

2022 General Election

Voter's Guide

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County Commissioner Dist. 3

Michael Wallace



Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Hoffman
Current town: Morris
Education: 1998 Graduate of Dewar High School, Graduated Gorden Cooper in 2003 with certifications in shielded metal arc, gas metal arc, flux-cord arc, and combination welding
Age: 43

Candidate Background:

I am the current manager of Okmulgee Rural Water District 4. In the past 6 years I have reduced the budget by eliminating wasteful spending and have obtained the funds to build a new pump house to support the needs of our growing district.

I am very involved in the community and have devoted 8 years serving as a volunteer fireman and currently serve as treasurer for Hitchita volunteer fire department. In addition, I also coached softball for little league and competitive softball for eleven years.

At 16, I began working for Okemah Construction during the summer and other school breaks as a helper on the right-a-way. After graduation, my pipeline career continued with various duties, such as being a laborer on the wench and skid trucks, concluding at age 20 as an equipment operator. I then decided to see more of America as a Hot Shot driver until 2003, when I started attending Gorden Copper technology center in Shawnee, OK.

I received welder certificates in shielded metal arc, gas metal arc, flux-cord arc, and the combination welder certification in 2004. After completing welding school in 2004, I applied my newly acquired knowledge working on maintaining and operat-

ing heavy equipment for Dan Maxwell. I developed expertise in dirt work, developing roads, right-of-ways, and crossings. I understand how the natural terrain will allow water flow to best build terraces, pads, and ponds. I have worked several excavating and dozer jobs for Okmulgee County District 3

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements?
No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony?
No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Bringing District 3 back to higher standards by taking pride in our County
2. Introduce common sense solutions to problems
3. Help ensure the growth and success of Okmulgee County

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Proper maintenance of roads, bridges, and drainage. By cross training our county personnel, we will be able to maintain all roads and address situations quicker.
2. Increase funds by eliminating inefficient/wasteful spending. One example is by not repairing a road with what amounts as a band-aid. By fixing a road correctly to begin with, the road will last longer and need less maintenance.
3. Making sure we have a strong infrastructure. By investing in ourselves, we will increase economic growth by enticing new business to invest in us.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular.

It is my belief that economic development starts with a strong infrastructure. It is our job to make sure the schools, towns, sheriff departments, and volunteer fire departments are strong and that our roads, bridges and drainage are maintained properly. Investing in ourselves will help keep our communities strong and will enable businesses to maintain a steady growth and prosper as well as entice new businesses to invest in us. One way to accomplish this is by making sure the county commissioner board is pursuing all County rural economic development authority opportunities available.

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What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Seek additional funding to help improve roads and bridges.
2. To utilize our workforce and equipment to our maximum ability to improve all of the district roads and bridges.
3. Develop a longterm plan for district #3 roads and bridges. We are a poor district and there is so much need for improvement and I am developing a longterm plan of improvement for all of District #3.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Drought is destroying the infrastructure and putting pressure on farm-

ers, ranchers and also city and county budgets.

2. Funding for roads and bridges, there are federal, state and district sources of revenue. I intend to seek every avenue and meet with these sources to find additional funding for District #3. I have met with contacts who chair these departments and I am in the process of submitting plans to secure additional funding for much needed projects.

3. Additional cost for supplies and materials for road projects. I am shopping every available contractor to get the best price for material and supplies for our district.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular.

I'm very open to economic development that would help bring new business and new opportunity to our area.

County Treasurer

Lindsay Lee Bunch



Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Beggs
Current town: Beggs
Education: OSUIT - Associate's Degree in Allied Health
Age: 27

Candidate Background:

I graduated from Beggs in 2012. I obtained my Associates Degree in Allied Health from OSUIT. I have volunteered with VBS and became VBS director at Nuyaka Baptist Church. I'm now the Children's Church Leader at Old Post Cowboy Church. I worked at Walmart as a cashier and was cross-trained in the money center and customer service desk. I have worked in the Okmulgee County Treasurer's Office as 3rd deputy of Land Records. I have spent the last three years at Okmulgee County Farm Bureau Insurance as a sub-agent providing customer service and solu-

tions to insuring clients needs.

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What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Greater commitment
2. Greater service
3. Long term

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma and/or Okmulgee County? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Advertising the June Resale for back property taxes by creating a social media page to keep the public informed on current properties available for back taxes.
2. Cross training everyone in the office for a smoother experience for taxpayer.
3. I would want to get unnecessary county-owned property back on the tax roll.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Okmulgee County in particular.

I would advertise properties in the the June Resale for back property taxes by creating a social media account and marking the properties for the public to acknowledge them when driving by. This allows these properties to get back onto the tax roll, which helps fund the public schools, roads and fire departments.

County Commissioner Dist. 3

Dan Artussee



Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Henryetta
Current Town: Henryetta
Education: Graham High School, Weleetka
Age: 62

Candidate Background:

Community Service: Volunteer work for education foundation and senior citizen dinners, Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners.

Education: American Weldon School, Tulsa.

Employment: Cleveland Inspection 20 Years

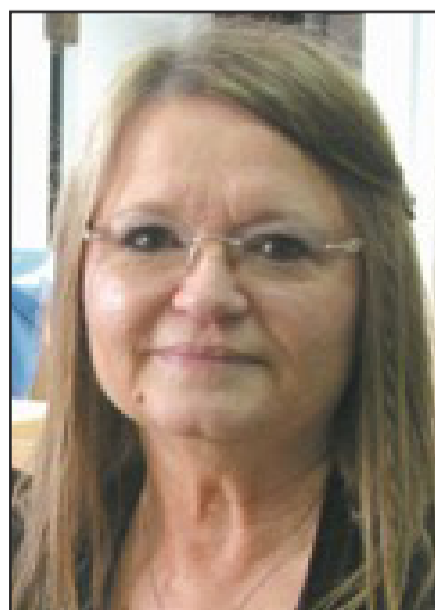
Ben E. Keith 20 years CDL Driver and food service delivery.

Okmulgee County District #3 - CDL Truck Driver 1 1/2 years road foreman
Elected Okmulgee Commissioner 11 months as of date 11 months of service.

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No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony?
No

County Treasurer

Vonna Jo Lampkiins



Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Beggs
Current Town: Beggs
Education: Oral Roberts University

majoring in Business Administration and Elementary Education
Age: 70

Candidate Background:

I graduated from Beggs High School in 1969 and attended Oral Roberts University, majoring in Business Administration and Elementary Education.

I have 29 years proven experience in the Treasurer's office with a total of 31 years in County Government. Triple Certified by OSU courses and attend OSU "Continuing Hours" courses to maintain certification. These courses keep me and the office staff up to date on the Oklahoma Statutes and Guidelines that we must follow.

I am a member of County Officers and Deputies Association; served on OSU Treasurer's Educational Training Advisory Board and also the Board for

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the N.E. District County Treasurer's Association.

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgements? No

2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

There are a lot of misconceptions about the treasurer being the one who calculates the amount of taxes on properties here in Okmulgee County. The Assessor's Field Deputies go out and assess the properties. The Assessor applies a formula to each property and that amount is rolled to the Treasurer's com-

puter program that will create the dollar amount to be collected. Tax collections are based on several things and one of them is the amount of levies approved for collections taken from each School District's Budget along with other budgets within the county. These budgets are filed each year with the state and following a (15) day protest period then the treasurer begins the preparation of tax statement to be mailed out for collection. The Treasurer does not have the "Authority" to lower the tax amount on anyone's property.

There are a lot of duties to perform on a daily basis as Treasurer for Okmulgee County and I will continue to do these as I try to get out and meet as many of my constituents between now and the November 8, 2022, General Election.

I am the "Most Qualified" candidate running for the office of County Treasurer.

Okmulgee County Precincts

560002

St. Matthew Baptist Church
1001 E. Chicago, Okmulgee 74447

560007

Town & Country Christian Church
1160 E. 36th St, Okmulgee 74447

560008

Second Baptist Church
1003 N. Alabama Ave, Okmulgee 74447

560009

OSU Tech Student Union
1801 E. 4th St, Okmulgee 74447

560010

Okmulgee Community Center
1201 W. 7th St, Okmulgee 74447

560011

Calvary Baptist Church
1327 E. 13th St, Okmulgee 74447

560013

Dewar Town Hall
107 N. Broadway St, Dewar 74431

560014

United Pentecostal Church
406 E. Spruce St, Henryetta 74437

560015

Henryetta City Hall
115 S. 4th St, Henryetta 74437

560016

Henryetta Housing Authority
1708 W. Ragan St, Henryetta 74437

560018

1st Methodist Church
1212 S. Lake Rd, Henryetta 74437

560019

St. Michaels Church
1004 W. Gentry St, Henryetta 74437

560020

Beggs City Hall
108 N. Broadway St, Beggs 74421

560021

Grayson Community Center
24160 Martin Luther King,
Henryetta 74437

560026

Morris Community Center
400 S. Hughes Ave, Morris 74445

560027

Twin Hill Baptist Church
20200 Highway 16, Okmulgee 74447

560028

Crossroads Baptist Church
6962 Happy Camp Rd, Beggs 74421

560029

Sonrise Community Church
2980 N. 250 Rd, Beggs 74421

560031

Nuyaka First Baptist Church
2940 Lincoln Rd, Okmulgee 74447

560032

County Fair Ground
1901 N. Oklahoma Ave, Okmulgee 74447

560033

Preston School
10165 Pringey Ave, Preston 74456

560034

Liberty Baptist Church
23570 Liberty Rd, Morris 74445

560035

Schulter Community Center
13450 Fern St, Schulter 74460

560036

Clearview Baptist Church
16950 Loop 56, Okmulgee 74447

560038

Wilson School
8867 Chestnut Rd, Henryetta 74437



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CITY OF OKMULGEE

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 Correct  Incorrect

PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION
An ordinance granting to Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) the right, privilege and non-exclusive franchise for twenty-five years to build, equip, maintain, extend, own, and operate a system for the manufacture, transmission, distribution, sale and control of electricity and communications circuits for itself and others in, under, over, across, through and along any and all of the present and future streets, alleys, avenues, ways and other public places and grounds within the limits of the City of Okmulgee, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma; and granting PSO the right to operate an electric business pursuant to reasonable rules and regulation by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission; with PSO agreeing to charge legal rates for the electric service; and, if possible, to sell and deliver to the City all electricity and services requested by it; providing for payment to the City by PSO of a monthly fee on gross receipts from the delivery and sale of electricity; and providing for the repeal of conflicting ordinances; and declaring an emergency.

