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TOWNSHIPS THROUGHOUT MEDINA COUNTY

Incumbents voted out of trustee seats

Sara Crawford, Patrick Rhonemus and Madisyn Woodring
The Gazette

According to unofficial election results, several township trustee seats throughout Medina County were filled by new faces as many incumbents were voted out.

Brunswick Hills Township

There were two seats up for election on the Brunswick Hills board of trustees, and Tony Destro and Thomas DeCastra received the most votes on Tuesday. Christina Kusnerak and Patricia Murphy were running as incumbents for the position.

"I'm truly grateful and honored for the opportunity I had to serve the community as a trustee," Murphy said. "I'm proud of what I was able to accomplish during my term."

The following are the unofficial election results for Brunswick Hills:

- Destro received 621 votes, which was around 20 percent of the vote.
- DeCastra received 616 votes, which was about 20 percent of the vote.
- Kusnerak received 571 votes, which was around 19 percent of the vote.
- Katherine Esber received 495 votes, which was about 16 percent of the vote.

■ Murphy received 384 votes, which was about 13 percent of the vote.

■ Ryan Kolegar received 367 votes, which was approximately 12 percent of the vote.

Kolegar said residents may have voted for newly elected people because they do not want the "status quo" anymore. He said people want elected officials who will represent them, be responsive and take their needs seriously.

"During my campaign, I heard residents from my township and others were frustrated with their current

administration," DeCastra said in a statement. "With the recent tax increases, there has been scrutiny on how taxes have been used, and residents want to know more. I hope to be that answer for my township by bringing transparency to the residents."

Hinckley Township

In Hinckley, there were two trustee seats up for election. Thomas Schrader had the most votes, which was 946 votes or about 27 percent of the vote. Russ Paintiff had the second most votes, which was 889 votes or approximately 26 percent of the vote.

Paintiff thanked everyone who voted and said this election's trend in Medina County to elect new people reflects "a much broader and complex set of circumstances."

"In my opinion, we have seen so much negative effects in the aftermath of the pandemic with housing, food, fuel cost rising and the domestic and global supply chain faltering," Paintiff said in a statement. "Families can no longer stand by and wait for the same old tactics to be used in how their local, state and federal government is being run."

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Food collected for pantries



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Volunteer Tim Nelson weighs food that was donated to the Salvation Army in Medina on Tuesday afternoon during a community food drive.

Rep. Sharon Ray leads effort to aid locals in need

Sara Crawford
The Gazette

People throughout Medina County donated food to Feeding Medina County and a couple of Salvation Army locations on Tuesday afternoon during a community food drive, designed to help the organizations provide food to those in need.

As the federal government shutdown continues, state Rep. Sharon Ray, R-Wadsworth, took action, knowing that the shutdown would affect people's SNAP benefits, starting last weekend.

There are approximately 9,500 SNAP recipients within Medina County, Ray said. The vast majority of those recipients are the elderly, those who are disabled and young families that are struggling.

On Oct. 30, Ray began making phone calls to people within the county.

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Donations of food are shown at the Salvation Army in Medina.

Druley, Hair, Pritchard elected to Medina Board of Education

The Gazette

MEDINA — Victoria Druley, Aaron Hair and incumbent Jeanne Pritchard were elected as Medina Board of Education members on Tuesday, defeating candidate Aidan Haggard.

According to the unofficial election results, Druley received 6,173 votes, or 26.51 percent; Hair received 5,880 votes, or 25.25 percent; and Pritchard received 6,804 votes,



Druley

or 29.22 percent, to Haggard's 4,432 votes, or 19.03 percent.

Druley said she felt a huge sense of relief once the results came in on Tuesday night.

"Starting back in August, I started dropping literature and knocking on doors and



Hair

sending mailers," Druley said. "I think just putting the hard work in really paid off in getting my name out there."

Druley is a grant writer, as well as a community volunteer and activist. For several years, she has volunteered within and



Pritchard

for Medina Schools through Kids First Medina, the Medina Board of Education's facilities committee, PTO, PTO Council and the Partnership Council.

Hair is the director of underwriting for Pie Insurance.

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WADSWORTH

Voters select City Council Ward seats

Patrick Rhonemus
The Gazette

WADSWORTH — In Tuesday's general election, challenger Mike Reese, incumbent Jeanne Hines and challenger Angela May were elected to the Ward 1, 3, and 4 Wadsworth City Council seats, respectively.

Ward 1

Reese, a Democrat, was elected to the Ward 1 seat on Wadsworth City Council with 592 votes, or 54.97 percent of voters. Reese beat incumbent Ralph Copley, a Republican,

who had 485 votes, or 45.03 percent of voters.

"I'm still a little in shock because we worked really hard on this election," Reese said. "I

am really thankful for my family; they have supported me throughout the whole ordeal. They have been my biggest supporters."

He thanked everyone who helped with his campaign and voted for him. Reese said that he and the community have a lot of respect for Copley.

"I really like the guy; he is a good guy," Reese said. "We might disagree politically on certain things, but I have much respect for him. He has been a great public servant."

Copley said it has been an honor to serve the residents of Ward 1 and the city over the past 12 years on Council.

"With the election results now in, I can officially retire from public service after 42 wonderful years," he said. "It has truly been a privilege to work on behalf of our community."

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MEDINA

Isabella elected to Council-at-large

Sara Crawford
The Gazette

MEDINA — Ed Isabella was elected to a Medina City Council-at large seat on Tuesday, defeating candidate James "Skip" Sipos.

According to the unofficial election results, Isabella received 2,703 votes, or 52.67 percent, to Sipos' 2,429 votes, or 47.33 percent.

Isabella will fill the seat that Medina City Councilman-at-Large Paul Rose will vacate at the end of the year.

Isabella attributed the win to the time and effort put in by friends, family and volunteers. "We had a phenomenal ground game," Isabella said. "We just pounded pavement and got to voters."

Isabella is a licensed engineer in Ohio and currently works at Intertek-PSI as a senior project manager in construction materials testing and inspection.

He previously said that his background as a civil engineer would help solve the sidewalk, roadway and pedestrian safety

issues in the city.

When talking with residents, Isabella said people were receptive to his platform and wanted to have

someone with a background that could help solve the traffic and sidewalk problems.

"People were excited by our platform, and that continued through the campaign," Isabella said.

Looking to the future, he hopes to work with the other Council members to address such problems.

Sipos serves as the executive director of the Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority, a position he has held since 1994. He is retiring from the position at the end of the year.

Sipos did not respond to a request for comment by the deadline.

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