

VOTE

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ment to consider.

In the U.S. Senate race, Andy Barr, a Republican, faces Democrat Charles Booker and Kentucky Party candidate Christopher Campbell. Thomas Michael Murphy is filed as a write-in candidate.

Republican Ralph Alvarado, Democrat Zach Dembo, Independent Jay J. Bowman and Kentucky Party candidate Pete Lynch are filed for the Sixth District Congressional seat. Robert Quigley is filed as a write-in candidate.

Voters will have a say on the future of the Fiscal Court. Incumbent Republican Chris Haddix is opposed by Democrat Akeem “Coach” Scott for judge-executive.

Democrat Floyd Arnold and Republican Jon Kelly Johnson are filed for the District 1 County Commissioner seat.

In District 3, Republican Mark Terry is the only candidate on the ballot, but is opposed by write-in candidate Bruce E. Witt.

Republican Daniel Carmichael is unopposed in District 2.

Republican Billy Stull faces Democrat Randall Brewer for jailer.

Two school board sets are on the ballot this fall. In the First Educational District, incumbent Carmela Fletcher Green is being challenged by Evangel Hernandez and District 2 incumbent Emily Settle is being challenged by Cartrec “Trease” Garrett.

There are four candidates for Mayor of Jeffersonville, where Steve Barnes has chosen not to seek reelection. The candidates are Robbie Elliott, Anthony Henderson, Brien Tabor and Everett “De-wayne” Myers.

There are six candidates filed for the four city commission seats. They are Timothy Campbell, Scott Friend, Steven Osborne, Greg Arnett, Robbie Davis, Joshua “Josh” Centers and Ryan Hurt.

Justin Shoemaker was the only candidate to file for mayor in Camargo.

There are four candidates filed for four seats on the city commission. They are Melissa Arnett, Felicia Spencer,

Sherri Beam and Rachel Williams.

Incumbent Al Botts is unopposed for mayor of Mt. Sterling.

There are seven candidates, however, filed for the six seats on the city council. They are Steve Trimble, Laura Grayson, Danielle King, Scott Murphy, Roger D. Barnes, Crystal Dempsey-Gillium and Philip Tardivo.

Among the unopposed candidates appearing on the ballot are incumbent Republican Greg Elkins for state Senate; Republican David F. Charles for state representative for the 74th District, incumbent Republican Steven Tuttle for property valuation administrator, incumbent Republican Keith Craycraft for county attorney, incumbent Republican Chris Cockrell for county clerk, Republican Tommy Parker for sheriff; incumbent Democrat Jimmy A. Adams for coroner and Republican Jonathan Bowling for county surveyor.

Don Blair and William “Willie” Roberts are unopposed for the District Court Judge seats.

Mark A. Frazier Jr., a Republican, is unopposed for Justice of the Peace in District 1. Larry Goldie, a Democrat, is unopposed for constable in District 1. James Dylan Highley, a Republican, is unopposed for constable in District 2. Tim Stacy, a Republican, is unopposed for constable in District 3.

There are no candidates for Justice of the Peace, second magisterial district, and third district.

There is also a Constitutional Amendment question on the ballot.

It asks you to vote yes or no as whether you are in favor of limiting the governor’s ability to grant pardons or commute sentences beginning 60 days prior to the general election.

To see the entire ballot question visit montgomery-countyclerk.ky.gov or see a previously published sample ballot.

If you have any questions about your voting status, call the county clerk’s office at **859-498-8700**.



Endorsement for Carmela Fletcher Green

It is an honor to recommend to my hometown community my hero, Carmela Fletcher Green, for the Montgomery County School Board. As a Montgomery County native and former graduate, I have watched Carmela grow into a remarkable leader whose heart, dedication and commitment make her an outstanding choice for this important role.

Carmela’s service on the Kentucky School Boards Association has shown her to be a strong advocate for better schools and a powerful voice for the children of the Commonwealth. She brings a deep understanding of educational needs, a passion for student success and a steady commitment to supporting all students, staff, administrators and support personnel.

As I have watched her journey, her knowledge has grown right alongside her leadership. Carmela believes that true leaders grow people, and she has demonstrated that time and time again. She is an impact-driven person who sees what is best for every child and every classroom. Her expectations are high because she believes every child can learn—and she works tirelessly to ensure they can do so.

Montgomery County has a winner in Carmela. She is a hometown hero who will help move our schools from good to great. I am proud of our school system, and I know that by electing her, you will be proud as well.

Thank you for your support in Carmela Fletcher Green.

Respectfully,
Chuck Fletcher
Frankfort, proud Montgomery County graduate and uncle

We hold the power with our vote!

We hold elections every year.

Think about the power we hold with the vote. We are wasting our voting power by reelecting candidates that are not working for us. They are working to be reelected, period.

Current incumbents promise us what we want to hear over and over, then blame, fault or yell it their counterparts extreme positions as to why they cannot deliver on a single campaign promise that really matters.

They are not elected to blame, yell or fault the other side. We elect them in to their positions to work for us.

To discuss, argue, compromise all the while trying to improve this Democratic Republic, our lives.

Why keep sending the same people back to Washington?

One candidate that has been reelected numerous times and originally ran on the idea of term limits is now running for a Senate seat that has been held for decades by an individual that hasn’t been able to represent us for years.

Maybe it could be passed in Congress to have upper age limits too.

Think about it—we send someone from either party, over and over to Washington and monetarily they do a whole lot better than we do.

