



MEET THE CANDIDATES

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Contested races in all three Eldon wards

There are contested races for all three wards in the April 8 city of Eldon election.

Below are profiles on the candidates.

Ward 1 Pat Crockett

Pat Crockett is seeking re-election as Ward 1 alderman.

“For the past four years I have had the opportunity to serve as Ward 1 alderman and I am again running on the April 8 ballot.

“I have lived on Newton Street for many years,” Crockett said. “Both of my children went through the Eldon school system, and they speak highly of their school experience. My professional background is in public service, budgeting and directing multi-million dollar state and federal programs.

“I became an alderman to support the mayor and the city administrator in their quest to balance the budget (which has been accomplished) and make strongly needed updates to the city’s infrastructure.”

“My goal as alderman is to serve on a team that works positively together to ensure that Eldon continues to be a progressive small town with

excellent city services where everyone feels welcome,” she added.

“I would appreciate your support, but no matter who gets your vote - please, go out and vote.”

Christopher Birdsong

Christopher Birdsong is seeking election as Ward 1 alderman.

No profile information was received from this candidate.

Ward 2

David (Rodney) Fair

David (Rodney) Fair is seeking election as Ward 2 alderman.

“I retired from the Eldon Police Department in 2017 and served one term on the Eldon City Council. I am married to Debbie (32-plus years) who works at KS-95.”

He and his wife have two daughters: Kristina Wright, 35; and Angie Foster, 30. They also have one son, Matthew, 24.

“I am not a politician and am not going to go on and on about what I will ‘promise’ to do if elected. The only thing I can promise is that I will do my best to serve the citizens of Ward 2 the best I can, and make reasonable decisions to

the best of my abilities. I would appreciate your vote and support on April 8.”

Micheal Morrow

Micheal Morrow is seeking election as Ward 2 alderman.

“As a long-time resident of Eldon, and a graduate of Eldon High School, I have developed a deep appreciation for our community,” Morrow said.

“With more than 10 years of experience as a volunteer firefighter for the Eldon Fire Department, as well as being a U.S. Army veteran, I possess a strong sense of public service.

“Currently, I work as an inventory management specialist at the Harry S. Truman Veterans Memorial Hospital, where I oversee surgical supplies.”

He said he is committed to giving back to the community that has given him so much.

“As a strong supporter of public safety, I believe it is essential to ensure that our tax dollars are being utilized efficiently. As a taxpayer myself, I am dedicated to being a responsible steward of our community’s resources.

“My goal is to foster business growth within the city, pro-actively drive positive

change, and ensure that all decisions made within the city benefit our citizens,” he added.

“It’s time for a change, and I am excited to be a part of it. Let’s work together to create a brighter future for Eldon.”

Ward 3

Chris Webery

Chris Webery is seeking re-election as Ward 3 alderman.

He and his wife Kylie have two children: a son, Grady, and daughter, Hadley. Kylie taught at Eldon Upper Elementary from 2013 to 2023.

He and his wife have been lifelong residents of Eldon and were graduated from Eldon High School in 2009.

After attending college, Chris worked at Eldon Freightways from March 2013 to October of 2024. Currently he works as a real estate salesperson with First Choice Realty in Eldon.

“My family and I attend and are actively involved with Ninth Street Christian Church,” he added. “The most important part of this picture is my faith in God. Without him, I would be lost in more ways than one.

“As many of you know, I have plenty of room for im-

provement, but fortunately for me, God is still working on me.

Aside from pina colodas and long walks on the beach, Webery said he enjoys most outdoor activities with his family and being able to serve his clients as a realtor.

“Over the last several years, we have seen Eldon grow, attracting new families and businesses. I am seeking re-election, because I want to see this trend continue.

“There’s a saying in business that goes like this: ‘If you’re not growing, you’re dying.’ That doesn’t mean that Eldon’s literal footprint on the map must expand to have grown. Eldon has grown with higher test scores in our schools, an updated water treatment plant, a phenomenal group of city employees, robust city recreation sports programs, removal of more than 70 dilapidated houses, and the addition of new houses, to name a few things,” Webery continued.

“These are all great, and things I will continue to expand on, and fight for, as Ward 3 alderman. I’ve also heard from several of my constituents and fellow alderman that they are concerned about

the repair and maintenance of our streets – this is absolutely a fair concern!

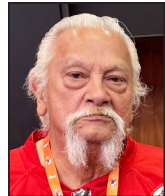
“This is something that affects all of us! If re-elected, this is something I will continue to push for, because like many of you, I don’t like the surprise of hitting a pothole. Along with streets, there will always be a need, and as alderman, I will continue to raise the bar for the city of Eldon to better serve the citizens of Eldon.”

Clancy Boots

Clancy Boots is seeking election as Ward 3 alderman.

“I’m a long-time resident of the third ward. I’m married, retired, and a Vietnam veteran. I’m a life member of Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

“I have previously served on the city council and stand on my record from then,” Boots added. “I ask tough, but practical questions. I’m not a bobble head and only want the best for people in the third ward.”



Three on ballot for two seats on Eldon School Board

Three candidates are vying for two open seats on the Eldon School Board in the April 8 election.

Below are profiles on the candidates.

Connie Davis

Connie Davis is seeking re-election to the Eldon School Board.

“As an EHS alumni - Class of ‘92, teacher’s wife, mother of four and agriculture industry career professional, my initial decision to run for Eldon School Board six years ago came as I considered what would be the best opportunity for me to give back to the Eldon community that has helped shape my career,” Davis said.