Shall the proposed ordinance be approved?
 FOR THE PROPOSITION - YES
 AGAINST THE PROPOSITION - NO

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All registered voters in precincts 02, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 31, 32, 33, and 36 of Okmulgee County will vote on this ballot for the general election November 8.

Local newspapers are the most trusted information source*




Using a 10-point scale (with 10 being the "highest"), when it comes to learning about candidates for public office, local newspapers are rated 7.38, higher than TV stations (6.45), radio (5.58), political mailings (4.63) or social media platforms (2.65)

*Based on a March 2022 survey of 1,000 adults from rural and urban communities across the U.S. conducted by Susquehanna Polling and Research Inc., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the National Newspaper Association and NNA Foundation of Pensacola, Florida, studying news and information consumption habits and opinion of public notices and advertising.

NEWSPAPER READERS ARE VOTERS

A combined 96% of readers of local newspapers specifically say THEY PLAN TO VOTE THIS NOVEMBER - either "very" or "somewhat" likely.*



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STRAIGHT PARTY
A straight party vote is a vote for all candidates of that party in partisan races.

STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING
(Vote for One)

LIBERTARIAN 

REPUBLICAN 

DEMOCRATIC 

STATE OFFICERS

FOR GOVERNOR
(Vote for One)

NATALIE BRUNO
LIBERTARIAN

KEVIN STITT
REPUBLICAN

JOY HOFMEISTER
DEMOCRAT

ERVIN STONE YEN
INDEPENDENT

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
(Vote for One)

CHRIS POWELL
LIBERTARIAN

MATT PINNELL
REPUBLICAN

MELINDA L. ALIZADEH-FARD
DEMOCRAT

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
(Vote for One)

LYNDA STEELE
LIBERTARIAN

GENTNER F. DRUMMOND
REPUBLICAN

FOR STATE TREASURER
(Vote for One)

GREGORY J. SADLER
LIBERTARIAN

TODD RUSS
REPUBLICAN

CHARLES DE COUNE
DEMOCRAT

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
(Vote for One)

RYAN WALTERS
REPUBLICAN

JENA NELSON
DEMOCRAT

FOR COMMISSIONER OF LABOR
(Vote for One)

WILL DAUGHERTY
LIBERTARIAN

LESLIE KATHRYN OSBORN
REPUBLICAN

JACK HENDERSON
DEMOCRAT

FOR CORPORATION COMMISSIONER
(Vote for One)

KIM DAVID
REPUBLICAN

MARGARET WARIGIA BOWMAN
DEMOCRAT

DON UNDERWOOD
INDEPENDENT

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICERS

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR
(Vote for One)

KENNETH D. BLEVINS
LIBERTARIAN

JAMES LANKFORD
REPUBLICAN

MADISON HORN
DEMOCRAT

MICHAEL L. DELANEY
INDEPENDENT

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (UNEXPIRED TERM)
(Vote for One)

ROBERT MURPHY
LIBERTARIAN

MARKWAYNE MULLIN
REPUBLICAN

KENDRA HORN
DEMOCRAT

RAY WOODS
INDEPENDENT

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 02
(Vote for One)

JOSH BRECHEEN
REPUBLICAN

NAOMI ANDREWS
DEMOCRAT

BULLDOG BEN ROBINSON
INDEPENDENT

LEGISLATIVE, DISTRICT, AND COUNTY OFFICERS

FOR COUNTY TREASURER
(Vote for One)

LINDSAY BUNCH
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VONNA LAMPKINS
DEMOCRAT

JUDICIAL RETENTION
Vote separately on each justice or judge; they are not running against each other.

JUSTICES OF THE OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT

SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 2
Shall DUSTIN P. ROWE of the OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT be retained in office?

YES

NO

SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 5
Shall JAMES R. WINCHESTER of the OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT be retained in office?

YES

NO

SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 6
Shall DANA KUEHN of the OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT be retained in office?

YES

NO

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SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 8
Shall DOUGLAS L. COMBS of the OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT be retained in office?

YES

NO

JUDGES OF THE OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 1 - OFFICE 1
Shall STACIE L. HIXON of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS be retained in office?

YES

NO

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 3 - OFFICE 1
Shall GREGORY C. BLACKWELL of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS be retained in office?

YES

NO

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 3 - OFFICE 2
Shall JOHN F. FISCHER of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS be retained in office?

YES

NO

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 4 - OFFICE 1
Shall BARBARA G. SWINTON of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS be retained in office?

YES

NO

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 5 - OFFICE 1
Shall THOMAS E. PRINCE of the OKLAHOMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS be retained in office?

YES

NO

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LIBERTARIAN

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REPUBLICAN

KENDRA HORN
DEMOCRAT

RAY WOODS
INDEPENDENT

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 02
(Vote for One)

JOSH BRECHEEN
REPUBLICAN

NAOMI ANDREWS
DEMOCRAT

BULLDOG BEN ROBINSON
INDEPENDENT

LEGISLATIVE, DISTRICT, AND COUNTY OFFICERS

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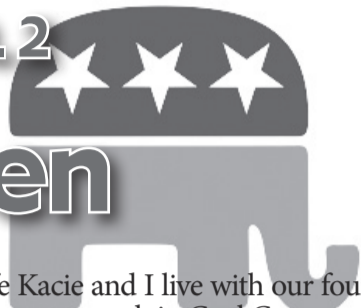
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U.S. Representative, Dist. 2

Josh Brecheen



My wife Kacie and I live with our four children on our ranch in Coal County.

I self-term-limited in the Oklahoma State Senate, where I stood strong against tax increases, debt, wasteful spending and I led the fight against Common Core in our schools. Like my mentor, Dr. Coburn, I kept my term-limit pledge and prioritized principle over politics. I don't and won't play political games. I will confront them.

Winning elections means nothing if we lose our nation.

We the People must demand virtue in D.C. again. We can restore our nation but only if we elect leaders who practice self-restraint over selfish gain, and value character over careerism. We need promise keepers not power seekers."

Information found on: <https://joshbrecheen.com/>

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Drain the swamp - The federal government has evolved beyond anything the founders of our nation intended or even imagined. We must reduce Washington's influence in our daily lives. The most effective way to do that is to pass term limits on Members of Congress.

2. Politics - The last thing we need to do is send another politician to Washington. We need statesmen who put the national interest above self interest. The most effective solution to eliminate corruption in Washington D.C. is to enact term limits. I honored my term limits pledge when I served in the State Senate and will do so again.

3. Term Limits - We must enact term limits. I honored my term limits pledge when I served in the State Senate and will do so again. If elected, I will serve no more than four terms in the House Of Representatives.

Editor's Note: Josh Brecheen was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Republican
Education: Oklahoma State University
Age: 42

Candidate Background: "I'm a 4th generation rancher. I'm a committed Christian, a husband, father and I've operated a small heavy equipment and trucking business. I grew up learning the value of hard work cleaning horse stalls, breaking colts, and hauling square bales. I served as state president of the Oklahoma FFA Association and graduated from OSU. I was fortunate to serve Sen. Tom Coburn as his Field Representative to Southeastern OK.

U.S. Representative, Dist. 2

Naomi Andrews



mental healthcare and a living wage.

Candidate Background: Andrews is the only Democrat in the race. She is the CD1 vice-chairwoman for the state Democratic Party. She has spent her career in communications and currently works as the director of marketing and development for the Kingsley-Kleimann Group and executive director for the Center for Plain Language.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Focus on finding common ground for the common good.

2. Foster a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

3. Make the legislative process easier for everyday citizens to follow.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Clean water shouldn't be political. Our health, land, and way of life depend on our access to it.

2. Minimum wage should be a living wage. Oklahomans work too hard to struggle so much.

3. Honor the treaties. Respect tribal sovereignty. Federally recognize all tribes who desire recognition.

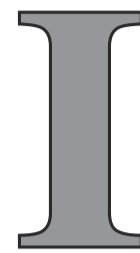
Editor's Note: Naomi Andrews was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Elk Beggs
Current Town: Tulsa
Educational: Studied communication and psychology, nationally recognized speaker winning more than 150 awards speaking out for education,

U.S. Representative, Dist. 2

Ben 'Bulldog'

Robinson



candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Independent
Hometown: Muskogee
Current town: Muskogee
Education: Boonville, Missouri High School-Kemper Military School AA-University Of Missouri-BS-(Business Administration)
Age: 88

Candidate Background: Robinson is a former legislator who served in the Oklahoma Senate from 1989-2004, before being forced to retire by new term-limit restrictions.

Employment experience: Auto Dealership 1956-62, Insurance 1962-67; Started Data Processing Company 1967-78 (Kansas City); Muskogee and Tahlequah Insurance agency 1971-2012; Congressman Boren's office 2005-12; American Bank of Oklahoma 2012/to date.

Offices held: Elected City Treasurer-Boonville Missouri, 1958 and 1960; elected State Senate District 1999, 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000.

Editor's Note: Ben 'Bulldog' Robinson was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the

U.S. Senator (Unexpired Term)

Robert Murphy



Revolution is in the air. People are angry and frustrated. They're angry at the lockdowns that devastated the economy. They're angry at the government for constant stories of incompetence and corruption. They're frustrated that their wages don't keep up with inflation. They can't fill their gas tanks. They can't feed their families. They can't pay their rent. Many seem to be consumed by an explosive mixture of fear and rage.

