



2009 VOTER'S GUIDE

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Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009.

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ATHENS CITY 4th WARD COUNCIL

NAME	Christine Fahl	Randy Edward Morris
PARTY	Democrat	Republican
EDUCATION	Ph.D., 2004. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Dissertation Title: Land Use Change Analysis for Two Counties in Massachusetts, USA. Masters of Regional Planning, 1993. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Masters Thesis Title: The Use of Open Space Planning for Biodiversity Conservation in Massachusetts. B.S., Wildlife Management. 1987. Humboldt State University, Arcata, California.	Reynoldsburg High School (Reynoldsburg, Ohio), 1971; BA in Physics, Capital University (Bexley, Ohio), 1975; MA in Business Management, Central Michigan University, 1985. Military education: U.S. Air Force pilot training, 1977; Squadron Officer School, 1981; Air Command and Staff College, 1988; Armed Forces Staff College, 1991; Air War College, 1993.
OCCUPATION	Lecturer, Ohio University, various departments. Athens City Council 4 th Ward representative. Mother!	Director of Membership, National Business Incubation Association; Retired Air Force Colonel (29 1/2 years of service).
TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	As a planning consultant, I helped communities develop plans for economic and tourism development, recreation and open space, and drinking water protection. Projects included developing model ordinances, economic feasibility studies, and public participation programs. Current Council projects include updating development code, improving flood plain regulation, leading development projects through council process, and serving on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee. As part-time Ohio University faculty, I have developed and taught courses in Tourism and Ecotourism and led field courses in Thailand and Malaysia. Past university teaching experience includes courses in Environmental Planning, Landscape Ecology and Forest History.	Nearly 30 years experience working in the federal government as a military officer. Piloted missions to six continents. Commanded three military units. Directed staff of 75 responsible for operational policies for all airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation aircraft following 9/11. Very experienced in dealing with government budgets. No previous elected office (not permitted while in military). Current member of Athens City Commission on Disabilities and President of Athens Civitan Club, whose community service focus is helping those with developmental disabilities. Volunteer experience with Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity and other charities. Parent volunteer in PTAs and school booster clubs.
1. What can be done to encourage more green/clean/renewable jobs and businesses in Athens?	Athens should continue pursuing grant and partnership opportunities to expand solar and renewable energy markets. A good example is the leadership role Athens took in the development and passage of state legislation establishing city revolving loan funds to help homeowners with solar system installation costs. This initiative has the potential to greatly expand Ohio's market for solar installations, and, because Athens is home to two of Ohio's largest solar companies, provides substantial local green economic opportunity. Greening and strengthening Athens through improved drinking water protection, infrastructure upgrades, bike and pedestrian friendliness, and development code updates will also attract high-quality business.	We should encourage high-quality jobs and businesses in a variety of areas, including those listed. We can't neglect any promising area of development. Thus, I certainly agree with efforts to take advantage of the current national emphasis and federal funding opportunities for job creation in green sectors. Our highly educated populace combined with a strong environmental zeal in Athens make encouragement of entrepreneurs and development in environmentally friendly areas a logical choice. Our city government should leverage these assets by becoming an early adopter of proven technology. I concur with city council's current grant applications and would support others.
2. Do you favor increasing fire and police protection? Would you favor increasing the city income tax to pay for additional protection? If not, how would you pay for it?	I am concerned about fire protection. We need to upgrade equipment and buildings. Strengthening the partnership with O.U. can provide needed help. State payments to the city have decreased steadily over the years and should be increased. Another possible source of support would be university-purchased equipment, as Kent State provided a fire truck for its city. Although a voter-approved bond could be used, alternative funding should be thoroughly pursued before Athens taxpayers are asked to contribute further. City Council is working with citizens, students & police to strengthen regulatory tools to avoid a repeat of last year's disastrous "Palmer-fest."	Insufficient support for fire and police drives our staffing levels well below average for cities of comparable size. I believe we need better funding, but not higher taxes. Council must re-evaluate its spending, with citizen safety and security given a higher priority. Low priority items should be cut, and those resources allocated to other allowable, higher priority items. I am aware that various accounts have restrictions on their use. However, by doing a top to bottom analysis with clearly stated priorities, funds can be legally reallocated at multiple levels, freeing sufficient resources to properly support our police and fire departments.

BERN TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER

EDUCATION, OCCUPATION, TRAINING and EXPERIENCE

Denie Wirkner

Graduated Lancaster High School, Accounting courses at Cuyahoga Community College, graduated Bryant and Stratton Business College, Retired, Worked for Chubb Insurance Company 20 + years

Denise 'Joni' Tate

I graduated from Morgan High School in McConnelsville, OH with a two-year degree in the business program. I have completed 35 credit hours at Ohio University with a 3.88 GPA and have also completed two PC Computer Applications classes at Washington State Community College in Marietta, OH. Support positions such as Secretary, Administrative Associate, and Administrative Coordinator, Clerical Specialist, and Secretarial Associate. I have twenty years secretarial/support experience; fourteen at Ohio University. Previously, I was employed by Career Connections and Kelly Temporary Services supplying short term/emergency secretarial services to local employers. I have also worked at Kroger, before choosing to remain at home and raise two sons, and prior to that I was employed at J-Line Corporation as secretary until their closing. I have participated in many professional development seminars, conferences, and courses related to the workplace; volunteered in numerous capacities in the community, church, and local school system; and served as treasurer in various volunteer roles for athletic and church functions.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:

Do you think township fiscal operations should be made more efficient? If so, how would you do it? If not, why not?

Denie Wirkner

The present Bern Township Fiscal Officer has held this office for approximately 16 years, and in my opinion she has streamlined the process to be efficient. If elected, I plan to follow her example.

Denise 'Joni' Tate

I believe the township fiscal operations are currently very efficient, due to the expertise and experience of the elected trustees and the current fiscal officer. She has been elected several times to the position and was recently 'appointed' and graciously accepted this position to serve only until the current election is held. She has also arranged to provide 'mentoring' to the individual elected to assure a smooth transition.