“Being involved with the Eldon School Board continues to make sense, as I bring multiple perspectives. My husband Colby is a history teacher at the high school and helps coach football. Across the years, I have had children in every building. Addie is in graduate school at Avila University in Kansas City, Emily is a sophomore at SIUE (Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville), Corin is a junior at EHS, and Will is in seventh grade.

“My dad, Dennis McDevitt, served on the school board,

and my mom, Julie McDevitt, retired from the district with 38 years of service. The Eldon school district has shaped, and will continue to shape, my family.

“I am running as an incumbent for what is my third term on the Eldon School Board,” Davis added. “I have been blessed to have the opportunity the last six years to serve with outstanding board members. The progress our district has made to become 48th in the state this year has truly been amazing, and I believe we can always be improving.”

She lists the following important aspects of education:

- Collaborative culture: Valuing our teachers, administrators, support staff, directors and coaches as they work together to make our district the best it can be. Focusing on ways students learn their best, being valued for the contributions they bring as individuals.

- STEM/STEAM education: students excited about learning with their educators.

- Technology: giving our students opportunities to learn in new and innovative ways.

- Career readiness: ensuring our students are prepared for their career after high school; staying successful in college and entering the work force ready to lead.

- Leadership: leadership opportunities grow students who are active, involved in, and proud of our community

in the future.

“Involvement on the school board is my way to ‘lead by example,’ by demonstrating community service. It is my way of actively driving innovation and improvement in our rural community, along with constant connections to the world outside of Eldon. Just a small way to give back to Eldon for all the community does to support our district.

“My family is active in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Spring Garden 4-H, and in multiple Eldon programs. As my youngest daughter finishes up her EHS career next year, my son is beginning his middle school activities full force. I am also involved in the service organization 100 Empowered Women of Eldon,” Davis added.

“Thank you for your trust my last two terms. I look forward to the continued opportunity to serve the school district and community. I have truly enjoyed discussions with folks across the district - from parents, students, teachers and community leaders, especially just talking as we sit watching a ball game.”

Kelly Robinett

Kelly Robinett is a candidate for the Eldon school board.

“I am excited to be a candidate for the Eldon school board. I am a proud 1998

graduate of Eldon High School and now have the privilege of raising my daughter and son in the same district.



“When I retired from the military after 25 years of service, I was told, ‘The mission continues.’ I believe that my service hasn’t ended; it has only changed. Now, I am committed to serving my community by helping ensure that every student in Eldon has access to a quality education that empowers them to succeed,” Robinett noted.

“As a retired military member, current union laborer, and most importantly, a parent with children in the district, I believe my experiences bring a unique perspective to the school board.

“I have spent my life working alongside people from all walks of life. I have experience with building teams, solving complex challenges, and making decisions that required fairness, integrity and accountability. I will bring that same level of dedication and thoughtfulness to school board decisions, always keeping the best interests of our students, staff, and schools at heart.”

She said she is running because she believes a quality and well-rounded education can change lives.

“We have an amazing

school system in Eldon, with diverse educational opportunities for career paths, athletics, and extracurricular clubs and activities,” she said. “I am committed to ensuring that our children feel supported on their educational journeys, and that our teachers and staff have the resources they need to be successful in their careers enriching the lives of their students.

“Education is an ongoing conversation, and I want to be part of that discussion. I am committed to working with fellow board members, administrators, teachers, and parents to make informed, thoughtful decisions that benefit our students and our community.

“April 8, I humbly ask for your support. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our children, and in the future of our district.”

Larry Salsman

Larry Salsman is seeking re-election to the Eldon School Board. Salsman is currently vice president of the board.



“I was born and raised in Eldon and have never regretted choosing to raise my family in my hometown,” Salsman said. “I have an Eldon graduate and

two sons still in the Eldon school district. The pride this community shares is unique.


“It has been my honor to serve this community for multiple terms on the Eldon School Board. I find it incredibly rewarding. During my tenure we have completed classroom additions to the Elementary School, Upper Elementary, as well as the Middle School.

“We’ve added amenities to the FFA program, while also creating a welding classroom envied by other school districts. In addition, we’ve reached our goal of being inside the top 50 schools in Missouri with our academic scores, added an indoor practice facility and renovated McMillen Field.

“I support our teachers by keeping a competitive wage and supporting the programs that set Eldon apart from its peers, including LEAP, robotics, archery, late starts and five-day school weeks, to name just a few. Our facilities are up to date and are something families can be proud of whether they attend a band concert or a sporting event.

“I am very proud of my involvement and what we have achieved so far, but we are not done yet. I humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming election so I can continue to serve the faculty, students and families of the community I love.”

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"Talk is cheap, voting is free; take it to the polls." – Nanette L. Avery

Three vie for two seats on Tuscumbia School Board

Three candidates are vying for two open seats on the Tuscumbia School Board in the April 8 election.

Below are profiles on the candidates.

Lori Beth Buechter

Lori Beth Buechter is seeking re-election to the Tuscumbia School Board.

"I have enjoyed serving as a member of the board for the past three years," Buechter said. "I am looking forward to continuing my community engagement, visiting with fellow patrons, volunteering as a water safety instructor for our Tuscumbia Learn to Swim program and leading our Tuscumbia 4-H group."

She is a 2004 graduate of Tuscumbia, a 2008 graduate of Lincoln University, and has worked as a registered nurse for 17 years.