He says we need a Libertarian Revolution through the ballot box - a political revolution driven by voters who are tired of wealth inequality, endless wars, and political corruption; voters who realize that the path to liberty, peace, and prosperity depends on individual liberty, property rights, and the rule of law. For too long, our national social policies, economic policies, and foreign policies have been influenced and controlled by bureaucratic experts who don't suffer for their mistakes. We must work to dismantle the complex legal structure that allows the banking system, the military/industrial/congressional complex, the corporate giants, and the main-stream media to control so much of our daily lives.

Freedom is the genius of American civilization. Other great nations have been born in conquest. Ours began with the Declaration of Independence and the enshrining of the idea of the natural rights of man. It was founded, not on the power of the State, but on the liberty of the individual. That principle of individual liberty has had its good days and its bad days in the United States; it's been denied to many groups of people for far too long. But the ideal has always survived. It is our answer and our hope.

Editor's Note: Robert Murphy was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Libertarian
Current Town: Norman
Education: Attended, University of Oklahoma, 1988. Attended College of Engineering, San Diego State University, 1972-1972.
Age: 74

Candidate Background: Robert Murphy was born in Detroit, Mich.1 Murphy served in the United States Marine Corps from 1965 to 1968. His career experience includes working in installation and maintenance of security systems with the University of Oklahoma and as a telecom manager with IBM, a carpenter, a mechanic, and a data technician.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Federal Encroachment.
2. Tribal Relations.
3. Drug Policy.



U.S. Senator (Unexpired Term)

Markwayne Mullin



House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Intelligence, Modernization, and Readiness and as a member of the Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Warfighter Support and the Subcommittee on Strategic Technologies and Advanced Research. Additionally, Mullin is a member of a number of caucuses, and is a co-chair of the House Energy Action Team (HEAT) and the Innovation Caucus.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Freedom of speech.
2. The right to life.
3. Second Amendment.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. The U.S. Constitution is clear that we should have a strong, national defense. Our men and women in the military protect us and our freedoms, allowing America to remain a leader of the free world and a beacon of hope. In order to keep us from falling behind other world powers, and to be prepared for emerging threats, we must continue to make investments in not only the most advanced equipment and technology, but also in the very people that choose to put on the uniform every day.

2. I believe in local control for our school districts. While in Congress, I have helped pass legislation freeing our state from being forced to adhere to ineffective federal standards like Common Core. The federal government has no business creating education standards that have a one-size-fits-all policy. These decisions should be made by the state. I believe that local school boards, parents, teachers and administrators have the best interests of our children at heart.

3. I have fought for policies that preserve and grow Oklahoma's energy jobs and assure our families can afford to keep their lights on. Oklahoma is an energy-rich state and I will make sure our priorities are included in the comprehensive U.S. energy agenda. I will continue working to strengthen our economy by modernizing our infrastructure to keep pace with new resources, removing current barriers on energy production, and working to make America energy independent. It is important that we are able to create new jobs, lower fuel prices, and increase economic activity.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Eastern Oklahoma in particular.

The private sector is the engine that drives our economy and creates real jobs and opportunity. As a business owner, I know that for many businesses it is a daily struggle just to keep the doors open. I have first-hand experience with the challenges of running businesses in this burdensome regulatory environment.

In order to do this the federal government must rein in spending, reform the tax code, and end the heavy-handed regulations that are making it harder for the private sector to create the real jobs this country desperately needs.

Editor's Note: Markwayne Mullin was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Republican

Hometown: Westville

Current Town: Westville

Education: Graduate of Stilwell High School. Attended Missouri Valley College in 1996, earned his associates from Oklahoma University Institute of Technology

Age: 44

Candidate Background: Congressman Markwayne Mullin was first elected to serve the people of Oklahoma's Second Congressional District in 2012. He is currently serving his fifth term in office.

Mullin and his wife Christie have been married since 1997 and have six children. They reside on their ranch in Westville, which includes the original allotment land his family received as Cherokees. They are members of the Assembly of God Church.

Mullin attended Missouri Valley College on a wrestling scholarship. Shortly after, Mullin's father fell ill and the family's plumbing company encountered financial troubles. Mullin left college to return home and take over his family's business, forgoing his wrestling scholarship and education.

He and his wife founded multiple successful companies including Mullin Plumbing, Mullin Environmental, Mullin Services, Mullin Properties, and Rowan's Steakhouse to name a few. As one of the few business owners in Congress, Mullin brings the business perspective into the national debate on many issues directly impacting Oklahoma's thousands of small businesses.

In 2010, he completed his education and received his degree in Applied Science in Construction Technology from Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology. Additionally, he received an honorary doctorate degree from Bacone College in 2018.

He currently serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, including the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, Subcommittee on Health, and on Environment and Climate Change. Mullin also serves on the

with a campaign that many considered a moonshot. In an R +11 district held by Republicans for 44 years, she led an insurgent campaign focused on connecting with voters on issues such as health care and education. With her election to Oklahoma's 5th Congressional District, she became the first Democratic woman to represent Oklahoma in Congress.

She was an active member of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, and had 25 bills signed into law by President Trump.

In Congress, Horn served on the House Armed Services Committee where she was the Vice Chair of the Strategic Forces subcommittee, focusing on strategic and nuclear arms control, nonproliferation, nuclear safety, missile defense, and national security space policy. She also played a leading role in improving housing conditions for our service members and their families through the Tenant's Bill of Rights and the Military HOMES Act, and served as a conferee for the National Defense Authorization Acts in 2019 and 2020.

As Chair of the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee for the Science Space and Technology Committee she led oversight for NASA.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. To provide effective and efficient constituent services, including veterans benefits, Social Security, medicare, disability, pandemic unemployment benefits, and support for businesses.

2. To increase gun safety, reduce violence, and protect the 2nd Amendment rights of law-abiding gun owners. We can do this if we elect leaders willing to act.

3. I believe in public service and I'm committed to building bridges, speaking truth to power, and finding solutions to problems.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Healthcare.
2. Education.

3. To create connection, affect change, and bring people with differing backgrounds and opinions together.

U.S. Senator (Unexpired Term)

Ray Woods



Candidate Background: Woods is proposing a "Reboot Amendment." The proposed amendment would give each state one year to pass legislation to bring the government of issues — like the health care system, Medicare or Social Security — back to the state, and would void laws passed by Congress.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. The healthcare system. We've let the insurance companies and the pharmaceutical companies control things to the point to where we've really got a third world health care system.

2. Education. It's unbelievable the number of people that have this big debt thrown upon their shoulders, and sometimes it lasts throughout their working career, because they just can't make enough to pay it off," Woods said. "It shouldn't be that way. I mean, we're a rich enough country that we should be able to give people that want an education a full education, which includes, I think, throughout college

3. The Petrodollar is in a bind. Russia, China, India, Brazil, these countries are not trading their oil in dollars anymore. And, once that happens, we're not going to have control of the oil market.

Editor's Note: Ray Woods was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Independent

Hometown: Enid

Current Town: Cleo Springs

U.S. Senator

Kenneth D. Blevins



Candidate Background: Kenneth Blevins is a welder and pipefitter from Tulsa. He is a proud Cowboy and alumni of Oklahoma State University. He started his schooling at Tulsa Community College, saving money and completing his associates degrees before continuing to OSU to obtain his degree in athletic training. Post-graduation, he found rewarding and gainful employment as a welder. He understands the needs of the most: the average working American providing for their family. He advocates for (and works for) the local family-owned businesses that characterize our nation. Though he only registered as a Libertarian six years ago, Blevins has always believed in the most basic principles of liberty—the ones our founding fathers sought to protect through the Constitution. He knows the role of a representative and statesmen is first and foremost one of protection: protecting the individual from local, state, and federal government infringement.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Supporting and protecting the 2nd Amendment.
2. Limiting frivolous government spending.
3. Veterans and service members.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma?

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U.S. Senator (Unexpired Term)

Kendra Horn



tionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Democrat

Hometown: Chickasha

Education: BA in Political Science from the University of Tulsa and a JD from SMU Dedman School of Law in Dallas, Texas.

Candidate Background: Kendra Horn is a fifth generation Oklahoman. Her parents taught her the importance of investing in people and serving her community.

In 2018, Horn won the biggest upset victory of the midterm election cycle

Editor's Note: Kendra Horn was unable to respond to the ques-

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How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Government transparency. Through strategic management and citizen interaction, I will make the intentions of policies well-known. As soon as citizens can tell their elected representatives how to vote to best represent them, they can hold elected officials accountable for their voting record. The legalese of bills introduced to Congress is no mistake—corrupt politicians use this to sneak cloaked clauses into otherwise seemingly innocuous legislation. It is the aim of true statesmen, like Kenneth Blevins, to lift the veil and make known what measures are being presented to and voted on by legislators.

2. De-schedule marijuana. If the number of successful, functioning dispensaries in the state of Oklahoma hasn't convinced you that marijuana is the medicine of the people, then nothing will. I proudly supports the rights of Oklahomans, as Americans, to medicate as they see fit. I will continue to support the rights of Americans to choose their medicine and have that choice be protected by the federal government—not penalized

3. Term limits. Americans have heard too many promises about clearing the stagnant waters of Washington D.C. The only way to clean our capital is to limit the time that these career politicians can occupy their cushy seats on Capitol Hill! As senator, I will seek to change the policies that keep legislators in office and living off the tax-payer indefinitely.

U.S. Senator

James Lankford



Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Oklahoma City
Current Town: Oklahoma City
Age: 54

Candidate Background: 22 years in Youth Ministry / Director of the Falls Creek Youth Camp, four years US House of Representatives.

My wife, Cindy, and I have been married for 30 years and together we have two adult daughters.

I am focused on solving our nation's challenges and improving the lives of all Americans.

Please answer the following questions

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. I'm proud to represent the people of Oklahoma and Oklahoma values by doing the right thing, the right way. We are a Conservative state, but we also strongly believe that we should live our values as we work on the issues that make our nation strong.