MAYOR VILLAGE OF CHAUNCEY

NAME	Robert Matthey	Basharat Mirza
EDUCATION	Nursing Degree, Ohio University	I have a Ph.D. in Physics.
OCCUPATION	Utility Service Company Inc. – Water System Consultant	I came to Athens in 1961 to join the faculty at Ohio University as Associate Professor. Later I was promoted to Professor of Physics. Currently I am the Mayor of Chauncey, Ohio.
TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	Previously council member and council president Village of Chauncey 4 year term.	I have been in Chauncey since 1984. I have been active in community service. I ran a food pantry in Chauncey for more than 12 years. I helped the Athens County Adult Education Program from being terminated. I received a letter of commendation from the Ohio House of Representatives for my community services.
1. What do you propose to do to get adequate law enforcement in Chauncey?	I feel law enforcement is a big issue to all residents of the village. However, I feel there is a need to ensure the right candidate is chosen. The village has had numerous issues with the police department in the past. A thorough search is needed to find a marshal that will work for the village to enforce the laws and ordinances.	Having law enforcement in Chauncey is a requirement, not a luxury. I have been trying to have a police officer for Chauncey and will keep on trying to get one. The village council has so far stonewalled but I will succeed one day. It is not an excuse that we cannot afford it. We just have to budget properly and we can have a police force.

CHAUNCEY MEMBER OF COUNCIL

NAME	Sandra McClain	Pearl C. Henry	Rosemary Limo	John Canter
EDUCATION	High School graduate with an associate degree in nursing	K-12	I have an Associate Degree in Applied Sciences	Bachelor of Science in Zoology, 1999 Ohio University, Master of Library and Information Science, 2004 Kent State University, Master of Business Administration, 2006 Franklin University
OCCUPATION	Foster Grandparent at Hocking Valley Community Residential Center	Retired	I am currently a cashier	Director of Library Services
TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	My contribution if elected to Chauncey Village Council comes from life-long experience dealing with different types of people and listening to the needs of those that have entrusted their faith in me.	Previous council member, successful business owner, resident of Chauncey since 1952	I have worked with the public for many years and have a good knowledge and understanding of struggles that most people deal with.	I currently serve on the Chauncey Village Council and fill the seat vacated when Danny Lyons resigned. I grew up in Chauncey and returned in early 2007. Most of my professional career has been in academia, nearly always in a managerial or supervisory capacity. My current responsibilities as library director involve assessment, strategic planning, budget management and leading 13 employees. My work and education have provided opportunities for critical thinking and developing consensus among disparate groups of people.
1. What do you propose for increased law enforcement in Chauncey?	We need to have police patrolling our streets again so we can get our village rid of drugs, drug dealers and thieves. I'd like to get a police committee together to take a look at our finances and see what and where we can budget to allow our village to once again have police protection.	I do think that Chauncey needs a marshal, but I also think that we need to secure funding before we hire one.	I'd work with the Mayor to take a closer look at the budget. Then I would look to find a way to make the funds available for this vital service that is badly needed in this village. The village is obligated to provide police services to its residents. Once a working police department in the village is re established then that will open up the way to look for additional federal stimulus money and other grants that may be available to help fund an existing police department. At that point the village can work together with the Athens County Sheriff.	There has been a lack of supervision and accountability for past appointed law enforcement officers. Before any productive discussions can be had concerning hiring a marshal, all elected officials must agree to work together for the betterment of our community. We need to recognize and remedy the financial challenges identified in our recent audit and develop long-term goals and a plan to get us where we need to be in a fiscally responsible manner. Only then can increased law enforcement be a reality through identifying avenues to fund the marshal on a long-term basis.

GLOUSTER MEMBER OF COUNCIL

EDUCATION, OCCUPATION, TRAINING and EXPERIENCE		
Mildred McManaway	• High School, Retired	
James Giroski	• K - 8 St. Procop., 9 - 12 West Technical - 1987 - 1990 Akron U. Labor Studies, Retired 45 plus meat-cutter, meat supervisor, meat-manager and 30 year union rep, fix and remodel houses, mech. Inclined	
Robert L. Eberts (Bob)	• High School Graduate (Glouster), Army Engineering (Topographics), many courses and classes thru work at Western Electric, AT&T, and Lucent Technologies, retired Lucent Technologies, years past of being a Glouster Village Councilman	
CANDIDATE QUESTION and RESPONSES: What do you propose to do to get increased law enforcement in Glouster?		
Mildred McManaway	James Giroski	Robert L. Eberts (Bob)
We recieved money from the Government to hire another Policeman for the Glouster Police Department, we have to keep him for at least four years, they pay for there. We are putting a three mill levy on the ballot to pay for the fourth year.	Believe it or not its probable to late!? Police Dept has 4 employees full time; but now the village must look at laying-off one or two off them. There is a levy on the ballot to help save the jobs; but the health care costs <u>should</u> have been taken care off a long time ago. But the current 4 council members must have been asleep & now it's <u>HEART ATTACK</u> time! So unless the current council does something in this election cycle it will be to late.	Try to get funding from grants or any other places to get funding.
No responses received from candidates: Diana Gwilym, Thomas Hooper, Jerry L. Lenigar, or Richard Shafer		

