same position is the accomplishment in which I am most proud.

**CP:** It took a long time to realize, but I am uncomfortable with "taking pride," because accomplishments are only a reflection of the Lord working through me. I care about people. I treat folks the same and stay involved in the community whether there is an election going on or not.

**SW:** I was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for my work on the overhaul of the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. My leadership, engineering education and practical experience was used to design and build a retrofit of Dry Dock No. 5.



Henry Branham



Liz Elswick



Chris Pace



Sam Williams

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OUR COMMUNITY FACES? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT?**

**HB:** The breakdown of families which causes bad situations for our children and youth. Building community partnerships, this problem is bigger than one person or group to handle. It takes a community effort.

**LE:** I feel our community's biggest challenge is the drug problem, along with the crimes and heartaches associated with it. We need enhanced penalties for drug traffickers and drug users and more opportunities for mandatory rehabilitation. We must be diligent in order to stop this problem.

**CP:** Lack of hope. Our current leadership

simply isn't aggressive enough to recruit the employers we need, or else they would have done it already. People are giving up. A leader is more than just a friendly face. I will get things done and make you proud of Clark County again.

**SW:** By far the biggest challenge that faces Clark County is the opioid/drug epidemic. We lost my son, Stewart, last October to a drug overdose. I will diligently seek federal and state help to gain additional support for our

local efforts to make Clark County the leader in eradicating drug dependency.

**OTHER COMMENTS?**

**HB:** We have worked for the past 14 years to build a strong government for Clark County citizens, we cannot afford to begin slipping back into past habits and processes.

**LE:** My goal is to make Clark County a growing, safe and friendly community where anyone would be proud to live. We must be able to work together in all aspects, regardless of political indifference, to accomplish these goals. I would appreciate your support and vote on May 22.

**CP:** If you think liberal values and policies are working, my opponent has extensive experience in the liberal bureaucracy and will do a fine job continuing those policies. If you want real change, someone who deplores big government, I am asking for your vote. Working together, we can change Clark County.

**SW:** Clark County gave me the basis for success. As Clark County judge-executive, I will strive to make Clark County the best place to work, live and raise your family in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



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# 9 vying for city commission

**SENECA ANDERSON**

**Age:** 38  
**Education:** Graduate, attended EKU  
**Professional background:** Background in business and management  
**Occupation:** Local small business owner. Tim Short Auto  
**Political experience:** I have no prior experience, but have always had a strong passion for politics and helping people  
**Civic involvement:** Member of Downtown Winchester Organization Committee, BPAC member

**JOHN KENNETH “KENNY” BOOK**

**Age:** 67  
**Education:** Associate degree in higher accounting and business administration from Kentucky Business College Lexington, 1974  
**Professional background:** Bookkeeper and tax preparer  
**Occupation:** Retired bookkeeper and tax preparer, 2016

**Political experience:** City commissioner since 1990

**Civic Involvement:** Generation Center Board, Public Works Committee and Bluegrass Rails to Trails Board. Previously served Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation Board, Clark County GIS Consortium, The Strode Creek Conservancy and Kentucky Waterways Alliance. Serves on the Board of Advisors for the American Biographical Institute. Served on the National Association of Tax Professionals, serving on the Board of Directors. Honorary member of Kentucky Sheriff’s Association. Kentucky Colonel.

**SHANNON COX**

**Age:** 58  
**Education:** BA and MA from University of Kentucky, master’s in education from Eastern Kentucky University  
**Professional background:** Retired George Rogers Clark High School teacher  
**Occupation:** Retired. Works at Lowes.  
**Political experience:** 10 terms on Winchester Board of Commissioners  
**Civic involvement:** Habitat for Humanity board, Brooks Place board, Winchester Salvation Army chairman, Central Kentucky Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National League of Cities committee on youth, education and families

**RAMSEY FLYNN**

**Age:** 43  
**Education:** 1993 graduate of GRC, two years at EKU, 2006 graduate of Leadership Winchester and 2018 graduation of Leadership Central Kentucky  
**Professional background:** Retired from Winchester Fire-EMS after 20 years of service  
**Occupation:** Bluegrass Community and Technical College safety and security supervisor  
**Political experience:** Ran unsuccessfully for city commission and was beat by 146 votes to fall in 5th place in the November 2016 election  
**Civic involvement:** Currently serve on board of directors for the Bluegrass Heritage Museum and ASAP committee

Previously served on Winchester Clark-County Heritage Commission as chair from 2012-2016; Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation board and served as vice chair for two years. Also was able to get a anonymous donor to donate \$10,000 to start the fitness center in the basement of the College Park gym.

**THOMAS EUGENE KORB, JR.**

**Age:** 52  
**Education:** 1983 George Rogers Clark High School graduate  
**Professional background:** Owned and managed Golden Corral restaurants for more than 30 years. Owned and operated Tommy’s Roller Rink.  
**Occupation:** Operating partner of Golden Corral (No. 630) in Winchester

**Political experience:** I am a political newcomer with a fresh perspective, open mind, clear eyes and sensational listening abilities.

**Civic involvement:** Donate to many clubs, organizations, churches and schools throughout all of Winchester and Clark County. When it comes to giving back to the community, it has always been a priority and something close to my heart.

**JOELLEN REED**

**Age:** 64  
**Education:** Bachelor of science in elementary education with an emphasis on early childhood (1975), master of arts in elementary education and early childhood (1979) and Rank I in elementary education (1983) all from Eastern Kentucky University.