2. We must secure our nation and protect the liberties we have as Americans.

3. Families are the bedrock of our nation. If we do not have strong families, we will always struggle as a nation. The Federal Government has an important Constitutional role, but our families, our churches and non-profits, our businesses and our communities are the strength of our nation.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Economy - inflation, gas prices, debt Federal spending and federal regulations are out of control. Government's

heavy hand is driving inflation which is killing our families. My work to bring sanity to our economy and government spending has earned the endorsement of the American Conservative Union.

America has ample energy, but the Biden Administration is obsessed with unrealistic energy goals that drive up the cost of energy for every American and make our nation weaker on the world stage. We must secure our nation and our future by promoting American energy dominance. It is time to promote developing America's energy to bring down the cost of everything.

2. Securing the border

I have stood side by side with our federal law enforcement at the border and spoken out clearly for the practical solutions that will protect our nation from the flood of illegal drugs and human trafficking. It's past time to finish the border wall and enforce our nation's immigration laws. My work of standing strong to secure our border has earned the rare endorsement of the National Border Patrol Council.

3. Education - Parental rights

Every child is precious. The right to life is the most basic of all rights. Like most parents in Oklahoma, Cindy and I believe that it is our responsibility to raise well equipped and godly kids. We are grateful for the many excellent teachers and administrators who were a part of our daughter's lives, but we know the parents have the ultimate responsibility. Curriculum, standards and all other education choices, including protecting women in sports, should not be determined by the preferences of a Washington, DC bureaucrat, it should be determined by parents.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Eastern Oklahoma in particular.

Government does have a responsibility to make sure we have quality roads, inland waterways, basic infrastructure and national defense. Our communities, businesses and schools will not reach their potential if we do not have broadband access, access to quality healthcare, safe communities or strong values. Family farming and small business entrepreneurs should be honored in our communities.

A healthy economy starts with a healthy family and a home that prepares each person for work. We are a nation that honors work. If we don't have workers, we don't have an economy or a future. We must put policies in place that encourages work, not government benefits. Government can discourage a growing economy by enforcing too many regulations, creating too high taxes or paying people not to work.

U.S. Senator

Madison Horn



Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Stilwell
Current Town: Oklahoma
Age: 32

Candidate Background: Born in a small farm town in Oklahoma, Madison has built a career within cybersecurity as a respected and trusted servant-leader. She has worked her way from a place where 68% of women are unemployed, with limited access to technology, to being a global cybersecurity leader with a decade of experience. Madison prides herself on her scrappy, resourceful approach to leadership that has been cultivated over the years by beating the odds. Only 13% of children living in poverty escape it, and within cybersecurity, only 7% of women make it into leadership positions, and less than 1% lead global practices. Madison has beat these odds and is confident about her ability to continue shattering expectations.

Growing up, Madison worked multiple jobs, from working on the family farm to waitressing to tutoring. Madison developed a strong work ethic and passion for service very early, with a knack for being authentic and compassionate. When presented with an entry-level job at a small cybersecurity firm, Madison accepted the offer and quickly ascended the ranks and became well-versed in cybersecurity. Armed with confidence as a strategic thinker and an unmatched ability to gain trust with individuals, Madison quickly became a valuable asset to her colleagues and leadership.

Over a decade, Madison has built a career as a cybersecurity leader, working to defend American interests while understanding the demands of globalization and geopolitics necessary to effectively defend against foreign adversaries, nation-states, and terrorist organizations. She has worked within both the startup ecosystem and global organizations. Madison has consistently served as a catalyst leader with an entrepreneurial spirit removing barriers to effectively build, expand, and deliver elite cybersecurity capabilities, including ethical hacking, breach response, risk and threat management, security strategy, and cyber-technology. Such cybersecurity capabilities she has provided to a global clientele base, working at all levels across the private sector spanning from telecommunications, banking, media, manufacturing, and tech, with a heightened concentration on critical infrastructure. This unique mastership has allowed her to play a unique hybrid role outside of her regular duties within the private sector, from teaching and influencing educational curriculum to advising on the development of global cybersecurity standards and regulations alongside government agencies. These extracurricular opportunities have occurred as a direct response to Madison's level of technical expertise, business acumen, interpersonal skills, and her dedication in navigating the matrix of complexities inherent in tackling difficult tasks.

In the world of cybersecurity, which can be very intense and highly technical, Madison comes well equipped with the soft people skills to build and lead complex teams of various personalities and abilities. She has frequently found herself one of the only women in the room throughout her career. In working her way up the corporate ladder, Madison became an advocate for diversifying the cybersecurity field and a leader in her company for pushing for a more inclusive future. She became involved as a dedicated mentor for women through various organizations, focusing on youth from under-resourced communities like herself. Sharing her story with individuals, being honest about her struggles, and helping others find their purpose have been some of the most rewarding experi-

ences within her career.

Madison understands firsthand the difference that access to opportunities, effective leadership, and strong community support can make in people's lives. Motivated by her resilience and relentless optimism for a better future, Madison is committed to working towards creating a more secure future for all Americans that embraces both the rural heartland and urban communities. Madison's decision to run for office was born out of grave disappointment in our current political leaders and the current political landscape. Servant leaders with forward-looking experience in technology and a keen understanding of the problems of today and the future are few and far between. However, Madison knows the perspective she has gained both personally and professionally will bring something new to the political scene - something she hopes won't end with her election. To restore trust in our government, faith in our democracy, and hope for the future, it is critical to have more leaders in government like Madison with the life experiences everyday Americans can relate to, and the skills to understand the risks and opportunities ahead. Nothing in Madison's life has come to her without a fight, and she is prepared to do just that in the upcoming election.

Please answer the following questions

1. Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments? No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Expanding economic opportunity by bringing a variety of lasting jobs and workforce development opportunities to Oklahomans, while supporting small businesses and addressing regulations that hinder growth and job opportunities, and prioritizing immediate solutions to bring price relief to Oklahomans.

2. Strengthening our education system and supporting our teachers to invest in the promise of our future generations and create opportunities for Oklahoma's children. This must be a primary focus of our leaders, and will be a primary focus of mine as your Senator.

3. Building bridges and advocating for rural and urban communities to make sure all Oklahomans' voices are heard and engaged through bipartisan coordination. We must all be at the table and heard.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Inflation- We have just lived through two horrific years in a global pandemic. Nations across the world had to instantly cope with business closures, demolished supply chains, and social unrest. Oklahoma, like all states, is experiencing the economic aftershocks of this worldwide earthquake. From fertilizer and gas all the way to the grocery store and to electricity, the pain inflation is causing has hit Oklahomans hard, especially our marginalized communities and farmers. Many of them are reporting their lowest earnings ever. This has caused many small businesses, farms, and even larger manufacturing plants to have to close shops, severely alter their budgets, or lay off hardworking employees who have been there for years. The complaint is the same across the board: everyone feels utterly at the mercy of events out of their control. What Oklahomans want and need more than anything right now is someone who understands, is willing to roll up their sleeves, like they do every morning, and prioritize immediate solutions to bring price relief. I will not politicize a global issue, but instead will work with individuals and companies up and down the supply chain to ensure our state thrives in a challenging economic environment.

2. Rural Access - Our rural communities have endured a shortage of services for decades, something I have experienced firsthand. Oklahoma is one of the highest states without Health Insurance coverage. This fact, coupled with the lack of adequate rural healthcare facilities, have wreaked havoc on both the wallets and the health of rural Oklahomans. Tackling these challenges for our rural communities will involve expanding access to health and human services, promoting price-lowering competition in the prescription drug market, mod-

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erning and expanding telemedicine options, and a host of other initiatives designed to bring opportunity to communities that have been all but forgotten in Washington. Not only are Health Services underfunded, but our schools are as well. I understand the importance of preparing the next generation to carry the torch. As important as our children are, our government seems to disagree on even the most basic of policies to support their growth. It must be understood that it is possible to increase funding to schools without increasing taxes on hard working Americans. Supporting future generations means investing in early childhood education, empowering teachers to take charge of their classrooms, investing in modernizing our education system while expanding vocational programs and ensuring our children are equipped with the skills they need to succeed in a modern and digital age. All of this and more will be required to both re-energize our economy and to be global leaders again in our industries. Many opportunities await us, but we must take action to seize them. From lack of broadband access to a shortage of supplies, our schools in rural Oklahoma are suffering the brunt of our lack of support. Supporting our rural classrooms should be one of the top priorities for our leaders. As your Senator, it will be one of mine.

3. Employment- The coming years will bring rapid economic and technological changes to our country and our state. We must bring everyone along with us as we expand our economy. This includes advocating for workers, providing liveable wages, forward-looking workforce development, and supporting small businesses and farms. Whether living in the rural heartland or a major city, all Americans should have the opportunity to be successful and make a future for themselves and their families. America has fallen behind in its standing on the world stage as an innovator. For Oklahomans in

rural areas, the opportunity is on the horizon for hundreds of employers to bring the jobs of the future to our State, and for Oklahomans to take point in leading these industries towards the future and reenergizing our American economy. To usher in this era of change, it is important for our leaders to be flexible in reevaluating regulations and ensure businesses who come here are able to take full advantage of the economic opportunities Oklahoma and Okies provide.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Eastern Oklahoma in particular.

Eastern Oklahoma presents a unique challenge and opportunity to greatly expand our state's economic capabilities. Our state stands as one of a few competitors for the future of energy in our country. From hydrogen to solar, millions of dollars have already been appropriated by congress to diversify our energy supplies in our country. I will work to ensure that companies coming into our state bring economic opportunity and are not hindered by overregulation. My goal will be to leverage my position as your U.S. Senator to ensure everyone who has a voice in Oklahoma is brought to the table concerning the rapid economic change happening. This includes all Oklahomans, including our tribes who must be major investors in the region. Since 2006, our state has seen billions of dollars re-invested into our communities, because of the hard work our Native American Nations are doing here. Many local entrepreneurs have expressed great interest in reinvesting in our rural areas. It will take the hard work of all Oklahomans to tackle the coming economic challenges, and my background has prepared me to help push discussions forward. The world economy and the supply chain are both undergoing a rapid change and remain highly volatile. We have a unique opportunity here in Oklahoma to proactively invest in our state by preparing ourselves to be global leaders in energy, technology, health, and a host of other services.