ATHENS/MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER BOARD, AT-LARGE

NAME	Jeff Vogt	John Depoy
EDUCATION	BSED-Elementary Education with dual minors in Science and Appalachian Studies from Ohio University; MED-Elementary Education with specialization in Science Education Leadership from Ohio University; Vista/Blackboard Learning System Certificate from Fairmont State University; Long-Term Care Ombudsman Certificate, Associate Level II from State Ombudsman Office	1967 GRADUATE OF MOUNTAIN STATE COLLEGE, 1964 GRADUATE OF CARTHAGE-TROY HIGH SCHOOL
OCCUPATION	Tutorial Teacher for New Haven Elementary, Mason County Schools, West Virginia	SELF EMPLOYED - OWNER OF 63 YEAR OLD FAMILY BUSINESS - DEPOY GARAGE/ DEPOY'S AG PARTS NEAR COOLVILLE, OH.
TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	8th Grade Science Teacher and 6th Grade Teacher in Federal Hocking School District for 31 years; Instructor, Academic Advisor in the Education Division at West Virginia University at Parkersburg; Data-Collector, Assessor for Literacy Research Project conducted in Wood County, West Virginia; Educational Consultant for McGraw-Hill Publications; Educational Consultant for the Ohio Department of Education serving on the Science Proficiency Content Review Committee Land -Based Model Lesson Writing Team; Partnership Liaison/University Supervisor for Ohio University's College of Education and Federal Hocking Middle School	US ARMY and NATIONAL GUARD 1967 THRU 1973 ON THE BOARD THAT CREATED THE ATHENS-MEIGS ESC
1. What are the most important services the Educational Service Center provides?	All of the services provided by the ESC are critical to the academic efficiency of the local school districts. I believe the services provided for exceptional children are most important, whether it be the variety of special education programs or the support provided gifted students. Typically classroom teachers devote the majority of their time and effort instructing their assigned students. Having access to so many services and support staff from the Educational Service Center provides for a thorough education for all students regardless of their cognitive ability, especially during the formative years of their lives.	COOPERATIVE CLASS ROOMS FOR THE LOCAL DISTRICTS, BACK GROUND CHECKS FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, BUS DRIVER DRUG TEST, AND CERTIFICATIONS OF DISTRICT STAFF.

FEDERAL HOCKING LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

EDUCATION, OCCUPATION, TRAINING and EXPERIENCE					
Robert Pollock	• Public Schools? of Pennsylvania, BA, DePauw Un., M.Div Christian Theological Seminary, MA University of Evansville, Retired pastor and administrator • Dean for Student Affairs, U of Evansville, CEO United Methodist Retirement Communities, Inc. Five months on Federal Hocking School Board completing the term of Margaret Cooper ,Sub Teacher at Federal Hocking 2 years				
Tom McGuire	• chemical engineering degree, 1970, Univ. of Cincinnati; law degree, Ohio State Univ., 1975; admitted to practice of law, 1975 • lawyer and mediator, attorney for 34 years; mediator for 10 years; Federal Hocking board of education (8 years ending in 2005); boards of directors of community organizations: Family Healthcare (10 years), the Athens Foundation (5 years), the Ohio Fair Schools Campaign (6 years) and Rural Action (6 years). I've worked for 10 years to reform public school funding, including reducing property taxes. In 2008, I served on Governor Strickland's team for improving funding of Ohio's schools. In 2009, I worked with at the state legislature for passage of Governor Strickland's reform proposals.				
Daniel R. Dailey	• Federal Hocking Graduate, 1979, Diploma, Hocking College Graduate, 1981 A.D. Lifetime resident , Instructor/Technician, Hocking College • I am completing my 12th year as a board member for Federal Hocking. During those years I held office of president three times and vice president twice. I have been chairman or vice chairman of major board committees, including negotiations, finance and policy. I spearheaded the update of board policy in 2001. This year, I am a co-chair of the negotiations, finance, buildings and grounds and vice chair of the board policy committee. Not without great pain, I have been part of the team that turned a \$600,000 deficit into a projected \$ 1.1 million surplus for the district.				
Chris Adams	• I am a graduate of Trimble Local High School. • I served in the United States Navy for 21 years. I retired as a Senior Chief Operations Specialist. • In the service I was an Instructor, Assessor, Inspector, Test Writer, Qualification Standards Editor and much more. I received an AAS in Business Management and Administration from Excelsior College. Currently working as a Clerk for the United States Postal Service.				
Lester Green	• Graduated from Parkersburg High School, Management training at DuPont, School Board in service training • Chemical factory worker at Dupont from 1959-85, Foreman in Zytel Division at Dupont 1970 to 1985, School bus driver Federal Hocking Schools 1985 to 2001 • School Board member Federal Hocking Schools 1978 to 1982; President Federal Hocking Athletic Boosters 35 total years; Athens County Fair Board Director 1995 to present; Parent and grandparent of Federal Hocking graduates				
John L. Young Sr.	• Graduated from first class at Fed. Hock. in1968. Retired coal miner/ I have served 20 years on Fed Hock board				

CANDIDATE QUESTION and RESPONSES: Would you support a levy for additional funding for your district?					
Robert Pollock	Tom McGuire	Daniel R. Dailey	Chris Adams	Lester Green	John L. Young Sr.
I would certainly support a levy if it could be shown that with the passing of the levy we could keep our Elementary School open.	No. Local property taxes have been the main cause of the unfair and inadequate way Ohio has paid for schools for many, many years.	To support a levy during this recession, it would have to be earmarked for a specific purpose. This is a way to restore the public's trust and cooperation. It would prevent tax dollars from going for items that the voting public would not approve of. Two years ago, I voted yes to acquire over \$ 400,000 a year in new revenue. I am proud to say that this was done without costing the taxpayers anything more	It would depend on the type of levy proposed. I would support a levy that is for the entire district and not	While I have been a supporter of past levies I recognize that the current economic times in our area are tough. I believe that the district should maintain its conservative spending policies and look at working within a given budget. However, if specific needs are clearly identified and these needs are clearly communicated to all residents	Not at this time.