**Professional background:** Elementary teacher for Clark County Public Schools from 1975 to 1984 and 1991 to 2002; worked three years as ombudsman



**Seneca Anderson**



**Kenny Book**



**Shannon Cox**



**Ramsey Flynn**



**Thomas Korb**



**JoEllen Reed**



**Kitty Strode**



**Paula Thomas**



**David Walker**

for the Kentucky Department of Education. Served as liaison to the Education and Humanities Cabinet for the Kentucky Department of Education. Served in Gov. Wallace Wilkison’s administration as governor’s advance

**Occupation:** Retired; currently director of Advocacy Department of Education and community relations and legislative liaison for Bluegrass Community and Technical College

**Political experience:** Four terms as vice-mayor for City of Winchester (1999-2002 and 2005-2008), Clark County Commissioner 2011-2014.

**Civic involvement:** Hospice East board of directors, vice president, executive committee, strategic and long-range planning committee; First Christian Church elder, chairman of the board, pastoral relations committee chair; Member LifePoint Hospitals patient and family advisory board (national); member Saint Joseph Hospital and Saint Joseph East patient and family council; member and former board member of Bluegrass Heritage Museum; member of Winchester Federal Bank advisory board; graduate of Leadership Kentucky, Leadership Central Kentucky and founding member of Leadership Winchester; member Winchester-Clark County Chamber of Commerce and serve on chamber’s advocacy team.

**KITTY STRODE**

**Age:** 74  
**Education:** Attended University of Kentucky  
**Professional background:** Formerly employed by the Lexington Tobacco Market and Stein Mart  
**Occupation:** Mutual clerk at Keeneland and Churchill Downs

**Political experience:** City commissioner for the past eight years

**Civic involvement:** Tourism Commission, Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Bluegrass Heritage Museum, Main Street Winchester, beautification committee, Daniel Boone Pioneer Festival, Beer Cheese Festival, Rock the Block

**PAULA BRANHAM-THOMAS**

**Age:** 55  
**Education:** Graduated GRC in 1980. Business certificate and some college.  
**Professional background:** I am the administrative assistant to the principal at Shearer Elementary School. I have worked at Shearer for 26 years.  
**Occupation:** Administrative assistant to principal.

**Political experience:** This is my first time to run for office.

**Civic involvement:** I taught vacation Bible school for 10 years, Sunday school for eight years, youth minister for two years. Actively involved in women’s missions. I have been on the financial committee, calendar committee and evaluation committee for the Clark County Board of education.

**DAVID WALKER**

**Age:** 39  
**Education:** Some college  
**Professional background:** Customer service/support  
**Occupation:** Team manager at Amazon  
**Political Experience:** None  
**Civic Involvement:** None

**Q&A**

**WHAT WILL BE YOUR TOP PRIORITY IF ELECTED TO OFFICE?**

**SA:** Finding solutions to our current problems. Giving the youth positive things to get involved in. The youth needs something for them, they need something to do. Also I would like to encourage more tourist attractions to the city, so it will attract surrounding cities to come here, which will generate more revenue.

**KB:** Continue working on the drainage problems all over town, Cleaning up the trash all over town by changing the ordinance that only have once a month heavy trash pickup to twice a month heavy trash pickup especially in the spring and summer. And instead of giving the property owners 10 days to call WMU for heavy trash pickup give the five days from the date of the letter.

**SC:** I want to continue to work on improving the lives of everyone in Winchester and Clark County. Whether through providing quality housing, expanded educational opportunities, continued recruitment of industry or workforce development, we all need to strive to improve the lives of all.

**RF:** Bring drug education and awareness to our community to help the drug addiction that plagues our community. I would like to work with our school board to promote our school system and the Area Technology Center and community college campuses to large corporations looking for communities to build in, so we can bring good paying jobs to Winchester. .. Make Winchester welcoming when you enter our town off I-64 other roads entering our town.

**TK:** I believe that it is important to let the

community’s voice be heard. As an example; I have been asked about how I feel about animal rights as they stand in our community today. This is something that I personally feel needs to be addressed.

**JR:** My top priority will be working with our first responders to continue to promote a safe, secure, vibrant community. Young people need to feel safe in their schools, residents need to feel safe in their homes, in their churches and as they go about their daily activities.

**KS:** Several projects are coming to fruition after years of work so there are many priorities. Waste water infrastructure, the downtown master plan, Sphar building, decreasing slum and blight, continued growth in business and industry, advancing the dialogue on the opioid crisis and impact of pension reform.

**PBT:** I would like to work with the community to address the growing drug problem of our youth in Winchester.

**DW:** My top priority is to make sure the families of Winchester are represented when the decisions that affect them are made. I will give a voice to the common person that lives in Winchester to make sure our money is being spent in a responsible, ethical way that will represent the values we hold dear as a community.

**WHAT MAKES YOU THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB?**

**SA:** I am the best candidate because I represent diversification. We have much work to do in our community to move forward, I believe my ideas are important to take us further. I am involved in the community, not just during election season. I want to resolve problems not create more.

**KB:** I have been on the city commission since 1990. I have the experience. I go to the training seminars offered by KLC.

**SC:** My experience. My time on the job has give me the drive and knowledge to be able to do the job and do it well.

**RF:** Winchester has deep roots for me and my family, and I have dedicated much of my life being involved in my community and serving as a firefighter. My passion is the people of Winchester and growing our town for the next generations.