U.S. Senator

Michael L. Delaney



Political Party: Independent
Hometown: Born in Utica, N.Y.
Current Town: Little Axe

Candidate Background: I am a Progressive and an Independent voter. I am a software designer, engineer, database designer and programmer. I currently raise my young daughter and support my wife's business in Norman. I have traveled for work in Japan, Germany, the Netherlands, Puerto Rico, Korea, Canada as well as most states in the USA. I've spent many years hoping Oklahoma would evolve into a more modern state that appreciates the changes that are happening in the world and adapting to them. It isn't happening. We need new public servants who believe in Honesty, Hard Work and Fairness.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Climate. Climate will have a cascading effect on most everything we, as a society, take for granted. Let's dive into Oklahoma. Climate change is real. The fossil fuel industry will be going through reorganization. These are facts. We need

to accelerate this, not hinder it. We need electric vehicles, wind, solar, and battery infrastructure built now. It is estimated there are nine times the employment opportunities for renewable energies than in fossil fuel energies.

2. Public education and the assault on public faculty, staff, boards, and librarians.

3. The rights, legacy agreements and promises to our indigenous citizen brothers and sisters. Let us not forget the other marginalized peoples who are very much our equals in society. Whatever one's perception of LGBTQ+ is, understand that they have existed as long as humans have been on this Earth.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

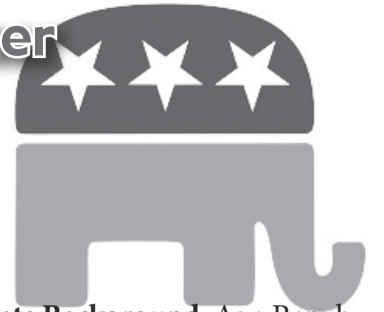
1. Minimum wage increase to \$15 an hour. About 14 % of Oklahomans are living below the federal poverty line.

2. Energy, oil and water. Wean Oklahoma off of the fossil fuel teat as their mythical "only" means of economic survival. Until we do that we cannot make progress. At the Federal level I will work with Indigenous people to build a national service renewable energy utility project across Native Lands. The generating and storing of power is getting more and more available technologically and financially. Included in this build-out on Native lands, owned by Native Peoples, will be transmission technology to provide neighboring cities and states to broker power.

3. Public transportation. Not just local. A planned renewable infrastructure that present and future renewable transportation services could be integrated. Self driving buses, trains, ????. Integrating renewables into all new construction would greatly reduce the costs of utilities for poorer populations.

Corporation Commissioner

Kim David



Editor's Note: Kim David was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Republican
Current Town: Porter
Age: 61

Candidate Background: As a Republican leader in the Senate, Kim recently helped lead one of the body's most conservative legislative agendas in the history of Oklahoma, which was then signed by Governor Stitt.

A historic figure in Oklahoma politics, Kim is the first woman since statehood to be named majority leader of the Oklahoma State Senate.

She is also the first woman to chair the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the first Republican woman to serve as majority whip.

Kim owns and operates a small business that manages properties and is well-versed in issues impacting small businesses. She previously worked in petroleum marketing both nationally and internationally before turning her attention to raising a family.

Kim is a native Oklahoman. Her husband, Dan, is a retired federal law enforcement officer. Her daughter is an officer in the Oklahoma Air National Guard, and her son served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Kim is a proud grandmother to three grandsons.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Geology at Oklahoma State University.

Corporation Commissioner

Margaret Warigia



Bowman



Editor's Note: Margaret Warigia Bowman was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Tulsa
Education: Law degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1994. Ph.D. from Harvard University in 2009.

Candidate Background: Extensive law and policy experience in local, state and federal government, as well as in the non-profit sector. An honors graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, served as an Honors Trial Attorney in the Environmental and Natural Resources Division of the US Department of Justice. A doctorate from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

Message: We need a responsive Commission that ensures fair utility prices for consumers. Also, a modern and efficient grid. We need to conduct a grid audit and ensure that Oklahoma has the latest, most up to date, most efficient, most resilient electric grid in the country. And, we need a diverse energy portfolio. Oklahoma is a leader in oil and gas and wind. Oklahoma should diversify our energy portfolio to make sure that we are a leader in biomass, solar, hydroelectric and geothermal as well.

Corporation Commissioner

Don Underwood



Political Party: Independent
Hometown: Inola
Education: Law degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1994. Ph.D. from Harvard University in 2009.

Candidate Background: Current employment: For the past 9+ years, I've worked for an engineering company (engineering, procurement, construction) conducting and coordinating surveillance for the fabrication of equipment to support oil & gas, electric power, and transportation & distribution.

Past Experience: 30 + years of experience supporting construction, maintenance, and operation, of Oil & Gas and Electric Power facilities (Gas Fired, Oil Fired, Coal Fired, Nuclear, Hydroelectric, and other). I have actually worked in these industries.

Message: I do not like having to pay higher costs for fueling our electric plants. I would prefer to burn more coal or procure power produced by nuclear plants (or other lower cost facilities) to keep our electric costs lower. My hope is that we will not encounter a repeat of this problem during the upcoming winter.

Editor's Note: Don Underwood-Bowman was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.



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Will Daugherty



candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Libertarian
Hometown: Yukon
Current Town: Sand Springs

Candidate Background: The current chair of the Oklahoma Libertarian Party. Prior to his election as interim Chair, he was the affiliate's Legislative At-Large Representative, where he not only represented the OKLP membership, but worked with the State Chair on legislative matters of interest to the Party. He also served as the District 2 Coordinator for the Oklahoma County Libertarian party affiliate from 2021 to 2022. Will has spoken at numerous rallies and protests on topics such as criminal justice reform, cannabis freedom, and in opposition to mask mandates. He works on the OKLP social media team and is largely responsible for its content creation.

Message: Would like to see occupational licensing fees eliminated

Editor's Note: Will Daugherty was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the

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Jack Henderson



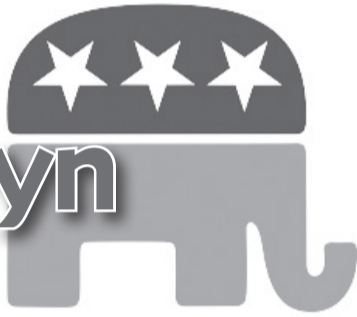
Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Tulsa
Education: Graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1968. Then received two Associates Degrees from Tulsa Junior College, the first being in Industrial Security and the other in Police Science. He later received two degrees from Langston University, a Bachelors Degree in Rehabilitation Services and a Masters Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling

Candidate Background: Former member of the Tulsa City Council. Has served on many boards in Tulsa and held various seats such as: Chairman of Board of Trustees for FBCNT, Chairman of Board of Directors for Jordan Plaza Senior Housing Complex, President of the Tulsa NAACP, Co-Founder of the Tulsa Chapter of 100 Black Men, Board of Directors - Greenwood Chamber of Commerce. Also, Board of Directors - Langston Hughes Academy; Vice-President of North Tulsa Economic Initiative (NTEDI).

Editor's Note: Jack Henderson Bowman was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Commissioner of Labor

Leslie Kathryn Osborn



pendent Businesses;
 Recipient, Legislator of the Year, District Attorneys Council;
 Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma Farm Bureau;
 Recipient, Legislator of the Year, State Chamber of Oklahoma;
 Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Freedom Oklahoma;
 Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma Association for Justice;
 Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation;
 Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma Credit Union Association;
 Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's Office; and
 Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts
 Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma State Dental Association
 Recipient, Legislator of the Year, Oklahoma State Medical Association
 For speaking her mind, she earned the ire of the good ol' boys
 In 2016, she was named the first Republican female chairman of the House Appropriations and Budget Committee. Until she was ousted.

Leslie was pushed from the influential post after she called for real solutions to the budget crisis, and for an end to political pandering. She publicly contradicted party leadership about program and service cuts at the Department of Human Services and got fired.

"Being relieved of my duties as chair only reinforced my desire to fight the good fight for Oklahomans who want to see destructive partisan politics, bickering and pettiness replaced with constructive conversations, fresh ideas and bold initiatives," Leslie says.

"Oklahomans are calling out for leadership, and I intend to answer their call." Leslie has proven she'll take a stand against the good ol' boys and insiders, even when it means standing alone.

Now this mother of two is ready to fight for all Oklahomans as State Labor Commissioner, championing for both small and large businesses and their employees.

"Together we will set a new agenda for strengthening our economy and improving our quality of life," she says.

Editor's Note: Leslie Kathryn Osborn was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Republican
Current Town: Mustang
Age: 58

Candidate Background: Leslie Osborn is no stranger to hard work and tough decisions.

A successful small business owner for more than 22 years, Leslie has been in the trenches of the Oklahoma workplace, solving problems and making things work.

In 2008, she heeded the call to serve the people of District 47, winning election to the Oklahoma House of Representatives. And she has delivered, making state history as the first female to chair the Judiciary Committee where she authored a sweeping workers' compensation reform bill, which lowered costs by more than 30% for Oklahoma businesses. It has been a priority for the business community for decades. Leslie got it done!

Her gutsy work on behalf of Oklahoma families has not gone unnoticed:

Recipient, Guardian of Small Business Award, National Federation of Inde-

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Ryan Walters



tional Quality and Accountability and the State Board of Career and Technology Education.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. CRITICAL RACE THEORY

I believe we as a society should strive to fulfill Martin Luther King Jr's dream of judging people by the content of their character and not by the color of their skin. Unfortunately, a philosophy that teaches the opposite of this principle is infecting our classrooms, and we need to put a stop to it. CRT is a dangerous and racist philosophy, and all it does is divide and characterize entire groups of people solely based on the color of their skin. As superintendent, I promise to advocate for CRT's removal from any curriculum that comes from the State Board of Education.