Increasing property taxes for schools is not a good idea.	on their taxes. This revenue went to update facilities, maintain buildings and grounds, purchase technology and busses but did not go for wages.	just certain portions of it.	and supported by a sizeable number of our district's residents, then I would support a levy to better our district.
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TRIMBLE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD				
NAME	Steve Miller	Terry Holbert	Lara L. Hooper	Sherry Downs
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration - Ohio University, MSED in Counseling - Ohio University, BSED in Social Studies Comprehensive - Ohio Univ.	Graduate of Glouster High School, Served two years in U.S. Army, Attended Ohio University one year	Graduated from Trimble High School in 1981 and Hocking College in 1983 with an Associate degree in Accounting.	Graduate of Trimble Local School District, BBA in Accounting from Ohio University, MBA from Ohio University
OCCUPATION	Dean of Students at Hocking College, Nelsonville, Oh	Retired from Glouster, Ohio, Post Office after 35 years of service	O'Bleness Memorial Hospital, Laboratory Phlebotomist and Receptionist for 24 years	Bursar, Ohio University
TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	Over 37 years in the field of education as a teacher, coach, counselor and educational administrator. This includes working in the area of student advocacy with responsibility of intentionally designing systems that promote student involvement, recognition and support. I am a firm believer that <u>students come first</u> . Served on the Trimble Local School Board for 17 years and has familiarity with the magnitude of the position and the expectations the local taxpayers place on those charged with school governance. Experience is necessary in dealing with the many challenges faced by our financially strapped district. These challenges call for strong leadership and communication along with an emphasis on building public support for school initiatives.	I served on the Trimble Local Board of Education from November 1964 through the end of December 1986.	I have never been on the school board before, but I have a degree from Hocking College in Accounting and have worked with the public at O'Bleness Memorial Hospital for the past 24 years. In doing this, I feel I have worked with all types of people, ranging from the elderly to critically ill, college students and very young children, and I believe this experience will be valuable in working with the other school board members, staff, and the people of our community, putting our kids first!	School Board member for 8 years. Treasurer of Trimble Local. School District for five years. Involved in school and community activities. 17 years of Governmental finance experience
1. Are you satisfied with the rate of improvement that the Trimble Local School District has made relative to the state's requirements?	Yes, overall. I believe strongly in continuous quality improvement in all the district's endeavors. The management team and the excellent instructional staff have made remarkable progress and realize there is still much to do. In spite of the challenges involved in working with many economically disadvantaged and special needs students, the staff have dedicated themselves to providing the best education possible. Progress is steady in meeting state requirements. This progress needs sustained.	I don't think you should ever be satisfied with the rate of improvement that the Trimble school district has made. I think you should always strive to do better.	I think we have made great improvements in our testing scores for the state's requirements, and with the talented teaching staff at Trimble, we will continue to steadily improve.	Yes. Trimble Local has a very dedicated staff that works hard every day to help our students improve. Trimble was among the first schools in the state to adopt a model which helps us identify, understand, and manage the factors that determine success. The curriculum, policies, and procedures within our district are aligned K-12 to facilitate student achievement. Our teachers are constantly assessing student achievement, studying the results, and making modifications to further enhance student success. The results of these efforts are shown each year as our test scores continue to climb. Great things are happening at Trimble Local.

Erica North – No Response Received

ALEXANDER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE			
NAME	Brian C. Grubbs	Dave Perry	Walter McGrath
EDUCATION	Graduated from Alexander High School in '90.	1974 graduate of Alexander HS	High School Graduate
OCCUPATION	Maintenance Crew Leader at Le-Ax Water with 20 years.	Owner / Operator of Alex-Lee Ag. Services	Self employed farmer, mechanic, and excavating
TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	4 years experience at Lake Snowden Park Service; 20 years service with Le-Ax Water serving Athens, Hocking and Vinton County with 6,000 customers; public relations schooling; FEMA certification for national incident management services; 4 years as Alexander Township Trustee; 7 years as a volunteer fireman with Richland Area Volunteer Fire Department	Lifetime farming experience and equipment maintenance Small business owner for over 30 years 20 year member of Le-Ax Water Board of Directors	I have worked on a farm all of my life. I have worked on and with Farm Equipment and Heavy Equipment most of my life.
1. What is the biggest problem facing your township and how would you solve it?	The biggest problem facing Alexander Township is lack of funding. In the last four years I have worked with the fiscal officer in ways that saved the tax payers of Alexander Township a considerable amount of money. I will continue to work hard to save the tax payers money to everybody's best interest.	The biggest problem facing Alexander Township is staying within our budget and the upkeep of our roads. I would work with the other trustees and fiscal officer to ensure that we don't spend what we don't have and we maintain our roads to the best of our ability. As a trustee, I would always be available to talk to the residents of Alexander Township about their concerns.	I think the biggest problem in Alexander Township probably is funding. I would work my hardest to see that every tax payer's dollar was spent to make the most for our township. The way the economy is today and the cost of materials, we have got to stretch every dollar as far as we possible can.

Danny Lee Keirns – No response received

AMES TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE			
NAME	Gary Clair Sayers	Gene Hines	Jimmie Withem
EDUCATION	I graduated from Ames-Bern High School on May 17-1953. I have taken and completed 39 hrs of Banking classes at Hocking College from 1982 until 1990.	I graduated from Rome Canaan High School and Jackson Manpower Training Center in drafting.	Graduate of Federal Hocking High School
OCCUPATION	Retired from The First National Bank of Nelsonville, OH as Vice President on 2/20/1998. I am semi retired from the FN Bank - since 1998, at present I am working part time at The Athens Flower Shop where I have worked since 5/5/2004. Also I am serving as Trustee for the Sunday Creek Valley Water Board since Dec – 2005	I served two years with the U.S. Army serving one year in Viet Nam. I previously worked for Columbus and Southern Electric at Poston Power Plant and Franklin Engineering Ltd.. Currently I am a self employed farmer	Owner of Withem Excavating
TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	I have experience as being an Ames Twp Trustee from Jan 1-1978 until Dec 31- 1990. During those years I served as President of the Township board for 6 years, President of the Athens County Township Trustees and Clerks Assoc. for 6 years, President of the Athens Co Health Board for 3 yrs. I was also on the Board of Ames Bern Voll. Fire Dept for 8 yrs.	Have been a Township Trustee for over 20 years.	I have been a Township Trustee for the past 2 years and am familiar with the current concerns, projects, and fundamental operation of the township. I have been in the excavating business for the past 30 years and my experience qualifies me for problems we encounter when maintaining roads and repairs that include slips or other weather related problems. I spent two years as a trustee for the Athens Amvets Post 76 and acquired leadership skills while in that position.
1. What's the biggest problem facing your township and how would you solve it?	The biggest problem facing all Township's is Finances and Budget. The hardest thing is preparing the yearly budget. Since there is no way of knowing how much money a township will get any given year, you have to apprate how you are going to spend the money. There is no way to solve this problem, you have to use your past experience and do the best you can.	I feel that there are no big problems facing our Township at this time. But like all Townships we could always use more funding for our infrastructure also I would like to see more residents be provided water.	1. We are facing the same problem most townships in the county are experiencing right now. We don't have enough revenue to maintain or repair our roads and cemeteries to the extent that we would like. One way to help solve the problem would be to seek out grants that might be available to the township or possibly write a grant explaining our situation and what we would like to do with additional revenue or resources.