"I have been employed by St Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City for 19 years. My hus-

band, Jeremy, and I raise our three children in this community, and they attend Miller County R-III (Tuscumbia). "Raising our children in this caring community has shown us how blessed we are, to be surrounded by family and friends," she added.

"As a lifelong resident of Tuscumbia, I am for this community, this school and the success of the students that attend here. I will continue to support our school district, staff and the hometown traditions that make Tuscumbia such a special place."

Jimmy Fizer

Jimmy Fizer is seeking re-election to the Tuscumbia School Board.

"For those who may not know me, my wife Beth and I own JB Pork Swine Farm in the district. We have two children: Ann, a senior at Tuscumbia, and Kurt, a freshman.

"The district has been a tremendous support for Ann as she has faced many learning challenges, and Kurt enjoys the dedication of his teachers that continue to challenge him," Fizer said.

"Over the past three years, I have learned many things about how a school district operates. I've learned the importance of managing resources conservatively in a small district, the necessity of listening to the desires of our community, and most importantly making sure curriculum collaboration is taking place amongst our faculty to improve the district's academic scores.

"This has been one of the most important tasks, and I am proud of the progress we have made," he added.

"Balancing all of these priorities has been difficult, but with the administration, faculty, board, and community we have in place, I am confident we can continue to make

progress. "In the last three years, we have seen our APR scores grow from 68.6 percent to 77.7 percent. This improvement reflects the hard work of everyone involved, and I would love to continue to be a part of the success this district no doubt can obtain.

"If you believe I would continue to be a good fit for the Miller County R-3 School Board, I would greatly appreciate your vote. Thank you in advance for your support."

Lori Tillman

Lori Tillman is a candidate for the Tuscumbia School Board.

"It is my opinion that a school should be managed with the same principles as a business, and it is the school board's duty to ensure



the community's tax dollars are utilized in the best interests of the children.

"Representing you on the Tuscumbia School Board is my way of giving back to the community I have called home for 22 years, offering my time and talent to elevate the experiences and successes of the students and educators of Miller County," Tillman said.

"I have 31 years of experience in international corporate finance, and have assisted my husband in building prosperous businesses and a cattle farm.

"As a result of opportunities granted me in my professional life, I am skilled in developing long-term goals and plans to achieve a mission and vision, managing financial resources, evaluating financial implications of decisions to maximize benefits, continuously enhancing operations for better efficiency and effectiveness, addressing

challenges and finding effective solutions, recruiting and retaining talent, creating and implementing policies, promoting accountability, and collaborating with people from various backgrounds," she added.

"With these skills, I believe I can represent the taxpayers of this district to maximize the opportunities available to the kids."

Although she does not have children of her own, she said she is committed to working on behalf of her neighbors to ensure that the children in the community receive the support they need to become confident, well-balanced young adults, equipped with the tools to succeed in the next chapter of their lives.

"I humbly ask for your vote on April 8, and look forward to the opportunity to serve as your school board representative. Thank you for your consideration."

Five vie for two seats on Eugene School Board

Five candidates are vying for two open seats on the Eugene School Board in the April 8 election. Below are candidate profiles.

Dustin Acklie

Dustin Acklie is seeking election to the Eugene School Board.

He and his wife Kim are both Eugene High School graduates. They have two daughters currently enrolled at Eugene High School, and both are involved in several clubs and sports.

An electrician with IBEW 257, he is employed with Kaiser Electric as a foreman.

"I have been actively involved with the Eugene Booster Club for the last two years," Acklie said. "Last year I volunteered on the committee that was created to help pass the 'Proposition Supporting Teachers' and the 'Proposition Supporting Students,' as I felt both of those issues were very important.

"I decided to run for school board because I want to be even more involved," he added. "I want to do everything I can to help my daughters and other students have the best possible school experience to help prepare them for the future.

"Overall, I have a strong commitment to enhance the educational and athletic experiences of the students in this community. I have demonstrated my willingness to be involved, and I will advocate for the best interest of our students, teachers and families."

Christina Busch

Christina Busch is seeking re-election to the Eugene School Board.

A lifetime resident in the Brazito area both she and her husband, Marcus Busch, are Eugene High



School graduates.

They have three sons who currently attend Eugene school.

"It has always been a passion for me to support the school and community as we raise our kids here, which is a major factor of why I am running for school board," Busch said.

She is employed as a senior mortgage banker at Flat Branch Home Loans and has been in banking and mortgage loans for more than 25 years.

"Our family is a member of Peace Lutheran Church, and our faith is the most important thing to our family," she added.

"My goal is for students to achieve an excellent education, prepare for college or tech school, focus on every child's needs and goals, and create a strong work ethic.

"Listening and supporting our teachers, staff, students and community is another major aspect to making us a

strong district. I am proud to be an Eagle and I hope you will consider voting for me on this upcoming election."

Travis Graham

Travis Graham is seeking election to the Eugene School Board.

"I have lived in the Eugene community my entire life. Having attended all 13 years of school at Cole R-5, I am a member of the graduating Class of 2005."

He and his wife Jamie have been married 10 years and are the parents of three children who attend Cole R-5: Alyse (10th grade), Kellen (third grade), and Koy (preschool).

"I have been active in the community, having previously served as a volunteer firefighter with the Cole County Fire Protection District, and have followed and



supported local youth activities, including River League baseball/softball and 4-H.

"I was a member of Local 257 Electrical Union, was employed by Meyer Electric for 13 years as a journeyman electrician - a foreman for six of those years. I am currently employed with Ameren UE, where I am a distribution system operations supervisor."