2. COVID AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

When schools close, the results are detrimental, and our children suffer. That's why from day one as Oklahoma's Secretary of Education, I fought hard to keep schools open. I worked with Governor Stitt on an Executive Order and the Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce on an initiative that allowed government employees and business owners to step in and serve as substitute teachers to alleviate the shortage. We must utilize all the resources we have to keep our children in the classroom.

3. TEACHERS

Every Oklahoma student deserves access to an excellent teacher. As a teacher myself, I know one of the ways we can keep our best teachers is to give them opportunities for promotion while staying in the classroom. A teacher's only pathway to a raise should not be strictly through an administrative position that takes them further away from students. As Secretary of Education, I am working with Governor Stitt and legislative leaders on legislation that would create a pathway for our best teachers to make six-figure salaries. This would allow our excellent teachers to stay in the classroom and empower them to train others around them. We also must break the grip that unions have on our teachers, which hinders our teachers' pay and professional development. As State Superintendent, I will do all I can to lift up our quality teachers and attract and retain the best and brightest to serve our students in every classroom.

Editor's Note: Ryan Walters was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Republican
Hometown: McAlester
Current Town: Edmond
Age: 36

Candidate Background: Ryan Walters taught eight years as a high school history teacher in his hometown at McAlester High School. During his time at MHS, Walters taught Advanced Placement courses in World History, U.S. History and U.S. Government. He also taught on-level history classes, special education classes and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) classes. The Oklahoma State Department of Education named Walters as an Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Finalist in 2016. Ryan is passionate about the students of Oklahoma and advocating for their immediate and long term successes.

Walters serves today as Secretary of Public Education for the State of Oklahoma, and was named Secretary of Public Education by Governor Kevin Stitt in September of 2020. As Secretary of Education, Walters is responsible for various agencies, boards and commissions, including the State Board of Education, College and University Boards of Regents or Trustees, Office of Educa-

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Superintendent of Public Instruction

Jena Nelson



mittee, superintendent's teacher advisory committee, educator quality and diversity advisory committee, NSULA teacher education advisory committee, Deer Creek inclusivity committee, and ICAP (individual career and academic planning) teacher representative.

Goals:

Keeping Public Dollars in our Public Schools

Our kids are not for sale and our schools are not for sale. Jena believes wholeheartedly that our public dollars should remain in our public schools and that all Oklahomans are entitled to a quality education. Taking more money out of our already chronically underfunded public schools will do tremendous harm.

Stopping and Reversing Teacher Flight

Oklahoma is experiencing an unprecedented loss of educators, not just to better paying states, but also to other professions. Jena's top priority will be ending and reversing teacher flight by paying these professionals like professionals, reducing the clutter of endless new mandates, and letting our educators do what they do best: teach our kids.

Improving Student Mental Health

Our state has the fifth highest number of students who have experienced traumatic adverse childhood experiences. That's why Jena will make sure all schools have a counselor with mental health training. Jena wants our kids to feel welcome, safe, and loved. She will make sure that our kids know that their State Superintendent has their back.

Protecting our Rural Schools & Communities

Everyone talks about how essential public schools are to our rural communities, but no one talks about how our public schools can actually help revitalize these communities. Our kids deserve 21st century schools, where they can get the skills they need to thrive in our ever-changing 21st century world. Jena will work diligently to get broadband internet to every rural school and community.

Editor's Note: Jena Nelson was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Democrat

Hometown: Cordell

Age: 61

Education: Bachelor of Arts from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana

Candidate Background: Teaches eighth-grade composition and academic enhancement at Deer Creek Middle School in Edmond and is the 2020 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year. A 16-year educator and a longtime advocate for career-based curriculum, Nelson has helped her students earn over \$4 million in scholarships and incorporates career readiness in her classes. She was selected twice to direct at the prestigious Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland and was chosen to present at the International Music Festival in Campina Grande Brazil. She serves as a member of the Oklahoma governor's workforce council, Teacher Table initiative, Oklahoma ELA standards com-

State Treasurer

Todd Russ



small businesses to address performance, profitability, and compliance issues.

During his banking career, Russ also served as a director of the Oklahoma Bankers Association and Chairman of the OBA Small Bank Council.

Since 2009, Russ has represented an extensive part of western Oklahoma that encompasses District 55. He has proven to be an effective leader in the Republican-led State House of Representatives. Russ is Chairman Emeritus of the Transportation A&B committee. He also serves on three other major committees: House Appropriations and Budget, Common Education, and Insurance.

Russ was the founder of the Burns Flat-Dill City Educational Foundation. He was a charter member of the Oklahoma Southwest Economic Alliance. Russ also served as a member of the Cordell City Council and on the advisory board for the Western Technology Center for Business. He is a member of Leadership Oklahoma and the NRA.

Russ was named the 2019 Legislator of the Year by the Oklahoma Childcare Association. Russ has a 100% pro-life voting record, a 100% Farm Bureau voting record, and in 2020 was endorsed by the NRA.

Russ is a fourth-generation resident of Western Oklahoma. He graduated from Sentinel High School in 1979 where he was active in Future Farmers of America, receiving the State Farmer degree his senior year. Russ worked as a welder to help fund his college education. He then attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University, obtaining a bachelor's degree in Finance. Russ is also a graduate of the University of Colorado Graduate School of Banking. He has specialized training in Asset/Liability Management and Interest Rate Risk Analysis.

Todd and Khristy live in Cordell. They have been married for 38 years and are members of New Beginnings Assembly of God. Khristy is a 20-year veteran public school teacher. She currently owns and operates Atlas Title and Closing. They have three grown children: Ryan and wife Madison and their two sons, Rhetson and Raider Mac; Lacey and husband Jason Randall and their daughters, London and Hallie; Lauren and husband Travis Collier, and their daughter, Brighton.

Editor's Note: Todd Russ was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Republican

Current Town: Cordell

Age: 61

Candidate Background: Russ is a respected banking leader with more than 30 years of experience. He began in banking as a banking assistant at the State Bank of Rocky in 1983. He was later employed at Washita State Bank in Burns Flat and became Vice President. Russ served as vice-president and executive vice-president at banks in Chickasha and Oklahoma City until returning to Washita State Bank where he served as President and CEO. During his tenure, Russ took one of the smallest banks in the state and doubled its assets, and was the top rated bank in its peer group for six consecutive quarters. Russ sold the majority of his bank stock and began management consulting with banks and businesses in 2008.

Russ developed a reputation for successfully guiding banks to resolve problem loans and other bank management needs. In addition, Russ has worked with Oklahoma banks, corporations, and

State Treasurer

Gregory J. Sadler



company. He earned a bachelor's degree from The University of Northern Iowa in 1998. Sadler has been affiliated with Gun Owners of America.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

"Our government is growing, our taxes are growing and our freedoms are being whittled away."

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Small Government - I will only vote for bills that decrease government and protect our freedoms. You know how to best live your life, not the government. Government should intervene less and every time it's possible, we should defer to the free market and to individual initiative instead of imposing new laws.

2. School choice - I believe in free-market education where parents, teachers, and students, not the government, should make their own choices on education. One-size-fits-all education, as mandated by the Department of Education, is holding Oklahoma's children back.

3. Gun Rights - The second Amendment ensures all Americans the right to bear arms and that right shall not be infringed. I oppose all laws that restrict the ability of honest, peaceful citizens to purchase and keep any firearm they wish.

Editor's Note: Gregory J. Sadler was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Libertarian

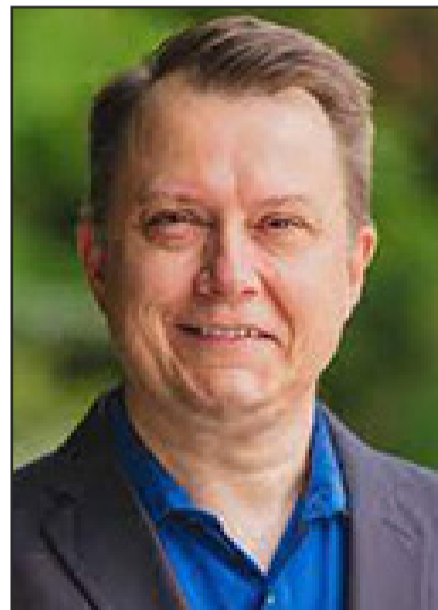
Current Town: Newalla

Education: University of Northern Iowa

Candidate Background: Sadler's professional experience includes working as an account manager at a printing

State Treasurer

Charles DeCoune



Oklahoma, the Community Literacy Centers, and United Way's Community Investment.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

I will fight for the capitol to become accountable to all taxpayers for every dollar spent.

I will prevent legislators from handing Public Education money to private businesses.

I will fight backroom deals and will require checks and balances before funds can be disbursed.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. PROTECT OUR CHILDREN by making sure our law makers don't hand Public Education Money to private businesses.

2. SAFEGUARD OUR TAXPAYERS' MONEY by preventing backroom deals.

3. BRING NATIVE AMERICANS BACK TO THE TABLE, which will translate into a better economy for all of us. Viewing Oklahoma's 39 tribal nations as partners rather than obstacles will be the first step.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Eastern Oklahoma in particular.

GROW A STRONG ECONOMY by focusing on long-term investments rather than short-term band-aids. Our children and our small businesses deserve it!

REUNITE OKLAHOMANS WITH THEIR MONEY by more seriously managing their Unclaimed Property

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funds. If the state is able to find Oklahomans who owe taxes, shouldn't it be able to find people to whom it owes money? Facebook searches, data research, and hands-on assistance to our

citizens at county fairs are some of the ways we can help bring that money back in the hands of Oklahomans.

BRING NATIVE AMERICANS BACK TO THE TABLE, which will translate into a better economy for all of us. Viewing Oklahoma's 39 tribal nations as partners rather than obstacles will be the first step.