**TK:** I lead by example and I know what it takes to be a successful business leader. I plan on working as hard for our community as I do for my restaurant. I will also continue to thank God everyday for the opportunities given to me.

**KS:** My experience as a city commissioner coupled with my passion for this community. I

have no personal agenda — it’s about what is best for Winchester. I’ve been engaged as an active volunteer serving many organizations since I moved here in 1975 and they have provided me many visions for Winchester.

**JR:** With more than 18 years of experience in city, county and state government, I know the importance of maintaining a fiscally-responsible government. Government must be proactive and not reactive whoever possible. Our citizens should demand accountability, accessibility and vision from their leaders.

**PBT:** I will be fair to all. I will research each task that is given to me as city commissioner and all will be treated equal and with respect. I have worked with the public and have lived in Winchester all my life. I have a lot vested in this community.

**DW:** I will bring common sense to local government. I live and work in this community. I drive through the neighborhoods and see what we have, what we need and what we need to address.

**WHAT PROFESSIONAL/POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?**

**SA:** My biggest political accomplishment is signing up as a candidate for city commissioner. I have always been a passionate person with strong values and leadership skills. It is time for fresh ideas and real changes. I understand the frustration of residents. I hope to address the issues in our community.

**KB:** I got North Main Street drainage culvert fixed at Barnes Drive, East Washington Street drainage, sidewalks on West Lexington Avenue, Fulton Road and Belmont Avenue with the help of the others that serve(d). I took up money to build picnic shelters in Massie, Melbourne, Harmon, Fairfield and Wiseman parks.

**SC:** I believe that my time on the city commission has changed our community for the better. Economic opportunities have expanded. More jobs have been created. Our police and fire departments are better. The quality of housing has improved. But there is still work to do.

**RF:** Serving 22 years as a firefighter — two years with Clark County Fire Department and 20 with the City of Winchester — and being able to have a career in my hometown and raising my children here.

**TK:** Professionally, being involved in Golden Corral’s huge military support system has been a great accomplishment. Golden Corral has fed more than 5 million military men and women for Military Appreciation Night, Camp Corral has sent more than 20,000

children to summer camp and more than \$12 million has been raised for Disabled American Veterans.

**JR:** I loved being an elementary school teacher in our community for 20.5 years. I am proud to have served as projected coordinator and fundraiser for the Strode Station Elementary Family Resource Center and as lead fundraisers and overseer of construction of BCTC's Winchester-Clark County campus.

**KS:** Helping to grow the Daniel Boone Pioneer Festival into a Top 20 event in the Southeast is an honor. Professionally, some of the toughest decisions we've made as commission such as Sunday alcohol sales, the nuisance ordinance and the needle exchange.

**PBT:** This is actually my first time running for office. I am willing to work with the mayor and other city commissioners to make Winchester the best. I want to be fair and treat everyone with respect.

**DW:** I am never too proud to ever start at the bottom, work hard and stay motivated to accomplish a goal. No better example than me starting at Amazon as a temporary, seasonal associate. I worked to show my determination and was promoted to manager where I currently run a team of nearly 30 associates.

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OUR COMMUNITY FACES? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT?**

**SA:** There are many underlying challenges our community faces, but one of the most obvious is the drug epidemic. We have to educate the people on drug abuse; we have to encourage people to get intervention. More importantly, we must provide our youth with more positive activities to do.

**KB:** The drug problem. Work with law enforcement by supporting them. The traffic on West Lexington Avenue. Continue to push for

the Fulton Road extension. Continue to push to get the heavy truck traffic off of Seventh and Magnolia streets. Continue to fund money in the budget to fix the drainage problems.

**SC:** Our biggest challenge is the drug epidemic. I want to institute a program, along with partners, to provide treatment and training. Getting users off drugs temporarily is not enough. We need to provide them a clean path to another lifestyle.

**RF:** We are at a 2 percent growth rate over 40 years, while everyone is growing around us. The code and ordinances need to be reviewed and updated and enforced fair and equal so Winchester can be a business-friendly place. Clean up our streets from the trash that lay on our streets.

**TK:** Drug abuse. Start educating our children on drug abuse and its consequences early on. Early education is critical for our youth in this epidemic that has a hold on our entire nation.

**JR:** Drug abuse and prescription misuse. Address it by education, education, education. Drug education must begin early, not later, but must continue in to middle and high school years. Our young people need to be taught to assess risks, debunk myths and to address consequences.

**KS:** Aging waste water infrastructure is a huge problem. While we've made improvements on Washington Street, Poynterville and Hampton Manor many areas still need to be addressed. The opioid crisis continues to plague our community so we need to work to bring additional education and rehabilitation opportunities.

**PBT:** The growing drug problem is our biggest challenge. I would like to be involved in a community/activity center for Winchester youth for the ages of 10 to 16 years old. It must be a community effort; protected, supervised, and easily accessible to all.

**DW:** There are more businesses and money leaving Winchester than coming in. We need to find out what is causing this and remove the roadblocks to encourage growth. Drugs, run down properties, garbage and needles on the sidewalk near schools. We desperately need to fix these issues.

**OTHER COMMENTS?**

**SA:** I am running because I genuinely care about this community and the residents. I am running to improve the city. As a local business owner, I hope to use my business skills to enhance efficiency in the city.