Graham said he is running for this position with the intention to support and enhance all programs to attain education excellence and equal learning opportunities for all students of Cole R-5.

"I believe there should be improved communication between the parents, teachers and administration, and by being involved I hope to help find new and improved avenues to accomplish just that.

"I also want to make sure the district's money and resources are being utilized in the best ways possible for all students," he added. "There is a lot to learn about the ins-

and-outputs of how schools operate, and I am more than willing to learn these processes.

"I look forward to working with the existing board members and the administration to continue giving our students and teachers the best possible learning experiences.

"The world of learning is ever-evolving, and we must use the best and most up-to-date tools and techniques available for the betterment of our students."

Bonnie Ott

Bonnie Ott is seeking election to the Eugene School Board.

No profile information was received from this candidate.

Andy Wilbers

Andy Wilbers is seeking election to the Eugene School Board.

No profile information was received from this candidate.

OFFICIAL BALLOT GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025 MILLER COUNTY, MISSOURI

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the General Municipal Election will be held in the County of Miller on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 as certified to this office by the participating entities of Miller County. The ballot for the Election shall be in substantially the following form.

MILLER COUNTY HEALTH CENTER

FOR TRUSTEE

Vote For TWO

- KEVIN REYNOLDS
- A. WHITNEY LODGE
- DONNIE S. ABBETT II
- RICHIE HEES
- TAMMY STONE

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ELDON R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSITION NO. I:

To choose by ballot two directors who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said school district for a term of three (3) years.

Vote For TWO

- KELLY ROBINETT
- LARRY SALSMAN
- CONNIE (McDEVITT) DAVIS

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ROCKY MOUNT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Vote For TWO

- RON KELLER
- CRAIG DUNBAR
- ANGEL BORGARDT

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CITY OF ELDON

FOR ALDERMAN FIRST WARD TWO YEAR TERM

Vote For ONE

- PATRICIA CROCKETT
- CHRISTOPHER BIRDSONG

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Five vie for two seats on county health board

Five candidates are vying for two open seats on the Miller County Health Center board in the April 8 election.

Below are profiles on the candidates.

Ritchie Hees

Ritchie Hees is seeking re-election to the board.

No profile information was received from this candidate.

Whitney Lodge

Allison "Whitney" Lodge is seeking re-election to the board.

Born and raised in Eldon, Lodge is a 2007 graduate of Eldon High School. She then attended St. Louis College of Pharmacy, where she was graduated with a doctor of pharmacy degree (PharmD) in 2013.

"I couldn't get back to Miller County quick enough," she added. "I immediately moved back home and began working for Lake Regional Health System in their outpatient pharmacies. I started my career at the Lake Ozark location as a staff pharmacist and over the next 11 years served as pharmacist-in-charge at two locations and played a role in opening the Eldon outpatient pharmacy, where I worked until January 2022.

"I then moved to the inpatient pharmacy at Lake Regional Hospital, where I currently serve in the role of pharmacy clinical coordinator.

"My 11-plus years of experience in the field of health care has given me the opportunity to interact with and learn from patients of all different backgrounds and has allowed me to play a vital part in the health of the general public.

"My husband, Cole, who is also a 2007 graduate of Eldon High School, and I own a

farm outside of Eldon, where we raise cattle and two boys, Thomas, 5; and Tate, 2.

"We have also just entered our sports era, which has kept us busy this year with flag football, Upward basketball and baseball," she noted. "We also enjoy spending time at the lake, taking side-by-side rides around the farm, and playing games as a family."

She has held a seat on the board of trustees for the last 2-1/2 years, and has served as board chair since August 2024.

"My time on the board has allowed me to play a key role in ensuring residents of our county have access to services offered by our health center.

"My primary reason to seek election is to continue to support the Health Center in its mission which is to promote health, prevent illness, and control communicable disease by providing quality services, health education, and environmental health services for Miller County. I believe my background in healthcare would allow me to serve our county in this capacity.

"As I have learned in my professional life, the worlds of health care and public health are ever changing, and I want to use my position to ensure our health department is able to keep current and offer services that are needed and sought out by our communities.

"My career requires me to be a lifelong learner, and I will continue to learn and adapt as required to ensure the needs of our residents are met.

"I will remain dedicated to this seat, the Miller County Health Center and the residents of our county should

you choose to cast your vote

for me."

Donnie S. Abbett

Donnie S. Abbett is seeking election to the board.

No profile information was received from this candidate.

Kevin Reynolds

Kevin Reynolds is seeking election to the board.

"I am running for one of two open board member positions with the Miller County Health Center, and I appreciate your interest in supporting my efforts to give back to our community," said Reynolds. "It is a privilege to be a part of such a vibrant and thriving area, and I am eager to contribute to the well-being of our fellow residents in Miller County."



He and his wife Charlotte moved to Miller County two years ago to be closer to family. Originally from St. Louis, he later moved away to pursue his career.

"My parents, Jim and Donna O'Donnell, relocated to the lake area in the 1990s, and have now been Miller County residents for nearly 25 years," he added. "We are thrilled to be back in this community, surrounded by family and neighbors who make it such a special place."

He is a graduate of the University of Missouri in Columbia, where he earned a bachelor of science in business administration (BSBA) with a focus in finance.

With 21 years of experience in health care, he said he brings a wealth of knowledge and skill to the position. His background includes:

- Managed a successful team of 11 healthcare professionals over 12 years.

- Worked closely with health care CEOs, nursing administrators, facility directors, planning and design professionals, and health care providers in both large and small health care organizations.