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ATHENS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

NAME	Tommy Adkins	Brian Baker	William Dick Shaw	David T Williams	David W. Ratliff
EDUCATION	Secondary education and some classes at Ohio University	Graduated from Athens High School in 1988	Graduate of Athens High School	Graduate of The Plains High School, I have attended and received many Certificates for Leadership and Management of the Fire Department.	Graduated from Hurley High School, Hurley, VA in 1965. Attended Pikeville College, Pikeville, KY in 1965, 1966, General Studies. Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria, VA 1971-78, General Studies. Marymont College, Arlington, VA 1978, Accounting. I attended other classes and courses in the Washington, D.C. area.
OCCUPATION TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retired from Ohio University, Licensed Stationery Engineer, AFSCME Union President Current: Athens Township Trustee, Athens County Childrens Services Board Former : Athens County Commissioner, Chief, Richland Volunteer Fire Department, LeAx Water Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athens County Engineers, equipment operator Fifteen years at T.S.Trim, seven years in a leadership position . Owned and operated a small cleaning business. Over five years with Athens County Engineers,road maintenance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retired from The Athens Messenger after 35 years 38 years public experience; 20 years Athens Township Trustee and Chairman for last six years; President of Athens County Trustees and Fiscal Officers Association for last eight years; training in applying for Issue II and Issue I grants; serve as member of Issue I Integrating Committee; Solid Waste Advisory Board; local EMA Advisory Board; Chairman, County Health Board Advisory Council; former Athens County Fair Board Director over 10 years; over 38 Years as Director, Le-Ax Water District and 30 years as President; recognized by the Ohio House of Representatives for public service when I retired from The Athens Messenger. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self Employed since 1992. I do construction and remodeling work I have been a member of The Plains Vol Fire Dept since 1967. I have served as an Officer and Chief at least 30 of 42 years and am still active. Ten years were served as Chief. I had to manage personnel and operate within a budget. I have had training in managing small organizations and personnel. As Chief, I've had several years of working with the Twp Trustees and 42 years of working with and for the public. I have been a partner with my brother in a small consruction and remodeling business since 1992. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail Florist. Co-owner of Athens Flower Shop, Inc. for 25 years. In my years of experience, I have been fortunate to have served in the U. S. Army from 1966 to 1969 and received an Honorable Discharge. After my discharge, I returned to the Navy Department as a civilian, rising through difference positions to the Administrative Officer/Deputy Director, Administrative Services. Defense Printing Service. Directed all administrative, human resource. space management, EEO programs, and labor relations for the DPS with a budget in excess of \$40 million dollars, 500+ employees and five unions. This included the main operation in the Pentagon, and its branch facilities which were located in the Office of Secretary of Defense, The White House, Office of Management and Budget, Washington Navy Yard and the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. I have served as Athens County Commissioner, as Athens Township Trustee. I have worked in the City of Athens, Auditors Office. I am the only candidate to attend the Ohio Institute addressing issues facing Ohio Townships. I am the only candidate for Athens Township Trustee to attend the Annexation Reform, The New Law provided by the Ohio Township Association.
1. What is the biggest problem facing the township, and how would you solve it?	Our biggest challenge is the skyrocketing cost of materials to maintain the roads. The solution is sound budget management, which requires a thorough knowledge of the township's needs and how to stretch the funds we have to cover those needs. Road maintenance is obviously the top priority, and closely aligned to that is the oversight of the Plains Volunteer Fire Department. I have an excellent relationship with the Fire Department, the township workers, as well as, our residents. I am available day or night to the residents of Athens Township. If you call me, you will get a prompt response.	I feel the biggest problem in Athens Township is wasted money or poorly spent money.I feel if the budget was closely looked at more money could be spent on road maintenance or possibly another full time employee. I feel like I would be an asset to the township I enjoy working with others and problem solving . I would like the opportunity to serve Athens Township and would appreciate your vote.	The biggest problem facing Athens Township are rising prices, and revenue not increasing as fast as prices. In the last five years: cost of sealant for chip and seal has risen from 78cents/gallon to \$1.97/gallon; cost of paving has doubled; cost of equipment is up over 35%; fuel prices have doubled; and insurance costs continue to increase. While we are now in good financial condition, we will have to continue to work very hard to contain our own expenses for both the Township and Fire Departments.	The problem that is most often presented to me is the lack of timely answers, and sometimes no answer at all to problems and questions presented to the Trustees. My solution is:1.To immediately acknowledge each question and problem. The next step will be finding the answer and/or solution for each question or problem and making contact with the individuals. Of course every situation will have to be handled according to the law.	Probably the biggest problem in our township is the result of rapid residential growth in Athens Township (not addressing growth in City of Athens). We see problems with inadequate sewage handling and other problems with potable water hook-ups, whether these hook-ups are to existing water systems or private wells or other water sources. Township trustees are charged with overseeing and contolling such hook-ups and through stronger oversight could have a very positive effect on development in our township. I'm also concerned about inadequate maintenance in local cemeteries that township trustees are responsible for. Regular mowing, care of grave markers (many of which were placed by families decades ago) and the replacements of those broken or stolen, record keeping and adequate access to these burial grounds. I have been made aware of several instances of unsatisfactory attention to local township cemeteries and would work to develop a plan to address these shortcomings.