**SC:** I know things have improved the last few years. We have made things better, but we still need to strive for even better things. More jobs, more business, better housing, better opportunity for young and not-so-young alike. I am the "more" candidate. While we have much, I am greedy for my community.

**RF:** It's past time for new leadership in City Hall and its time to take care of the businesses and people of our community and inspire the next generation to stay in Winchester.

**TK:** A 30-year career with the same com-

pany shows dedication, loyalty, and perseverance. These are also the same attributes that I would bring to the community as your next city commissioner.

**KS:** This is an exciting time for Winchester! We are progressing the goals of the downtown development plan including a development fund which will offset expenses for building owners and entrepreneurs. New businesses are opening and many buildings are getting makeovers. Unemployment is at a decade low and recruitment is promising.

**PBT:** I would like to see more families move into the Winchester area. I think with the improvement of our schools and athletic growth will invite more families with children. This will bring more business, creating more jobs. I would also like to see more businesses come into the industrial park.

**DW:** As a father of two, I feel we need to start addressing some of the issues pressing our community. I'll always advocate for the safety of our children and families. Winchester needs to bring back that hometown feel, but be able to thrive by continuing to bring in new families and businesses.

# Doyle, Richardson square off on Democrat jailer ticket

**BRYAN RICHARDSON**

**Age:** 32  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Education:** High school graduate  
**Professional background:** Government contractor  
**Occupation:** Bus driver for Clark County Board of Education  
**Political experience:** I have been a campaign supporter for former Democratic candidates  
**Civic involvement:** I have donated food for hungry/homeless persons in Clark County



Frank Doyle



Bryan Richardson

**FRANK "SQUATTY" DOYLE**

**Age:** 60  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Education:** Bourbon County High School, Eastern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, Department of Criminal Justice Training Police Academy.  
**Professional background:** Fayette County Detention Center, deputy jailer/training officer; Police officer Winchester Police Department; Former private business owner, Clark County jailer  
**Occupation:** Current Clark County jailer  
**Political experience:** Current Clark County jailer  
**Civic involvement:** Kiwanis, Fraternal Order Police and Chamber of Commerce.

## Q&A

**WHAT WILL BE YOUR TOP PRIORITY IF ELECTED TO OFFICE?**

**BR:** Cut the budget and stop over crowding of jail.

**WHAT MAKES YOU THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB?**

**BR:** I will be in the office every day and have an open door policy. I will also answer any calls to me to talk to anyone with concerns.

**FD:** I am the only candidate with law enforcement and jail operations experience. My staff and I have increased the capacity of the jail while reducing the funds required by the taxpayer for the operation of the detention center.

**WHAT PROFESSIONAL/POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN YOUR LIFE?**

**BR:** I take pride in making sure I keep children safe and secure to and from school. I also was a government contractor for several years.

**FD:** I have provided a life of public service as jailer and a police officer to Clark County by protecting and serving my community. I was elected to the Kentucky Jailer's Association Board of Directors by jailers across the state due to our efficient and progressive operation of our Jail.

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OUR COMMUNITY FACES? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT?**

**BR:** Reducing drug and alcohol addiction by working with a nonprofit organization for when inmates are released to get help for their addictions.

**FD:** Drugs continue to be a major problem and many of those in jail suffer from addiction. I will continue to partner with churches, nonprofits and other law enforcement agencies to educate and rehabilitate inmates, seeking treatment options and working to reduce the incarceration rates while increasing rehabilitation efforts.

**OTHER COMMENTS?**

**BR:** None provided.

**FD:** I am honored to be able to serve our community as Clark County Jailer. It is humbling to be given the opportunity to work for the citizens protecting them. I am excited that in such a short time we have been able to accomplish so much, and I respectfully ask for your vote on May 22.

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# Multiple Republicans, Democrats on ballot for U.S. Rep.

*Editor's Note: Also on the ballot for the Democratic party will be Geoff Young, Amy McGrath and Reggie Thomas. Questionnaire answers were not received from these candidates.*

## ANDY BARR

**Age:** 44  
**Party:** Republican  
**Education:** Bachelor's in government and philosophy, University of Virginia; law degree, University of Kentucky  
**Professional background:** Law  
**Occupation:** Congressman, attorney  
 Political experience: U.S. House of Representatives, 2013-present

**Civic involvement:** Member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, served on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Isaac Murphy Memorial Art Garden and Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky.

## CHUCK EDDY

**Age:** 66  
**Party:** Republican  
**Education:** Bachelor of arts in international relations from Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, 1977; MBA studies without degree from Keller Graduate School of Management, Chicago, 1977-78

**Professional background:** 30 years soft drink sales and marketing management; four years AFLAC Insurance sales agent and district coordinator; 10 years call center sales and supervision

**Occupation:** Call center sales  
**Political experience:** Lifelong voter. I read, study pray and vote  
**Civic involvement:** Law-abiding taxpayer

## JIM GRAY

**Age:** 64  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Education:** Graduate of Vanderbilt University  
**Professional background:** Two-term mayor and former Chairman and CEO of Gray Construction