- Extensive experience with corporate contracts involving major health care systems in the Midwest, including BJC, SSM, and HSHS.

- Created and facilitated corporate buying agreements to support healthcare systems' operational needs.

- Familiarity with national group purchasing organizations (GPOs) and their contracts which healthcare organizations use to purchase services, equipment and supplies. These include Vizient, Premier, HealthTrust and Amerinet.

- Regular involvement in corporate negotiations.

- Successfully implemented and executed strategic planning initiatives.

- Led a national corporate product training program for a Fortune 500 manufacturer for two years.

"My strong interest in health care, combined with my experience, drives my desire to remain involved in the field and contribute meaningfully as a board member at the Miller County Health Center," he added. "If elected, I will dedicate my time to supporting the growth of innovative programs and initiatives, as well as ensuring the continued excellence of the MCHC staff, who provide outstanding care and service to the community."

"As a board member, my goal is to contribute where I can, learn from the team, and

support the organization's mission to promote health, prevent illness, and control communicable diseases by providing quality health care services, health education, and environmental health services for Miller County.

You can follow his campaign at www.facebook.com/share/16DBGcWVX3/.

Tammy Stone

Tammy Stone is seeking election to the board.

"My husband Buck and I are lifelong Miller County residents and graduates of Eldon High School. We have lived in Eldon most of our lives and plan to spend our retirement years living just outside of Eldon on a plot of land that has been in Buck's family since he was a small child.



We have two daughters, Morgan, our oldest, has lived in Texas for almost 10 years. Malory is married to Joseph Ensinia and has given us two grandsons, Jed and Cyrus.

I am a retired school teacher, but still tutor part-time. I spent 30 years in education, teaching in three different school districts, two in Miller County – Eugene and Eldon.

"Being an educator has given me many opportunities that qualify me to be a member of the Miller County Health board. I not only served on committees, but have also been a team leader many times," Stone added.

"I have effectively learned the importance of building relationships through communication with both co-workers and parents during my career as a teacher. I am currently

serving on my church board, which has given me experience in reading financial reports and yearly budgeting. All of these skills are essential to the role of serving on the health board.

"If elected to the health board I promise to represent you by doing these three things:

"I will be an advocate for you and take time to research and understand issues pertaining to our county and seek out answers. Being a lifelong resident of Miller County helps me understand issues specific to our community.

"I will do my best to manage your tax dollars by not spending money on frivolous issues that do not benefit our community," she added. "I will be a voice that supports researching/problem solving for more cost effective ways to accomplish our needs without sacrificing the health and safety of our residents.

"I will work to keep residents safe and healthy without infringing upon our God-given rights and freedoms. (NO Government Overreach)

"There have been times when the government has tried to exceed its constitutional powers, which have infringed upon our rights and liberties. We need more control at the local level and smaller government. This enables us to implement rules and regulations that are specific to Miller County needs.

"I would greatly appreciate your vote on April 8. If you have any specific questions or concerns please feel free to find me on social media/facebook and direct message me (Tammy Foley Stone). I will always listen to your concerns and try to seek out answers to your questions."

Five vie for two seats on St. Elizabeth School Board

Five candidates are vying for two open seats on the St. Elizabeth School Board in the April 8 election.

Below are profiles on the candidates.

Jacob Kliethermes

Jacob Kliethermes is seeking re-election to the St. Elizabeth School Board.

"I was raised in the St. Anthony and St. Elizabeth communities, I am a proud graduate of St. Elizabeth R-IV School, and have two daughters currently attending St. Elizabeth R-IV School," Kliethermes said.

"My wife currently works for the school, and I know the pride our communities have in our small school, not only in athletic accomplishments, but also in academic accomplishments.

"I have proudly served as a school board member for the past 10 years," he added. "I know that as a board member I am a representative of the community members that make up our school district, and make decisions accordingly. I am always willing to listen to any concerns you may have regarding our school district.

"I also work with my fellow board members and the school administration to ensure that our teachers and students have all of the tools and support they need to achieve their maximum potential," he noted.

"I want to continue to make sure that our school has high quality teachers and administrators. I also would like to make sure that our students continue to receive the tools and support they need to

grow and thrive in the fast-paced, ever-changing world," Kliethermes said. "I also want to continue to make sure that we continue to be fiscally responsible and prepared for the unknowns of tomorrow.

"I take great pride in seeing our graduates leave St. Elizabeth R-IV School District, knowing that they have the things that they need to succeed in life. We have had many graduates go on to be doctors, lawyers, or business owners. That is a testament to not only the school but also the community support that our students receive.

"I would appreciate your support in the April 8 election," he concluded. "I look forward to continuing to represent the great communities that make up our wonderful school district."

Andy Oligschlaeger

Andy Oligschlaeger is seeking re-election to the St. Elizabeth School Board.

Oligschlaeger is a lifelong resident of St. Elizabeth and a graduate of St. Elizabeth R-4 school.

"My wife Shelly and I have three children," he said. "Our son Peyton is a 2023 graduate of St. Elizabeth and attends State Tech. Our daughter Olivia is a junior at St. E, and our daughter Katelyn is an eighth grader at St. E.

"I've served on the St. Elizabeth R-4 school board for nine years, and I'm running for re-election to keep building on the progress we have accomplished over the last several years.

"We have one of the top schools in the state, both academically and athletically. We

have a great group of teachers and administrators, and as a board we are always trying to retain staff and find ways to raise pay, which is sometimes difficult," he added.