Attorney General

Lynda Steele



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Political Party: Libertarian
Current Town: Warr Acres
Age: 31

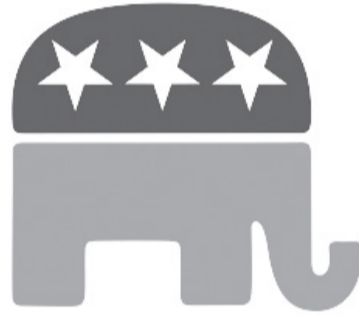
Candidate Background: Lynda Steele is a Veteran who served 12 years in the Oklahoma Army National Guard, ushering enlisted females into combat MOS's in 2016.

Mrs. Steele is a blue-collar woman with political dreams. Raised by a single mother, Steele's understanding of the law and who the law protects, and doesn't, is what makes Lynda Steele Oklahoma's best candidate for attorney general in 2022.

Editor's Note: Lynda Steele was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section.

Attorney General

Gentner F. Drummond



Drummond led the first U.S. Combat mission in the Gulf War and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement". By the end of Operation Desert Storm, Capt. Drummond was among the most highly decorated Oklahomans of the war.

After completing nearly eight years of service to our country and earning a law degree from Georgetown University, Gentner returned home to Oklahoma to raise his family.

Even though Gentner was a practicing attorney, ranching was in his blood. He had been raised on the family ranch in Osage County, working sunup 'til sundown, including his school work at Hominy Public Schools. Gentner continued that tradition, raising his own children with the same values he had learned from his family.

Along the way, Gentner also became a successful businessman. His holdings include Blue Sky Bank, Drummond Law Firm, and Drummond Communications, creating hundreds of jobs in addition to the Drummond ranching operation.

Gentner and Wendy Drummond have a blended family of six children and five grandchildren.

As Attorney General, Gentner Drummond will take on a new mission: defend our rights, uphold the Rule of Law, and serve the People of Oklahoma, not the political elite.

Editor's Note: Gentner F. Drummond was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Republican
Current Town: Hominy
Age: 58

Candidate Background: When his nation called, Captain Gentner Drum-

Lieutenant Governor

Chris Powell



to proper functions and that anything which is not essential is a disservice to the people. Having served in combat in the Marine Corps and having been employed by federal, state, and municipal government as well as currently holding elected office as a member of the Bethany City Council, I know firsthand that much of what is spent and done in the name of and supposedly for the benefit of the public is wasteful or even actively harmful. In this campaign my platform is that we should eliminate the office for which I am a candidate, as it is unnecessary. If elected my ambition will be to become the last Lt. Governor of Oklahoma.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

- The office of Lt. Governor holds almost no responsibility or authority.
- The Secretary of State, a gubernatorial appointee with numerous specified duties, should replace the Lt. Governor in the line of succession if the Governor's office becomes vacant.
- If elected, while advocating for elimination of the office of Lt. Governor I will refuse the Highway Patrol security detail and employee no more than one staff member.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

Reducing wasteful and inappropriate spending in government. Protecting the individual rights. Ensuring equality before the law. Promoting sensible criminal justice reforms that prioritizes expensive prison space for people who are genuinely dangerous. Working to restrict and eliminate crony capitalist subsidies of politically advantaged businesses. Enacting election reforms that empower voters.

Editor's Note: Chris Powell was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Libertarian
Hometown: Midwest City
Current Town: Bethany
Age: 50

Candidate Background: Chris Powell was born in Midwest City, Oklahoma. Powell served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1989 to 1995 with combat service in the first Gulf War. His career experience includes working as an evidence custodian and a 911 dispatcher. Powell has served as the chair of the Oklahoma Libertarian Party and on the board of Youth Cornerstone.

A lifelong Oklahoman, I believe that government should be carefully limited

Lieutenant Governor

Matt Pinnell



third largest industry in Oklahoma. Pinnell also currently serves on the Department of Commerce executive committee focusing on small business growth, entrepreneurship, and workforce development. Pinnell has a background in entrepreneurship and is a small business owner with his wife, Lisa, who is an inventor and entrepreneur.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Improving Education, Empowering Students
2. Stronger Local and Small Businesses
3. Expanding Business Recruitment and Tourism

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. As Lt. Governor, Matt has been a tireless advocate for small business growth across the state, including better skills training for the incoming workforce and programs that will "accelerate" local businesses with capital investment; as well as, cutting taxes and bureaucratic red tape.

2. Starting in 2019, our state has seen greater investment and focus on bringing new businesses and visitors to Oklahoma, but we must continue this expanded investment and focus on bringing new businesses and visitors to Oklahoma.

3. We've seen what happens to other states when the people relinquish too much power to big government bureaucrats. We've seen what happens when our values are compromised in the name of liberalism. This will NOT happen in Oklahoma. Matt's top priority has always been protecting our families and Oklahoma's values.

Editor's Note: Matt Pinnell was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Tulsa
Current Town: Tulsa
Age: 42

Candidate Background: Matt Pinnell was elected as the 17th Lieutenant Governor of the State of Oklahoma on November 6th, 2018. In that role, he serves as President of the Oklahoma State Senate, and is a member of multiple constitutional boards and commissions. Lt. Governor Pinnell also serves as Secretary of Tourism and Branding on Governor Kevin Stitt's cabinet.

Pinnell oversees the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation and the state's efforts to promote tourism, the



Lieutenant Governor

Melinda L.
Alizadeh-Fard

Alizadeh-Fard earned a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University, Commerce in 1984 and a law degree from the Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1999. Her career experience includes working as an immigration attorney, general counsel, social worker, administrative law judge, cashier, waitress, and photographer.

I am the fifth generation of my family to live in Oklahoma, and am a Navy baby born in Virginia while my father was in the Navy. I have lived in Oklahoma almost 50 years now, and felt compelled to run, as I do not like the divisive politics that have emerged, pitting Oklahomans against each other, and the levels of corruption and cronyism that we are seeing.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

- Transparency - return of Accountability and Oversight.
- Integrity - I will work for Oklahoma, all Oklahomans.
- Aptitude - I have the work and real life experiences and initiative to work with all Oklahomans for the betterment of our state.

Accountability has been sorely lacking in the Lieutenant Governor's office and the current Administration in general. Corruption, misogyny, and mean-spirited legislation have been their hallmark, and that must change. I will do my best to counter those movements, perform the duties of the office, and will represent all Oklahomans.

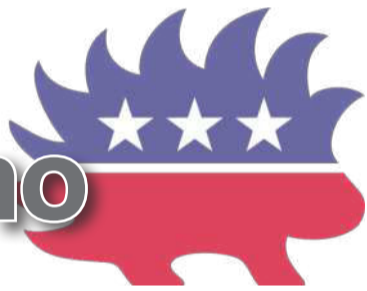
Editor's Note: Melinda Alizadeh-Fard was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Virginia
Current town: Edmond
Age: 60
Education: Texas A&M University, Commerce
Oklahoma City University School of Law

Candidate Background: Melinda

Governor

Natalie Bruno



Candidate Background: Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling
Director of Digital Strategy, Skyline Media Group

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Economy - Diversify Oklahoma's industries to move beyond an overreliance on oil and gas; legalize recreational marijuana; eliminate grocery sales and state income taxes.
2. Education - Reduce government control of education; abolish the Oklahoma State Board of Education; shift power to school districts, teachers and parents.
3. Healthcare - Find innovative ways to make healthcare more affordable; make healthcare prices transparent.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

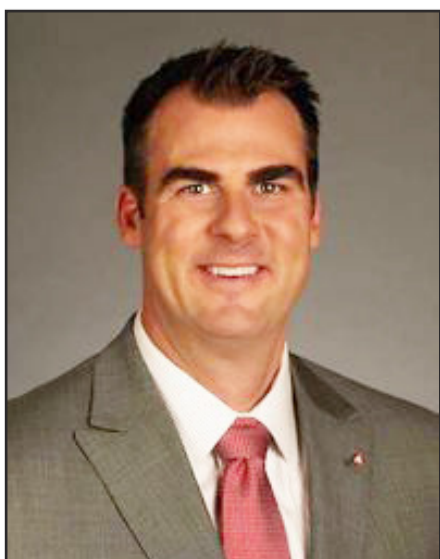
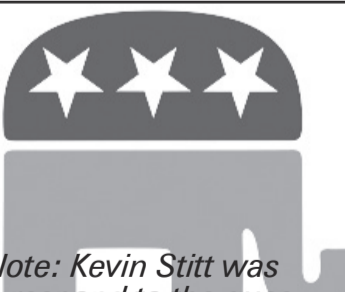
Emphasizes privacy rights and rights for business owners and women. "Fight to unite Oklahoma!" is her campaign theme. Would use bold leadership to "forge partnerships and renew faith in small government," to build consensus on policies that benefit all Oklahomans. Protect citizens' safety while rehabilitating criminals effectively and humanely.

Editor's Note: Natalie Brunow was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Libertarian
Current Town: Edmond
Education: Oklahoma State University OKC - Associate's Degree, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling
Age: 37

Governor

Kevin Stitt



Editor's Note: Kevin Stitt was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Republican
Hometown: Milton, Florida
Current Town: Tulsa
Age: 49

Candidate Background:
Kevin Stitt was elected governor in

2018.

Governor Kevin Stitt is leading Oklahoma with a vision to become Top Ten in job growth, infrastructure, education and more.

Stitt is an entrepreneur who founded Gateway Mortgage in 2000 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Starting with only \$1,000 and a computer, he grew Gateway Mortgage into a nationwide mortgage company operating in more than 40 states and servicing more than \$20 billion in residential mortgages.

In 2018, he led Gateway through a merger and established Gateway First Bank, which today is one of Oklahoma's 10 largest banks with over \$2 billion in assets, 160 mortgage centers across the U.S., and more than 1,700 employees.

Oklahomans spoke in record numbers that they wanted Stitt to use his business acumen to transform the state. In 2018, he received more votes than any gubernatorial candidate in state history in his first bid for elected office of any kind.

He is committed to delivering taxpayers more for their money, and his fiscally conservative leadership helped the state build its largest savings account in history, funded common education at historic highs, and cut taxes for all Oklahomans.