**Occupation:** Mayor of Lexington  
**Political experience:** Lexington Vice Mayor (2006-2010), Mayor (2010-present)

**Civic involvement:** Businessman and Mayor of Lexington – Innovative Leadership. Real Results.



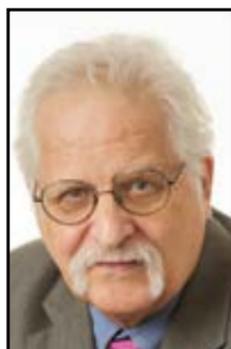
Andy Barr



Chuck Eddy



Jim Gray



Theodore Green



Daniel Kempf

## THEODORE DAVID GREEN

**Age:** 74  
**Party:** Democratic  
**Education:** BA  
**Professional background:** Executive assistant, nursing personnel coordinator  
**Occupation:** Retired  
**Political experience:** Canvassing, phone calls  
**Civic involvement:** Volunteering, especially when it comes to feeding the homeless

## DANIEL KEMPH

**Age:** 52  
**Party:** Democratic  
**Education:** High School  
**Professional background:** Commercial banking computer systems  
**Occupation:** Business analyst  
**Political experience:** None  
**Civic involvement:** None

## Q&A

### WHAT WILL BE YOUR TOP PRIORITY IF ELECTED TO OFFICE?

**AB:** Creating the conditions for private-sector jobs and economic growth. As the Representative of central and eastern Kentucky, it is critical I advocate for our signature industries such as bourbon distilling, thoroughbred horse racing, car manufacturing, and Kentucky coal and the thousands of Kentuckians they employ.

**CE:** Healthcare — Improving Obamacare.

Keep basic health essentials including free birth control, preventing unwanted pregnancies and reducing abortions. Veterans care, because when they serve, they serve us and we owe them. Criminal justice reform — The U.S. has the highest percentage of population imprisoned in the world. Decriminalize marijuana.

**JG:** Kentuckians first. It's time to put partisanship aside and do what's right for Kentuckians. So in short, fix healthcare, invest in education and teachers, attack the opioid crisis, grow jobs and invest in infrastructure, legalize medical marijuana, protect our seniors and more. Read my full 'To-Do' list at [JimGrayCongress.com/issues](http://JimGrayCongress.com/issues).

**TG:** Talking and listening to the people of the 6th District, ascertaining their concerns, needs and problems then taking them to Congress to write legislation. Housing is moribund. Women's issues are nearly stagnant. Opioid epidemic is out of control. These issues and more must be addressed.

**DK:** My top priority will be working to make broadband Internet a public utility. 21st Century, information-age jobs are entirely dependent on the critical Internet tool being available for all people regardless of where they live.

### WHAT MAKES YOU THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB?

**AB:** I ran for Congress for a cause — to save America from bankruptcy, restore the American Dream and keep the American people safe and secure. Now more than ever, it is critical for central and eastern Kentuck-

ians to have a strong, proven, and accountable leader representing them in Congress.

**CE:** As a Moderate Republican I will reach across the aisle. Our country needs bipartisan solutions, not the exclusively partisan efforts like the ACA/Obamacare gutting AHCA that Andy Barr voted for or the way the ACA/Obamacare was passed.

**JG:** I'm the most qualified candidate because of my experience in business and public service along with a record of bringing people together to solve problems. In Lexington, we solved challenges by working together. Additionally, I won the district in 2016 over Rand Paul. I'll do it again this fall.

**TG:** I've talked to people in all 50 states and especially in Kentucky. I dined under bridges with the homeless and in mansions. I strongly believe it's this kind of experience that will set me ahead of the pack. I understand the people and their concerns, rich and poor alike.

**DK:** I am the best candidate because I am one of us. The things that worry me — retirement, healthcare, meaningful work — are things that everybody worries about.

I do not have a guaranteed pension or guaranteed lifetime healthcare like every other candidate.

### WHAT PROFESSIONAL/POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN YOUR LIFE?

**AB:** The two most consequential laws I have been most proud of passing in my time in Congress were the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and the 21st Century Cures Act, the first

puts real money back to Kentucky families. The second invests billions into lifesaving research and fighting the opioid epidemic.

**CE:** During my time in the soft drink business, I created a number of jobs by leading my sales departments to increased sales. Those positions meant families were put to work and supported.

**JG:** I'm proud of the way we solved Lexington's healthcare and pension crises. We found innovative solutions and avoided a financial disaster. I'm also proud of the Kentucky jobs and the plants our company built like the Martek and AINAK facilities in Clark County.

**TG:** Serving in the United States Navy during the Viet Nam war. Becoming a part of the Peace Movement in the 1960s, working on campaigns for Democratic candidates over the years. My work as a nursing personnel coordinator at a world-famous cancer research center.

**DK:** As a young accounting apprentice, I helped restore a community bank. During that intensive process we were able to keep people in their homes that any other bank would have evicted. It was deeply satisfying work that inspired me to remain in the banking industry.

### WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OUR COMMUNITY FACES? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT?

**AB:** Fighting and ending the opioid epidemic is critical to a secure future for Kentucky. I created the Sixth District Drug Abuse Task Force to make recommendations to change

policy and produce action, and also introduced and passed an amendment to increase funding to \$280 million for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program.

**CE:** The huge healthcare expense without commensurate improved care. Our costs of \$9,000 per capita are three times other OECD countries. Our life expectancy is dropping below other developed countries who all have universal healthcare. We need to move towards that, starting with improving the ACA/Obamacare, not gutting it.