"Over the years I think we have done a good job of growing our fund balances while still improving our facilities. I'd like to be a part of keeping that trend going," concluded Oligschlaeger.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve on the school board for the prior nine years. I would appreciate your vote for another 3 year term."

Kim Plassmeyer

Kim Plassmeyer is seeking election to the St. Elizabeth School Board.

"As a parent and active member of our community, I'm running for school board. I have lived in St. Elizabeth for almost 22 years with my husband Joe and our four children: Landon, Harrison, Preston and Emmalyn," Plassmeyer said.

"St. Elizabeth school has been a big part of our family's journey the last 13 years as our oldest, Landon, gets ready to graduate. While we have one leaving the district, we still have three other children who are in high school, middle school and elementary, so I know the importance of how your school environment can shape you as an individual, and can set you up for success.

"Since I am not a St. Elizabeth native, I had to find ways

to learn more about our community," she added. "That is when I decided that volunteering and serving on boards would be the best way to see what our community has to offer."

She has served on the community center board and the parish council. She has also volunteered as a summer softball coach, St. Anthony 4-H craft leader, helps at church and community events, and when time allows volunteers at the local food pantry, Helping Hands.

"I work for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, where I recently accepted a new position as the coordinator of accounting. I have worked for DESE for the last four years, where we strive to help all children get the quality education they deserve, but have been in state government for 16 years.

"In my new position I am tasked with supplying school payments to districts all over the state and maintaining grants that fund those payments," Plassmeyer noted.

"If elected to school board, I hope to help all children feel recognized and valued throughout their school years. Our school needs to be a place where all students can thrive. I am excited about the opportunity to serve our community and make a difference in the lives of our children."

Ben Scheulen

Ben Scheulen is seeking election to the St. Elizabeth School Board.

"Hello friends. I am asking for your vote April 8 for St. Elizabeth School Board," Scheulen said. "My years of

experience in public accounting and owning and operating nursing homes across Missouri afford me the experience necessary to serve our community and provide necessary guidance for our district.

"Also, my commitment to the community has been represented by serving on various boards, as well as in my profession, including the St. Lawrence Finance Council, Community Center Board, MFA Board, Missouri Health Care Association Board, Missouri League for Nursing Board and the State Technical College Advisory Council, to name a few.

"Born and raised in St. Elizabeth and returning home with my wife Kara in 2010, we have been privileged to call St. Elizabeth home for most of our lives and chose to raise our two kids here," Scheulen added. "As they enter their final years of school at St. Elizabeth, I feel now is the right time to serve my term on the school board, and help continue the unmatched standard of excellence our district is known for.

"I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election and look forward to continuing to serve our community."

Jordan Wieberg

Jordan Wieberg is seeking election to the St. Elizabeth School Board.

"I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for St. Elizabeth School Board," said Wieberg. "I have lived in St.

Anthony with my husband, Benjamin Wieberg, for 15 years. We have four children, three of whom attend St. Elizabeth School.

"Like many families, we stay busy year-round with our kids participating in sports and 4-H. In my free time I enjoy fishing, playing cards, scrapbooking, and checking on our cows. I am also a member of the St. Anthony Catholic Church."

She said she previously worked as a dental assistant at Magical Smiles Dentistry for nine years, but is currently a stay at home mom, caring for her youngest child.

"I hold great admiration for St. Elizabeth School, recognizing its outstanding academic achievements and remarkable athletic programs," Wieberg added. "St. Elizabeth's staff is absolutely wonderful as well. Everyone is so welcoming and helpful.

"My family and I are so proud to be a part of this beautiful community. I am eager to give back to the school by investing my time and energy, and I am determined to be involved in the decisions that shape our children's future.

She feels she is a strong candidate for the position because she has children who will continue their education at St. Elizabeth School for the next 16 years. She will also be committed in continuing to make the school the best.

"It would be an honor to earn your support as I seek to join the St. Elizabeth School Board," Wieberg concluded.

Two-man race for Moreau fire board

Two candidates are vying for one open seat on the Moreau Fire Protection District board in the April 8 election.

Below are profiles on the candidates.

Garry Miller

Garry Miller is seeking re-election to the board.

"I have been a resident of Eldon all my life and run our family business that my father started in 1967," said Miller. "My father also was one of the individuals that

started the Moreau Fire Protection District in 1973.

"I have been a part of the Moreau Fire Protection District as a fireman, fire chief and on the board for the last six years.

"I would like to continue my service as a board member, so would appreciate your vote on April 8."

Michael Betts

Michael Betts is seeking election to the board.

No profile information was received from this candidate.

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Contested races for all Iberia races

There are contested races for mayor and both alderman seats in the city of Iberia. Below are profiles on the candidates.

Mayor Holley Dake

Holley Dake is seeking re-election as mayor.

"I am honored to have served as your mayor for two consecutive terms and am asking for your support for a third," Dake said.

"I am a lifelong member of this community, with family roots that date back more than a century, and I am dedicated to the well-being of this community.

"We've accomplished a lot together, from eliminating dilapidated housing to reforming our Police department and revamping our patrol cars," Dake added. "We've also brought operating technology into the modern age.

"We approved a multimillion-dollar bond for wastewater treatment improvements and replaced corroded waterlines that plagued our system for decades.

"I'm particularly proud that I was able to negotiate with the Iberia School District regarding roadway ownership and repair that section of pavement. The public works department improvements made the department more efficient, with direct benefits to our citizens.

"We look forward to breaking ground on crucial infrastructure projects in the very near future, including an archery range for our residents and surrounding communities to use.