Stitt is a fourth-generation Oklahoman and a graduate of Oklahoma State University. He and his wife, Sarah, have been married for 23 years and they have six children.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

1. Economy: Governor Kevin Stitt led Oklahoma to be the first state in the nation to fully reopen its economy after the federal government's "safer-at-home" policies. As a result, Oklahoma is experiencing the third lowest unemployment rate in the nation and has the highest labor force participation rate in our State's history.

Governor Stitt has also fought for policies to diversify our economy beyond oil and gas revenues and drive strong fiscal policies to spur job creation and support our Oklahoma businesses to keep growing right here at home. His successes to date are as follows:

- Ranks #1 in lowest cost to do business and #3 in lowest cost of living
- 3rd lowest unemployment rate in the nation
- 10th lowest taxes in corporate income, personal income, property
- 7th in online budget transparency due to Stitt putting Oklahoma's checkbook online (ranked 46th when Stitt took office)
- 7th best highway bridge conditions in the nation (11th when Stitt took office)

Historic levels of public education investment by the state for three consecutive years, including teacher pay raises
Historic investments in the State's savings account - Stitt inherited a nearly empty Rainy-Day fund, building it back to a historic high of roughly \$2 billion.

Learn more about what metrics Governor Stitt is monitoring and building solutions to solve: <https://govdashboard.ok.gov/>

2. Education: For decades, Oklahoma's public school system has ranked near last place for student outcomes.

In 2018, Kevin Stitt ran as a conservative businessman and a political outsider with a commitment to deliver a Turnaround in Oklahoma's education system. Below are actions Governor Stitt has taken over the past three years:

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
Called for the State's first ever financial audit of the State Department of Education. Stitt also signed into law transparency legislation requiring school districts to post their audits on the front page of their websites. Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Joy Hofmeister, called the audit for fiscal transparency an "attack on education."

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING
Funded public education, Pre-K thru 12th grade, with State tax dollars at historically high levels for three consecutive years.

Brought teacher pay and benefits to the top in our region.

Called for and passed a second teacher pay raise in three years to make their overall pay and benefits package competitive regionally.

Called for public school teachers to make 6-figure salaries, with a funding mechanism introduced by Stitt in 2022 that would designate State revenue to support local school districts in making this possible for their best teachers.

Called for and signed into the Redbud Act to designate surplus state revenue to rural and smaller schools as well as charter schools.

Enacted funding formula reform by making the money follow the student within the public education system and gave schools more flexibility in using carryover funding. (HB 2078)

EDUCATION REFORM
Called for and signed into law the open-transfer law, ensuring a child is not defined by their zip code in the public education system. This allows students to enroll in any public school that best meets their learning needs.

Enhanced choice for low-income families by expanding the Equal Opportunity Scholarship program from \$5 million to \$50 million. (SB 1080)

Stitt announced in 2022 that he would support any bills from the Legislature that would give parents and students more freedoms to attend the schools that best fit their learning needs.

3. Public Safety: Kevin Stitt has been unwavering in his commitment to back the blue while also reforming our criminal justice system with smart on crime policy changes.

BACK THE BLUE
After a decade-long dry spell, Governor Kevin Stitt has funded 3 Academies to train new public safety professionals for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) and launched the "Bridge Academy" to support OHP's national recruitment effort to hire the best from across the nation. (source)

Stood with District Attorneys, Sheriffs, and public safety professionals across the state in calling for the courts and the U.S. Supreme Court to deliver much-needed clarity on the Oklahoma v. McGirt ruling that is wreaking havoc in Eastern Oklahoma. (source, source, source)

Signed into law pay increases for correctional officers, highway patrol and other State employees. (source)

SMART ON CRIME
Reformed the funding of District Attorneys so that they are not perversely incentivized to use fines and fees to fund their budgets. (source)

Called for and signed into law the nation's largest commutation of low-level drug offenders from prison, of which the recidivism rates has held around 5%, well below the State's average of 29% and the national average of 35%. (source)

Called for and increased State funding of treatment and diversion programs to historic levels to help break the cycle of incarceration. (source)

Called for and signed into law licensing reform so that individuals with non-violent felony convictions could be licensed in occupations not related to the offense. (source)

Created the Sarah Stitt Act to help prepare and equip those leaving incarceration to best reenter the workforce and society. (HB 1679)

Simplified the requirements for adolescents or adults with juvenile records to have their records expunged, ensuring that mistakes made in youth do not limit a person's opportunity for success. (HB 1799)

GOVERNMENT REFORM
Made State public safety agencies more accountable to the voters and delivered efficiencies across agencies. In 2019, Governor Stitt signed into law legislation that gave the executive branch the authority to hire and fire the directors of the Department of Public Safety and Oklahoma Department of Corrections, as well as streamlined and brought together the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Department.

Called for the passage of the "Public Safety Unification" effort that will consolidate, streamline, and strengthen State agencies supporting public safety services.

Flattened the Oklahoma Department of Corrections' budget, after inheriting a history of agency leadership proposing annual budgets that were \$1 billion more than operating expenses.

Local newspapers are the most trusted information source*

Using a 10-point scale (with 10 being the "highest"), when it comes to learning about candidates for public office, local newspapers are rated 7.38, higher than TV stations (6.45), radio (5.58), political mailings (4.63) or social media platforms (2.65)

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Governor

Joy Hofmeister



Editor's Note: Joy Hofmeister was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Democrat
Hometown: Tulsa
Educational: Bachelor's degree in education, Texas Christian University; Teaching certificates in English and elementary education
Age: 57

Candidate Background: Joy Hofmeister is running for governor because she knows firsthand how the values of faith, family, education and hard work can bring people together to improve our lives. As state superintendent of public instruction, Joy has already led the fight for better education in Oklahoma. Now, Joy is prepared to stand up to both parties to strengthen our schools, get our economy on track and ensure Oklahoma is a place our kids will stay and put down roots.

When Joy was a child, her father, an electrician, moved the family to Oklahoma for a good-paying job at a manufacturing company. Joy and her two sisters grew up in Tulsa where they learned about hard work from their dad. More than anything, Joy learned from both her parents to stand up for what is right.

That's why Joy stood up to Janet Barresi, an incumbent within her own party, to run for state superintendent in 2014. For Joy, it has always been about kids – not politics – and doing what is right. Over and over again, Joy has battled against extremism and partisan politicians whose policies are dead wrong for Oklahoma.

Joy has always put faith and family first. When her husband Jerry was attending Baptist seminary, Joy dropped

out of college to support Jerry's call into ministry. Then, ever determined, she returned to school and graduated at the top of her class.

The path to a college degree wasn't easy for Joy. She struggled with reading and dyslexia as a child. Joy often shares that it was her school teachers who believed in her and pushed her to keep trying – and that support made all the difference. Joy believes every Oklahoma child should be surrounded by strong, committed teachers. To this day, that determination has driven her to help Oklahoma kids succeed.

For 15 years, Joy owned a successful small business working with thousands of Oklahoma families. She understands that Oklahoma needs a governor who doesn't just cater to big corporations, but stands beside small business owners, farmers and ranchers, and workers across the state.

As chair of the state's CareerTech board, she has championed improvements in workforce readiness. As governor, Joy will work hand in hand with business leaders to address worker shortages and ensure our economy works for all Oklahomans. In her role as state superintendent, Joy also chairs the State Board of Education, is one of five Commissioners of the Land Office, serves on the state Board of Equalization, and dozens of other boards and commissions.

Joy and Jerry have four grown children and recently welcomed their first grandchild, Willa! All of Joy's children live here in Oklahoma, a blessing she will work to make possible for every Oklahoma family.

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

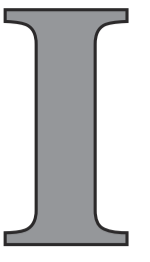
1. Most Oklahomans have something in common: We love our state and believe it can be better. Finding common ground and getting things done is at the heart of why I launched this campaign.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Schools were in free fall when Joy became state superintendent, but they began seeing key improvements in just a few years under her leadership. Just as Oklahoma's children deserve access to exceptional schools, their parents and grandparents deserve the freedom to access quality, affordable health care and greater economic opportunities. Self-dealing politicians are standing in the way – on education and health care, on diversifying our economy, and improving our infrastructure. There is much more work to do. And it's time for a governor who knows how to get things done.

Governor

Ervin Stone Yen



Editor's Note: Ervin Stone Yen was unable to respond to the questionnaire in time for this section. We have researched candidate's website, Facebook pages and other sources to do our best to provide an overview of the candidate's platform. Below is a sampling of that material.

Political Party: Independent
Current town: Nichols Hills
Educational: University of Oklahoma, M.D. University of Oklahoma College of Medicine
Age: 67

Candidate Background: Anesthesiologist, INTEGRIS Baptist Medi-

cal Center and St. Anthony Hospital, 1984-present

Former chief of anesthesiology, St. Anthony Hospital

What are the top three messages of your campaign?

Bills himself as "a moderate conservative choice for Oklahoma" with a reputation for integrity, compassion, and wide-ranging knowledge. Believes Oklahomans are weary of leaders who pander to divisiveness and chaos and want a governor who is a voice of reason, working across party lines to accomplish positive change, whether in healthcare or education.

What are the top three most pressing issues facing rural Oklahoma? How would you address these issues if elected?

1. Diversify the economy and types of jobs that retain college graduates and attract and grow businesses.
2. Increase teacher pay and incentives to attract more educators to the state.
3. Make healthcare accessible to all Oklahomans without privatizing Medicaid. Create incentives for people to improve their health.

Explain your positions on economic development as it pertains to rural Oklahoma in general and Eastern Oklahoma in particular.

Increase job diversity to prevent the state dependency on oil and gas revenues.

A combined 77% of respondents say they read a newspaper that covers their local community

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NEWSPAPER READERS ARE VOTERS

A combined 96% of readers of local newspapers specifically say THEY PLAN TO VOTE THIS NOVEMBER - either "very" or "somewhat" likely.*

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