**JG:** Our biggest challenges are hyper-partisanship and the influence of money and special-interests in politics. Washington Republicans spent the last year voting to rip healthcare away from Kentuckians. It was purely partisan, intended to make their corporate donors happy. I'll defend and fix healthcare so it's universally available and more affordable.

**TG:** Homelessness. This is an expensive problem with many challenges. I would start with two studies; the first one, how many people in Lexington need housing; secondly, what would it cost. Then go to Congress with the information for the required funding.

**DK:** The dignity of meaningful work in a robust, growing economy is the challenge that many Kentucky communities face.

Broadband as a public utility is a critical step to facing that challenge as well as an Infrastructure bill that includes job training to fully utilize the Internet tool in a 21st Century America.

### OTHER COMMENTS?

**AB:** ISIS has lost over 95 percent of the territory they held previously, North Korea has finally come to the negotiating table, and we are moving our embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. We are rebuilding our military, have just passed the largest pay raise for our troops in a decade.

**CE:** It's time to return to the bipartisan nature of politics where we work for the people, not the NRA and other special interests. We need to get the huge anonymous corporate money out of politics. My opponent has collected millions of dollars from the NRA and other special interests, banking groups, etc.

**JG:** We're seeing every day just how important it is to send people to Washington with experience, a record of innovative problem solving and delivering results. I devoted my life to improving Central Kentucky. And I'm proud of the work we've done for Kentuckians. That's who I'll continue to represent.

**TG:** I can't say that I've ever wanted to run for public office. However, in recent years I've watched America get beaten down by career politicians, bad policies and decisions. I can no longer sit by and merely make phone calls or hand out pamphlets. Its time for me to act.

**DK:** I want to earn your trust and your vote to fight for economic equality and healthcare equality. Ours is a time where American lives are determined by how they began. We need a system that allows everybody an equal opportunity to succeed.

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# 3 on ballot for state representative

*Editor's note: The May 22 primary ballot includes two candidates on the Republican ticket: state Rep. Donna Mayfield and local businessman Les Yates. However, Mayfield withdrew from the election earlier this month citing hostility in politics. Because she announced her withdrawal, her questionnaire has not been included.*

**PAT BANKS**

**Age:** 63  
**Party:** Democratic Party  
**Education:** After high school, I developed my skills as a small-business owner and artist through self-study and hands-on experience.

**Professional background:** Owner of Pat Banks Watercolor, director of the Kentucky Riverkeeper, president of the Gallery on Main, member of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen, roster artist for the Kentucky Arts Council, member of the Kentucky Craft Marketing Program.

**Occupation:** Professional artist, small business owner, teacher, consultant  
**Political experience:** Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet's Kentucky River Authority Board, appointed by Gov. Steve Beshear. Campaign manager for Democratic state representative race in Madison County. Worked with county judges and councils on the Kentucky River Water Trail and Kentucky River issues. Member of Democratic Women's Clubs of Clark and Madison county.

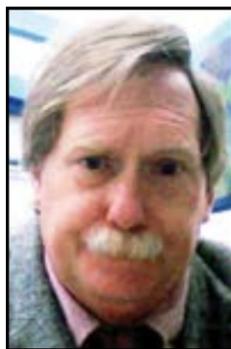
**Civic involvement:** Founding member of the Kentucky River Water Trail Alliance. Supporter of Hope's Wings Domestic Violence Program, Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women, YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, Humane Society, KET, WEKY and WUKY, Salvation Army, Hospice, Louisville Zoo, Newport Aquarium, Madison County and Clark County Chambers of Commerce and LexArts. Organizer of water clean-ups. Art workshop teacher and artist-in-residence in public schools throughout Clark and Madison counties.

**RORY HOULIHAN**

**Age:** 59  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Education:** UW Milwaukee Econ32, also



Pat Banks



Rory Houlihan



Les Yates

**LES YATES**

**Age:** 65  
**Party:** Republican  
**Education:** College degree, BS  
**Professional background:** Electrical Engineering for 12 years  
**Occupation:** Owner, Boonesboro Supply for 17 years  
**Political experience:** None  
**Civic involvement:** None

**Q&A**

**WHAT WILL BE YOUR TOP PRIORITY IF ELECTED TO OFFICE?**

**PB:** Getting the full resources we need to create strong public schools for our children and for our teachers. Every child deserves a fair and equal chance in life and access to the best education we can give them. I stand with our children, our teachers, and our public education system.

**RH:** My top priority will be to reverse Matt Bevin's corporate greed waltz. He took your rights, with "Right to Work" laws, took your income by getting rid of the prevailing wage and is in the process to take folks retirements. R2W, besides going after unions, also narrows to take anti-discrimination laws.

**LY:** My top priority would be to represent the small businesses and the taxpayers of the 73rd District to control government spending. Our government

spending is out of control. The working public is being overtaxed.

**WHAT MAKES YOU THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB?**

**PB:** I care about our schools, our drinking water, our jobs, our health. I am a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, business owner, artist, riverkeeper, gardener and neighbor. I want to listen to you, work hard for you and honor the beauty of our place and our people.

**RH:** After 20 years at Lowe's, I have a real good idea of how business works — who and what is important. I also have been the Lowe's answer man. Being asked to come up with solutions to problems every day and have been doing so for a long time.

**LY:** I am self-employed and a working taxpayer. I have funded my primary campaign myself in order to answer only to the voters of the 73rd District. I am a business person who knows how difficult it is to earn a living wage.