"Of our programs, one nearest to my heart is our plan to build quality housing

on newly acquired city property. The project will be an unprecedented city project that will enable us to address our housing needs and enhance the appeal of our community. These proposed duplex structures are more than structures. They are opportunities for families to plant roots within our community.

"I started clearing the land myself, as part of my contribution for growth, because I truly believe that making affordable, quality housing available is essential to Iberia's continued growth and prosperity," Dake continued.

"By making this step that typical municipalities are reluctant to take, we're again showing that Iberia does not only talk about progress but makes it.

"During my service time, I have accepted no compensation, volunteering hundreds of hours to do anything from digging water lines to mechanical repairs throughout our city.

"Your support in the April election will allow me to continue working hard to make Iberia safer and happier for our present and future generations. We will further build upon our progress to create the kind of community that we deserve."

Jim Schlupp

Jim Schlupp is seeking election as mayor.

"I am proud for the opportunity to run for the office of mayor of Iberia. I held the office for 10 years and look forward to holding the office again.

"There is a lot of things that I did not get to accomplish last time. I believe that people should be able to go to a council meeting and talk freely without being told that they cannot speak without getting permission.

"People voted the mayor and council into office so they should be able to ask questions," Schlupp said. "Anything at city hall is public knowledge.

"Citizens want to know where money is going. Right now they have to pay for that information. It's time to get away from this.

"I want the opportunity to bring the city back to where it was when I left. I would appreciate your vote."

Jessica Ball

Jessica Ball is seeking election as mayor.

No profile information was received from this candidate.

Ward 1 Alderman Walter Moreland

Walter Moreland is seeking election as Ward 1 alderman.

No profile information was received from this candidate.

Rylan Reed

Rylan Reed is seeking election as Ward 1 alderman.

"I am running because I want to give new ideas and a fresh voice to our local elections. I represent a new generation of leadership, one that values bold ideas, fiscal responsibility, and a commitment to making Iberia stronger for everyone," said Reed.



"I had the opportunity to work for State Senator Bill Eigel during his 2024 gubernatorial race. That experience taught me how important it is

to have leaders who are willing to stand up for their communities, fight for fiscal responsibility, and push for real change.

"I want to bring that same dedication and vision to our city. We need to make decisions that will determine whether our city grows and thrives or continues to struggle with the same issues year after year," he added.

"Our city government needs to work together, not against each other. My goal is to reduce the infighting and bring people together so we can focus on what truly matters: making Iberia a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

"We need new leadership that focuses on progress, not politics. Our sales tax is too high, forcing small businesses to leave and residents to shop elsewhere," Reed continued.

"If we want our city to thrive we must push for budget reform, cut wasteful spending, and encourage smart growth without burdening taxpayers. I believe we can grow Iberia responsibly while keeping money in the pockets of our citizens.

"I may be young but that is exactly why I believe I can bring a new perspective to Iberia. One that listens, takes action, and isn't afraid to tell the people what is actually going on.

"Our local government is faced with people always wanting to get at each other's throats all of the time. This gets nothing done for the people of Iberia. We should be able to ask questions without judgement and without feeling like we are not in a place to ask questions about what is going on at City Hall. City

Hall works for us, we do not work for them. When we have questions about our city we should get an answer.

"Iberia needs new energy and fresh leadership. If you're ready for real solutions and real progress, I ask for your support and your vote on Election Day April 8."

Ward 2 Alderman Jacqueline L. Luttrell

Jacqueline L. Luttrell is seeking election as Ward 2 alderman.



"As a lifelong resident of Iberia, I am deeply rooted in this community, with family ties spanning generations," Luttrell said. "Iberia's heritage and future are close to my heart, and I am committed to preserving its legacy while working to make it a thriving and sustainable place for future generations.

"I have actively contributed to non-profit organizations that enhance our community, including the Iberia Legacy Foundation, Iberia Community Betterment Association, Iberia Alumni Association, Iberia Toy Drive, Iberia Lions Club and Brays Advent Christian Church.

"My family and I have also invested in revitalizing properties in town, including one now serving as a short-term rental, contributing sales tax revenue to Iberia."

With experience in accounting and property management, she said she understands the importance of responsible budgeting, financial transparency, and long-term planning.

"I will work to pro-actively

manage resources, improve budget forecasting, and develop policies that encourage stability while avoiding unnecessary debt."

She said she will also listen to residents and work diligently to ensure every decision is made with a clear, strategic focus on Iberia's future.

"Financial stability, long-term planning, and responsible growth will be at the foundation of my leadership," she added. "Progress happens when we work together with respect, transparency, and a shared goal of making Iberia the best it can be.

"While we may not always agree, collaboration is essential for moving our community forward. If elected, I will encourage open communication and ensure residents have a voice in local government.

"My guiding principle is to face challenges with perseverance and seek opportunities for progress," Luttrell continued. "I believe we can strengthen our community and create a brighter future. It would be an honor to serve as your alderman, and I welcome your thoughts and ideas.

"I would love to hear from you," she concluded. "Feel free to reach out with any questions to JackieL65486@gmail.com. Together, we can build a transparent, financially secure Iberia that thrives for generations to come."

Dennis Murray

Dennis Murray is seeking election as Ward 2 alderman.

No profile information was received from this candidate.

Three vie for Rocky Mount Fire Protection District board

Three candidates are vying for two open seats on the Rocky Mount Fire Protection District board in the April 8 election.

Below are profiles on the candidates.

Ron Keller

Ron Keller is seeking re-election to the board.