CARTHAGE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

NAME	Robert Pullins	Charles B. Lewis	Earle E. Cox
EDUCATION	I am a 1967 graduate of Carthage Troy High School.	Big Walnut High School, Delaware Career Center, Northern Fire School, Ohio Fire Academy	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
OCCUPATION	I am retired from Broughtons Food Company in Marietta, where I was a maintenance man for 30 years.	Retired Firefighter	RETIRED FROM G.E. PLASTICS
TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	I have lived in Ahtens county all of my life. I have been a Carthage township trustee for the past eight years. I have hazmat training, and the Ohio maintenance and repair of low volume local roads certification. I have also received training inthe homeland security and national response plans and National Incident Management System which help us prepare for emergencies and disasters.	The training I received in the fire service had me deal with budgets, township laws, bidding process and things I believe will help me in township government.	PREVIOUS TRUSTEE, MECHANIAL ABILITY and LEADERSHIP .
1. What is the biggest problem facing your township and how would you solve it?	Funding - I am not sure how to solve this problem, because it is a state wide problem. With all the cutbacks it is very hard to be able to accomplish all that we need to do in the township. I will work hard to try and make things the best I can with what money the state and county give us to work with. Everyone has a budget and I will do my best to keep things going within that budget.	The biggest problem in any township is money. I would like to see the township put in for more grant money. However, matching grants can cost the township money they don't have. I think all townships need to keep up with the money they are entitled to. I have had to have my vehicle registration changed a number of times because the DMV goes by mailing address and that town is in Rome Township. That cost Carthage Township \$40.00 for my address alone.	THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS FACING THE TWP. ARE ROAD SURFACES and DRAINAGE .
Charles Buck and Glen Hatfield – No Response Received			

DOVER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

NAME	Dave Bobo
EDUCATION	Graduate of Athens High School 1981
OCCUPATION	Labor Union/Township Trustee
TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	20 Years of construction,Experience, Building and trades and highway construction. Serving 8th year as township trustee, past president of Dover township, Osha safety training courses for highways and construction projects, worked with other trustees obtaining fema dollars and acquiring grants for the township.
1. What is the biggest problem facing your township and how would you solve it?	Maintaining and improving current roads with the possibility that state and local funds could be cut at any given time. I would solve it by using all funds wisley and shopping for the best price for the tax payers of Dover township funds.
No responses received from candidates Joe Keirns and Charlie Pidcock.	

LEE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

NAME	Lance Hoffman	Garry Ennis	David Hale	Michael D. Sheets
EDUCATION	Associate's degree in Dairy Management from Lakeshore Technical College, Cleveland, Wis. Certification in Soil Conservation from BOCES Herkimer, NY	Graduate of Alexander Local Schools	Attended Vinton Co. High School, General Studies, Man Power welding school Jackson, OH 960 hours.	1978 Graduate of Nelsonville York High School
OCCUPATION	CDL Driver, Farmer.	20 year employee of	Work for Village of Albany 2000-Present,	Equipment Operator III for the Athens County

		Alexander Local Schools Custodial Maintenance	Village Administrator in charge of streets-water-sewer-snow removal.	Engineers Office since 1978.
TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	OSHA Training, Hazwoper Training, CPR Training, Commercial Defensive Driving Training Twelve years experience as a Business Owner in Transportation and Logistics. Many years experience with operating construction equipment. Strong farming background.	16 year Lee Township Trustee	Have 27 years road construction and bridge experience operating heavy equipment. Have worked for the Village of Albany for the past 9 years keeping streets, water and sewer in the best condition possible on limited budget. Snow removal in winter for me is a priority, so residents and emergency personnel can move without problems. Have worked with limited budget and know how to set priorities. To do the best with what you have available., Have been resident of Lee Twp. For 40 years.	I have worked at the Athens County Engineers Office since I graduated in 1978, and have dedicated myself to road construction throughout the county for 31 years. I have operated numerous pieces of road maintenance equipment including the grader, tar distributor, backhoe, Gradall, roller, mowers, chipper, but most importantly a shovel. I am a taxpayer too, and I do care about our roads and the quality and upkeep for maintaining safety for the public, and I will put forth the manual labor to make sure the job gets done.
1. What is the biggest problem facing your township and how would you solve it?	Supervision and management of financial responsibilities. I would work closely with the other trustees, offering suggestions, ideas and problem solving solutions. I would like to continue to grow and expand on the past growth and success that the Township has seen.	I feel there are no major problems in the Township. I feel we need to continue to work with the Village of Albany, the surrounding townships, county and local schools in these rough times.	The biggest problem I see facing our township is operating money. With the economy in bad shape all townships have had to make very big cuts in road maintenance and other areas.	I believe that the biggest problem facing Lee Twp. is general upkeep of our roads, bridges and roadways. I dedicate myself to being more than just a township trustee, but as a taxpayer as well, who will work above and beyond general hours of duty to make our roads safer to drive on.

Kenneth Waggoner – No Response Received

LODI TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE			
NAME	David Bircher		Bruce Hudnall
EDUCATION	High School		I am a 1980 graduate of Alexander High School. I took a basic water treatment course and a basic firefighting course.
OCCUPATION	Farmer		Water Plant Operator for Le-ax Water District
TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	10 years working for a road contractor, 16 years as Lodi Township Trustee		I have 10 years in the Laborers Union Local 423. I have worked for Le-ax Water District for 15 years. I started out at Le-ax on the maintenance crew, moved to meter reader and then into the position of a class 1 Water Plant Operator. I also hold a basic firefighters card, and I am still an active member of the Richland Area Volunteer Fire Department.
1. What is the biggest problem facing your township and how would you solve it?	Budget problems are always our biggest problems. I believe that if we had plenty of money this would be an easy job, but that is not the case. We as trustees need to be on the same page to see that we are managing our time and effort efficiently.		I feel that one of the biggest problems in Lodi Township is not being involved enough with the residents of the township. If elected I would make myself more available to the residents on any issues that arise or that they have concerns about.