**WHAT PROFESSIONAL/POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN YOUR LIFE?**

**PB:** I am proud of my small business. I am proud of two nonprofits I helped found, Gallery on Main and the Kentucky Riverkeeper, that serve and enrich our communities. I am honored by my appointment to the Kentucky River Authority to work on river issues and protect our drinking water.

**RH:** I believe I have answered this question in previous responses.

**LY:** I am most proud of the fact that a poor boy raised on welfare in Eastern Kentucky worked his way from poverty to getting a college degree, becoming a small business person and an asset to my community.

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OUR COMMUNITY FACES? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT?**

**PB:** The struggle with addiction is touching all of our families. Opioids, street

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# Don Pasley seeking District 3 magistrate

*Editor's note: Also included on the Democratic ballot for District 3 magistrate is Mike Sosby. Sosby did not submit a candidate questionnaire to be included in this section.*



Don Pasley

**DON PASLEY, 56**  
**Office sought:** Magistrate 3rd District

**Party:** Democrat  
**Education:** George Rogers Clark High School

**Professional Background:** State representative 73rd District, Commissioner of Rural Roads KYTC, small business operator, farmer

**Occupation:** Full-time farmer  
**Political experience:** State representative of the 73rd District, Governor's Office of Legislative Affairs, Commissioner of Rural Roads KYTC

**Civic involvement:** Currently board member Kentucky Nursing Home Ombudsmen Agency.

Previously: Commissioner of Clark County-Winchester Planning and Zoning, board member of Clark County Ag Development Council,

member of the board of directors of the Southern States Clark Cooperative, member of the Farm Bureau Young Farmers Board, member of the Board of Directors of the Central Kentucky Vegetable Growers Board.

velopment and training programs to attract those companies.

tion of infrastructure projects and education here in Clark County.

**WHAT MAKES YOU THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB?**

**DP:** My knowledge of how state and local governments work. My experience as a state legislator and expertise on local road programs will allow me to lead and counsel the fiscal court on state and local transportation issues.

**WHAT PROFESSIONAL/POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN YOUR LIFE?**

**DP:** Being elected State Representative to represent Clark County was the greatest honor of my life. I'm proud of the many bills I passed and mostly bringing our hard earned state tax dollars back home to fund the much needed construc-

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OUR COMMUNITY FACES? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT?**

**DP:** Our community is under employed and under paid. The Fiscal Court needs to work with the City and Industrial Authority to market Clark County to suitable companies to benefit our community. Second, programs need to be developed with GRC, BCTC, and other training programs to prepare our workforce.

**OTHER COMMENTS?**

**DP:** I have served our community before and look forward to having the opportunity to serve again. I humbly ask you for your vote.

**Q&A**

**WHAT WILL BE YOUR TOP PRIORITY IF ELECTED TO OFFICE?**

**DP:** My top priority will be economic development. We need better-paying jobs.

Clark County needs to partner with the City and the Industrial Authority to identify companies that are expanding and offering better paying jobs and benefits.

We need to target workforce de-

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drugs, alcohol, untreated depression and other forms of mental illness are destroying lives. We need support for recovery programs, counseling, access to quality health care, law enforcement and ending the cycle of pill mills and big pharma.

**RH:** Understand, I can't but help see what Matt Bevin is doing to our public education system from ECDC to college. I will be frank with you folks — Adding the charter school system is just more children for the same budget. More children is more cost.

**LY:** The biggest challenge is after the taxpayers pay for the cost of the elected governments and the cost of the non-elected governments, there is not enough money left to grow and develop our community. We need to cut the waste of government spending and cre-

ate a work-friendly environment for small businesses.

**OTHER COMMENTS?**

**PB:** As representative, I will introduce and support policies that protect health, fight addiction, build up our job base, strengthen public education, honor our commitments to teachers and public workers, and develop tourism and other forms of economic development. My motto: Work hard, be kind. I look forward to serving you!

**RH:** I have always been honest with my customers and tried to do them right. As your representative, I plan to do the same. I have always worked to protect people. As your representative, I plan on doing the same.

**LY:** The backbone of this nation has always been the working taxpayers. All governments were founded on the authority of the people and instituted for their peace, safety, happiness and the protection of property. Their interests will always be at the top of my agenda.



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# Anderson, Elkins on ballot for District 4 magistrate

**KENNETH ANDERSON**

**Age:** 60  
**Party:** Republican  
**Education:** George Rogers Clark High School, class of 1975  
**Professional background:** Local business owner  
**Occupation:** Anderson Brothers Farms, co-owner/operator  
**Political experience:** Elected chairman of multiple county agriculture organizations  
**Civic involvement:** Clark County Cooperative Extension Council member



**Kenneth Anderson**



**Greg Elkins**

County Fish and Game Club, where I served as secretary for three years and president for three years.

## Q&A

**WHAT WILL BE YOUR TOP PRIORITY IF ELECTED TO OFFICE?**

**KA:** Ensuring the citizens of Clark County are provided with the highest quality essential services — a competent and well-funded police, fire, jail and road department. Additionally, putting an end to the partisan politics that have become the norm at fiscal court meetings.

**WHAT MAKES YOU THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB?**

**KA:** I am a proud lifetime resident of Clark County. Being a native to the county, I have the best intentions of the 4th District at heart. I am willing to listen to and work with any of my neighbors regardless of political party.