"I have had the privilege of serving on this board since 2013, and during this time, I've worked hard to ensure our fire department operates smoothly and effectively," Keller said.



Below are some highlights of his time in office:

- Maintained budget and equipment: "We've successfully stayed within budget, maintained essential equipment, and replaced several apparatuses to keep our community safe."

Hired third fire chief: "Recently, we hired our third fire chief, and I am confident that his leadership will continue to drive positive change within the department."

Volunteer service: "My wife and I have been active volunteers with the fire department since 2010, responding to both fires and medical emergencies. We are committed to being there when our neighbors need help the most."

Local resident and small business owner: "I have lived in Rocky Mount for 18 years and have owned property here for 25 years. Additionally, I am a small business owner, and my family and I are deeply invested in the well-being of this community."

Family-oriented: "We enjoy a wonderful life in Rocky Mount with our kids and grandkids, making memories through activities like boating, swimming, BBQs, and family camping trips. In the fall, we

host our annual hayride with family, friends, and neighbors, creating lasting traditions that enrich our community."

Leadership experience: "I have served as president of our Homeowners' Association for more than 15 years, leading many successful initiatives that have benefited our subdivision."

"I would be honored to have your support as I seek re-election," Keller added. "Together, we can continue to ensure the success of our fire department and the safety of our community."

Craig Dunbar

Craig Dunbar is a candidate for the board.

No profile information was received from this candidate.

Angel Borgardt

Angel Borgardt is a candidate for the board.

Borgardt is a longtime lake area

resident and business owner in Rocky Mount.

"As a wife of a first responder, and an active member in the fire department community I know just how important the fire department is to our area," Borgardt said. "I believe that with that knowledge I can bring new and innovative ideas to the board. I will strive to work closely with the department and the community to assist in helping to provide the best services Rocky Mount offers.

"I believe accountability and open lines of communication are just a few of many keys in keeping a board running smoothly and successfully," she added.

She and her husband Adam have been married for more than 11 years and have three children, and three grandchildren.

"When we can, we enjoy spending our time off together as a family," she added.

Angel's qualifications include serving on the board for the Bagnell Dam Association of Realtors for the past five years and currently serving as their immediate past president.

She has been in the real estate industry for the last nine years.

Prior to that, she was the food and beverage manager for a successful resort in the lake area for 10 years.

"As we move forward and our area continues to grow, I strongly believe that with my qualifications and knowledge we can continue to grow in the right direction.

"With the endorsement of retired Rocky Mount fire chief Kevin Hurtubise, I would love the opportunity to serve the community even further and would appreciate your support and vote April 8."

Three vie for High Point School Board

Three candidates are vying for two open seats on the High Point School Board in the April 8 election.

Below are profiles on the candidates.

Perry Cook

Perry Cook is seeking re-election to the High Point School Board.

No profile information was received from this candidate.

Raychel Fulks

Raychel Fulks is seeking re-election to the High Point School Board.

"My name is Marie Raychel Fulks, though most people know me as Raychel. I was born and raised in Jefferson City, graduating from Jefferson City High School in 2007."



She also earned a bachelor of science in hospitality management from the University of Missouri in 2011.

"For more than 11 years, I have worked as a financial representative associate, supporting a financial advisor's practice and managing client needs," Fulks said.

She and her husband, Kyle Fulks, have been married for

13-1/2 years and are parents of three boys: Kaiden, 10; Everett, 8; and Grayson, almost 5. They are also expecting a little girl in July.

All three of the boys currently attend High Point. Kaiden is in fourth grade, Everett is in second grade, and Grayson attends the new preschool program.

"With more than 13 years of business experience and three years of serving on the school board, I am well-prepared to continue supporting our district. My role in financial services has taught me the importance of listening to clients, understanding their needs, and delivering on commitments," Fulks added. "I bring the same dedication to my work on the school board."

She said High Point is a small, tight-knit community that cares deeply about its students and school.

"As a smaller district, we are fortunate to have teachers who can provide more individualized attention to our students," she noted. "We are blessed with a committed team of educators and staff, all working hard to ensure that each student receives the best education possible.

"While no district is perfect, there are always opportunities for growth and improve-

ment. I believe improving communication between the school board, superintendent, teachers, parents and community is crucial. By ensuring transparency, we can foster trust and collaboration to align our goals and expectations.

"I am running for re-election because I believe in the high quality education High Point provides and want to ensure we continue to offer outstanding opportunities for both students and teachers," Fulks said. "I am committed to ensuring our teachers have the resources they need to create effective learning environments.

"I'm proud to be a part of this community and it would be an honor to continue serving as a member of the High Point School Board. I would greatly appreciate your support in the election on April 8."

Clayton White

Clayton White is a candidate for the High Point School Board.

White has lived in the High Point area his entire life. He and wife Katelynn White, an elemen-



tary teacher at Morgan County R-II, have a 2-year-old son, Gatlin White.

They are also active members of the High Point Baptist Church.

"I am running for a spot on the High Point School Board because I want to be a part of helping the school continue to be a place that the community, students and staff can be proud of," he said.

"The future of the school district is something that I am very passionate about. My goal is to help the district look into more resources to bring revenue into the district, so we can offer higher pay and provide more resources to students.

"Finding funding and resources can help the district to compete with surrounding districts, to attract highly qualified educators for our students, so our children continue to have access to the best education," White added.

"I am very blessed to live in this community and wouldn't want my son to grow up anywhere else. I would be honored to be a part of the amazing work that is being done at the High Point school district. I would appreciate your support in April."



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