Albert Hawk and Roger W. Hawk – No Response Received

ROME TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE				
NAME	Gary Tino McVey		Pearl Coen	Kenneth Garrett
EDUCATION	I graduated from Federal Hocking High School in 1971. I also took some classes at Tri-County Adult Education in Nelsonville, Ohio.			Grad. from High School
OCCUPATION	I am a retired coal miner with 20 years of service. I now am a partner in a family business with two of my brothers and my son. We do residential and commercial remodeling, excavating and concrete work.		Retired	Retired
TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	I have had training in high voltage electricity while working in the coal mines as well as equipment maintenance. I am able to operate heavy equipment, drive dump trucks and weld. I have also been a supervisor over labor personnel.		21 years experience as trustee	36 yrs Road Const and 25 of those years I owned the Const. Company, 12 yrs Rome Twp. Trustee
1. What is the biggest problem facing your township and how would you solve it?	No response received.		our budget	Small Budget work within the Budget

Mike Yeater – No Response Received

TRIMBLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE	
NAME	EDUCATION, OCCUPATION, TRAINING and EXPERIENCE
Eddie E. Nott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> graduate of JT High School. Worked for Trimble Local Schools for 17 years. Retired in 2003. As an incumbent trustee serving Trimble Township for 20 years, I am aware of the needs of our township and of the rising costs of maintaining township roads and cemetery upkeep. As trustee, I have worked with township employees and will continue to help wherever I'm needed
Paul Barrett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate Jacksonville Trimble High School Served Trimble Township for 6 years as a past township trustee. Held supervision position in our family ran business, Buckeye Steel Erectors for 8 years. I Worked 26 years for Southern Ohio Coal Company, A.E.P, while there I served on the U.M.W.A. safety committee.
David Harvey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am a 1995 graduate of Trimble high school. Equipment operator, Athens Co Engineer's department I have been a trustee for the oakdale water district since 2003 and am no stranger to public service.
Dusty Murphy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1975 graduate of Trimble High School, Self-employed I worked at a factory for 18 years before it closed. Shortly after I began working for the Village of Glouster Street Department. In 1995 I started my own construction and seamless gutter business. While working in this small community I have learned to listen and understand what people expect. I take pride in having opportunities to work with people every day.
Carl E. Fouts III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I graduated from Trimble High School with a high school diploma I own a pizza restaurant and am also employed by Complete Homes of Glouster, where I specialize in operating equipment. I am the owner and operator of bulldozers, backhoes and other related equipment. For the past 30 years I have built many things including roads, residential development, and commercial development. I have also owned and operated my pizza restaurant since 1979.
Howard Miller Jr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1982 Graduate of Trimble Local School and Tri-County Vocational School Owner of H&H Miller Small Engine I have worked as a laborer, welder, and equipment operator in the construction field. I am currently a small engine technician.
Roger R. Hooper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduated from Jacksonville-Trimble High School. I attended Ohio University. I am retired. I worked at Abex Corporation in Athens for 15 years. I worked in the coal industry from 1974 until retiring in 2007. I was the Mayor of Trimble for 5 years. I served on the Trimble Local School board from 1974 thru 2001.

CANDIDATE QUESTION and RESPONSES: What is the biggest problem facing your township and how would you solve it?

Eddie E. Nott	Paul Barrett	David Harvey	Carl E. Fouts III	Howard Miller Jr.	Roger R. Hooper
The problems in Trimble Township are multifarious. Lack of businesses, lack of work, lack of sustainable income, all play a role in keeping down the growth of our township. Enacting ordinances to clean up the township and eliminating illicit drugs would make our township more appealing for small business owners to make Trimble Township their base of operations.	The biggest problems are the roads and cemeteries and keeping weeds under control. How do we do this? First of all, would be to stop the thousands of dollars being wasted every year on needless overtime. I will budget the overtime for winter roads and when we chip and seal or when it is truly needed, not for holidays and weekends when there is nothing really pressing. If elected, as a full time trustee I will better micro manage day to day activities in Trimble Township.	The biggest problem facing our township is unemployment. We need to make Trimble township business friendly & encourage economic growth. Eco tourism would be a good start with our vast natural resources it could be a win win for everybody. Although it is hard to determine the biggest problems in our township until you are elected, one obvious problem is the lack of funds. I feel that by concentrating & looking into more outside sources, such as small grants, would be one way to provide support to the community.	The biggest problem for our township is financing and the ever increasing cost of material. It is my belief that every person needs to work harder at completing the job with what we already have to work with. If that is not possible, then we should pursue available grants and funding that could contribute to improving our township. Some may say that staying within a budget for one year with today's ever-changing economy is difficult; maybe even impossible. It is my belief that with addressing financing weekly, and with making changes to meet the ever-changing economy, we can strive to keep within this yearly budget.	I feel the biggest problem facing Trimble Township is the lacking ability to maintain our roads. If I am elected as Trustee I will aggressively seek grants to secure funding to make improvements to our roads & our cemeteries. I would also try to secure grants to replace the aging equipment owned by the Township. I believe I could make a difference in Trimble Township by making myself available to the residents of our township & listening to their concerns & complaints & try my best to solve them.	The biggest problem facing Trimble Township is lack of funding. If elected I will work to find grants to provide more funding.

Sam Kamento – No response received.

TROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

NAME	Leroy Guess
EDUCATION	I am a local graduate of Federal Hocking Local School District in 1975, including two years of education and training at Tri County Vocational School where I studied Ag Mechanics.
OCCUPATION	have been employed at Federal Hocking Local Schools since 1997 as Maintenance Supervisor of all applicable buildings within the district.
TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	In addition to my training in Ag Mechanics, I am trained and licensed in the handling of FREON and heat pumps, and also have a Class A license in waste water plants. My experience includes the supervision and direction of staff members in the Maintenance Department, and also oversee all new construction within the district. My responsibilities also include maintaining the building, grounds, and all support systems therein. I also have extensive knowledge in the fields of carpentry, masonry, heating and cooling, electrical, mechanical, and safety regulations.
1. What is the biggest problem facing your township and how would you solve it?	Troy township consists of approximately 2,750 people, the majority of which reside in outer lying and unincorporated areas. Due to this fact, I feel some people may be frustrated that their voices are not being heard. As trustee, I would like to make more voters' concerns recognized as I represent the people of the township. As a member of Troy Township myself, I know that many of our citizens have valuable ideas of ways to improve and ensure the continued growth of our community and I would strive to see an improvement in communication.
2. If you have additional priorities, what are they?	The improvement of our roads is a concern I have since Troy Township is such a rural community. In addition to our roads, I'm concerned with the continued growth and overall well being of our community. Although these are concerns I have, the concerns of the voters would be my top priority. I plan to be as available to the people as possible to represent their concerns and work together to improve Troy Township.
No responses received from candidates: George N. Gilbert, Mike Putman, and David E Russell.	