**GE:** Experience in business management and budgets. I have

made a career of building successful businesses, which includes managing hundreds of employees and multimillion dollar budgets. I understand the infrastructure requirements and the incentives needed to lure new companies. Economic development is what I do and I want to bring that experience to Clark County.

**WHAT PROFESSIONAL/POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN YOUR LIFE?**

**KA:** As one of the first Clark County farmers to produce hemp since the 1940s in the state of Kentucky, I was sought out because of my innovation and willingness to challenge outdated ways of thinking. Change is inevitable, but progress is on purpose.

**GE:** My current company, Green City USA, was a start-up company in Kentucky in 2001. As chief operating officer, my team and I have built a company that now has more than 100 full-time employees and generates more than \$28 million in annual revenue.

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OUR COMMUNITY FACES? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT?**

**KA:** To survive in the future, Clark County needs high-quality

jobs that will encourage our young people to stay and others to move here. Clark County can promote better business growth by creating a friendlier business climate through incentives and reviewing current zoning regulations.

**GE:** A lack of high-wage employers. While Clark County Public Schools does an outstanding job graduating college- and career-ready students, we lack the jobs needed to keep those graduates here at home. We should utilize our capital resources to develop infrastructure. We must change the way we recruit industry to include industry friendly incentives.

**OTHER COMMENTS?**

**KA:** Some of our current-ly-elected officials have a skewed view of their duties. It is not the job of a magistrate to micromanage other elected officials or county employees. I will follow the letter of the law to ensure our county fiscal court functions as it should.

**GE:** If elected, I will remain dedicated to changing our economic development model to be more aggressive in our industry recruiting strategies. I will remain vigilant in opposing wasteful spending. I ask that you keep me as your magistrate so that I can continue my efforts.

# Blackburn, Warner vying for District 2 magistrate

**PAMELA BLACKBURN**

**Age:** 56  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Education:** Attended GRC and University of Kentucky.



**Pam Blackburn**



**Kevin Warner**

Road Master from the University of Kentucky College of Engineering. Certified from the Kentucky Institute for Economic Development. Continuing Education through the Elected Officials Training program through the Department for Local Government.

**Professional background:** Respiratory technician for 35 years. Clark County magistrate for 12 years.  
**Occupation:** Respiratory technician at Clark Regional Medical Hospital and Clark County magistrate  
**Political experience:** Clark County magistrate from 2003-2010. Clark County magistrate from 2015 to current office held. Lost the election for the office of Clark County commissioner in 2011 and Clark County judge-executive in 2004.

**Civic involvement:** I am an active volunteer and advocate for different groups involving senior citizens, children, litter

cleanup, homeless shelters and other organizations that need assistance.

**KEVIN WARNER**

**Age:** 44  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Education:** Graduated GRC 1992 attended EKU for police administration

**Professional background:** Business owner and automotive technician/mechanic  
**Occupation:** Owner of Warner's Automotive

**Political experience:** Ran for magistrate district 2 in 2014

**Civic involvement:** Assistant coach for Civitan football for four years, Clark County Fair Board and member Chamber of Commerce.

## Q&A

**WHAT WILL BE YOUR TOP PRIORITY IF ELECTED TO OFFICE?**

**PB:** My top priority has always been the budget. I believe we need to live within our budget and manage it no different than our household budget. Continue to plan for unexpected expenses for the future and stop wasteful spending.

**KW:** My top priorities for our county is to help unite our magistrates and our county officials to work together and put their differences aside to put our citizens and county services and employees first

**WHAT MAKES YOU THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB?**

**PB:** I believe my experience and knowledge. For example, roads are always an issue. I received my Road Master certification through the University of Kentucky College of Engineering to educate myself on roads. I believe knowledge is power and it is my responsibility as a public servant to educate myself.

**KW:** The ability to bring people together

to do a job, also use my 23 years of business experience to make commonsense decisions for our county.

**WHAT PROFESSIONAL/POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN YOUR LIFE?**

**PB:** I received the George W. Hearne award for leadership and dedication to improving lives in Clark County and Central Kentucky in 2006. I was also nominated this year for the Mercy Award at CRMC which is the highest honor an employee can receive within the LifePoint Organization.

**KW:** I am most proud to provide a service for our county citizens over 20 years without borrowing money to maintain my business through a recession. My political accomplishments will come later.

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OUR COMMUNITY FACES? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT?**

**PB:** The drug epidemic and along with that is child abuse and poverty with homelessness. It is a growing snowball that everyone is pulling together for solutions. The sad part is it effects everyone whether it is a neighbor, family or friend.

**KW:** Drugs and addiction. We should face this issue through stronger education of our young folks and educate more while incarcerated, while holding these people accountable for their action with stronger sentencing.

**OTHER COMMENTS?**

**PB:** I have extreme respect for the people of Clark County. As your public servant, I will continue to work endlessly for the people of Clark County. It is an honor and privilege to be your voice. I ask for your vote on May 22.

**KW:** The top issues our county faces in my opinion are drugs/drug addiction, funding to maintain our beautiful county and its services and growth/jobs.

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Rock the Block: May 18

Rock the Block: June 8

Beer Cheese Festival: June 9

Rock the Block: July 20

Rock the Block: August 17

Sip & Stroll: August 23

Upstairs /Downtown  
Loft Tour: TBA

Halloween Mania : October 31

Holiday Hop: November 8-11

Shop Small Saturday: November 24

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