YORK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

NAME	Dick Covert
EDUCATION	
OCCUPATION	
TRAINING and EXPERIENCE	Having grown up in Nelsonville, I experienced firsthand the kindness and generosity of my community. I appreciate the teachers and coaches who guided me as a youngster. I served as a trustee for 8 years several years ago. I appreciated the opportunity to "give back" to my community by serving on the Board of Trustees and watching our community grow. I assisted in getting a township fire department.
1. What is the biggest problem facing your township and how would you solve it?	If elected my primary concern will be to spend wisely and always try to keep our township roads as safe as possible. I will return every phone call and render whatever assistance I can to those who call me.
No responses received from candidates: Keith Kinneer, James Pancake, Ronnie L. Wend.	

Statewide Issues on the 2009 Ballot

<p>ISSUE 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide compensation to veterans serving during the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq conflicts. The amendment is similar to bond issues passed by the voters to compensate veterans of previous wars and conflicts. It will give Ohio authority to issue up to \$200million of bonds. The Ohio treasurer estimated that only \$106million might actually be needed. All bonds must be issued by Dec. 31, 2013. Repayment would be a general obligation of the state backed by the taxing power of the state.</p> <p>Additional veteran compensation would be as follows: Payment may be made to Ohio residents who have served on active duty in the United States armed forces between August 2, 1990 and March 3, 1991 (the Persian Gulf conflict); between October 7, 2001 and the end of the U.S. involvement in Afghanistan; and between March 19, 2003 and the end of the U.S. involvement in Iraq. Veterans who served in locations other than the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, or Iraq may receive \$50 for each month served up to a maximum of \$500. Veterans who served in the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, or Iraq may receive \$100 for each month served up to a maximum of \$1000, or may receive \$1000 if medically discharged due to combat-related disabilities. If a person died as a result of injuries sustained in Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, or Iraq service, that person's family may receive \$5000. If a person is missing in action or held in enemy captivity, that person's family may receive \$5000. The Legislative Services Commission estimates that \$200million of obligations could increase the state's annual debt service expense by up to \$18 million. Voters must approve this because the Ohio constitution does not permit appropriations being made for a period longer than two years.</p> <p><u>Proponents argue that:</u> Passing the amendment by vote of the people shows that Ohioans appreciate Ohio veterans. The payments will ease veterans' transition back into civilian life.</p> <p><u>Opponents argue that:</u> Tax monies will be diverted to paying principle and interest and may limit the availability of state revenue for other programs during a period of financial crisis. Future taxpayers will be responsible for the debt. Compensation should be paid for by revenues available in the current biennium.</p>
<p>ISSUE 2 is a proposed constitutional amendment that would create the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board for the purpose of establishing standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in Ohio.</p> <p>The bipartisan board would consist of: the director of the state department that regulates agriculture; 10 members appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate (including: 1 member representing family farms, 1 member knowledgeable about food safety, 2 members representing statewide organizations that represent farmers, 1 member who is a veterinarian); the State Veterinarian in the department that regulates agriculture; the dean of the agriculture department of an Ohio college or university; 2 members of the public representing Ohio consumers; 1 member representing a county humane society; 1 member appointed by the Speaker of the House who shall be a family farmer; 1 member appointed by the President of the Senate who shall be a family farmer.</p> <p>Subject only to the authority of the General Assembly, the Board would have authority to establish standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in Ohio, and the Ohio department that regulates agriculture would be authorized to administer and enforce the standards established by the board.</p> <p><u>Proponents argue that:</u> The board represents a balance of interests. The board would establish standards governing the care and well being of livestock and poultry in Ohio. Ohioans can have greater confidence in the safety of locally produced food.</p> <p><u>Opponents argue that:</u> The board should be created by statute rather than by amending the Ohio Constitution. Creating another regulatory board utilizes revenues best spent on basic services to Ohioans. The amendment could prevent certain animal care reform proposed by national animal rights organizations.</p>
<p>ISSUE 3 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize four casinos, one each in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo, located on particular parcels of land owned by private individuals. The operator would pay a tax of 33% annually on gross casino receipts (this excludes payments to winners). Tax revenue would be allocated as follows: 51% to the 88 counties on a pro rata basis, with 50% of the county's distribution going to the county's most populated city if it had a population of greater than 80,000; 34% to public school districts in proportion to their public school district populations; 5% to the host city where the casino that generated the revenue is located; 3% to fund the Ohio Casino Control Commission; 3% to a fund supporting purses, breeding programs and operations at existing horse racetracks; 2% to fund a state law enforcement training program; 2% to fund treatment of problem gambling and substance abuse. The Ohio Casino Control Commission (7 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate) would license and regulate casino operators, management companies, key employees and all gaming. Each casino operator must make a minimum initial investment of \$250 million. The initial license fee of \$50 million for each casino will fund state economic development programs. Each casino could operate 24 hours a day, may have a maximum of 5000 slot machines, and may conduct any type of card or table games, slot machines or electronic gaming devices permitted by states adjacent to Ohio, except bingo, and horse racing where the pari-mutuel system of wagering is conducted.</p> <p><u>Proponents argue that:</u> 38 states, including Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, and Pennsylvania, have casino gambling. Profits from casinos in Ohio could benefit our state rather than other states. Counties, public school districts, and many cities will receive tax revenue generated by the casinos, and each can decide how to best spend its money. The casinos will create 34,000 new jobs in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo. The casinos will stimulate the economy by adding restaurants, hotels and ancillary businesses.</p> <p><u>Opponents argue that:</u> The Ohio general revenue fund, which supports basic services for Ohioans, will get \$0 from the gross casino receipts tax. Ohio lottery profits, currently dedicated to education, may decrease because people will gamble at the casinos instead of playing the lottery. Ohioans may spend money at the casinos they would have spent at other existing Ohio businesses such as restaurants, movies, or sports events, adversely impacting those businesses. The number of gambling addicts in Ohio would increase, and the tax receipts dedicated to providing treatment for addicts could be insufficient. The proposed amendment could be construed to mean that all games allowed at the casinos can be played only at the casinos, eliminating church-festival poker games and casino nights sponsored by charitable groups.</p>

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