All the power is presently in the Republicans hands and look where we are.

Bad leadership has happened with Democrats in total power too. A balance is good.

Let’s not keep sending the same candidates that are only running to be reelected and pad their bank accounts.

Let’s send new people to Washington and if we don’t like the results let’s vote differently in a year.

We can put in term limits or age limits—we hold the power with our vote.

Allen “Buck” Prewitt
Montgomery County

Letters to the editor

Ralph Alvarado is the right choice

I’ve had the privilege of knowing Dr. Ralph Alvarado for most of my life, not only as a close family friend, but as my primary care physician growing up. When I think about Ralph, the first things that come to mind are his intelligence, his character and the genuine care he has for the people around him.

As my doctor, Ralph played an important role in shaping how I view my own health and well-being. He always emphasized the importance of taking care of yourself, staying active and making good decisions that benefit you in the long run. Those lessons have stuck with me into adulthood and continue to influence how I approach my health today.

Beyond his career in medicine, Ralph is genuinely one of the smartest and most knowledgeable people I’ve ever had the opportunity to know. Whether you’re talking about health care, business or everyday life, he has an incredible ability to understand complex issues and offer thoughtful, practical advice. I’ve always admired his work ethic, his business knowledge and his ability to succeed while remaining grounded in who he is.

But what stands out to me most about Ralph isn’t his accomplishments or his intelligence. It’s the kind of person he is. He’s a great friend, someone who genuinely cares about others, and someone I’ve always had a tremendous amount of respect for. Having known him for so many years, I’ve been fortunate enough to see the person behind the professional accomplishments. He’s someone who has made a lasting impact on my life, and I’m grateful to call him both a lifelong family friend and someone I look up to.

Those same qualities of intelligence, character, and genuine care are what matter most when someone represents Kentucky. Ralph has already shown them in the exam room and in everyday life. That is why I believe he will bring the same steady judgment and concern for people to Congress.

Blake Thomas, Mt. Sterling

A pastor’s view of Ralph Alvarado

I have known Ralph and Dawn Alvarado for 25 years. I am not only their friend; I am privileged that Ralph calls me pastor. In that time, I watched them at Little League fields, community events and in the ordinary work of church life. What stands out is not polish or ambition. It is consistency.

Ralph Alvarado is a good man, a devoted husband, a father and a sincere follower of Jesus Christ. He practiced medicine in our community and later served the people of central Kentucky in the state Senate. Through both roles he remained the same person who first asked for my vote. Ralph is someone who is approachable, grounded and unwilling to forget where he came from. He has never treated public service as a reason to stand apart from the neighbors who sent him there.

That character shows up in small things as clearly as in large ones. The Alvarado’s often stayed behind at church helping with the quiet, unglamorous work behind the scenes. Both of them carry themselves with kindness and humility. To know them is to recognize people who do not need an audience to act decently.

Kentucky needs representatives who understand the people they serve because they have actually lived among them. Ralph has. When political opponents attempt to question Ralph’s character, I have a simple observation. Either they have never spent real time with him, or they are choosing not to tell the truth about the man I know. The Ralph Alvarado I know is still a Main Street man, practical, conservative in his values and more interested in doing the work than in performing it. His years serving our community and our families prove that he can be trusted with responsibility.

Pastor Pat Finley
Winchester

Youth Salute will resume next week.

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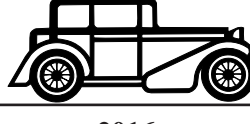
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Down Memory Lane

2016

Megan, Rylee and Gracie Foster dressed up for Boo Fest at Easy Walker Park.

Hayden Howell was joined by his father, firefighter Ethan Howell, and Spencer Howell at Boo Fest.

Kyle Nickels posed with his son, Jayden, in matching costumes from the Pokemon craze at Boo Fest.

Ryan Allison was named headcoach of the Montgomery County High School Mock Trial team.

Madelyn Johnston, Meredith Tudor and Rebecca Fraley were honored as part of the Youth Salute program.

Tyler Fritts earned a doctorate degree from the University of Memphis.

Lindsey Blevins was elected president of the Montgomery County

Livestock Club. Clay Webb was elected vice president; Anna Reffitt, secretary; and Cameron Caskey, reporter.

Dennis Smith was the new consumer loan officer at Traditional Bank.

District judges Don Blair and William “Willie” Roberts learned about the new interlock ignition law at the annual District Judges College.

MCHS sophomore Jarrett Forrest qualified for the state cross country meet.

Charles Andrew Collins was a running back for the MCHS football team.

2006

A ceremony was held to honor Camargo Elementary fifth grade student Arthur Spencer IV, who saved his grandparents from a fire.

Simon Alexander from Colors Paint and

Wallcoverings was dressed in full vampire attire as he passed out candy to youngsters at Boo Around Town.

Nathaniel Eaves, Bailey Faulconer, Destinee Groves, Bruce Horseman, Erica Jones, Kayla Taulbee, Haley Warner and John Yost made the principal’s list in their fourth grade class at Mt. Sterling Elementary School.

Ashley Nicole Banks, Brandon Lee Havens, Beth Marie Custer, Chelsie Jean Rogers, James Eloy Short, Kenneth Marion Wells, Ryan McIntosh and Kimberly Jo Patrick made the eighth grade honor roll at McNabb Middle School.

Bethany Pargen, Kyle Dennis, Omar Hinojosa and Scott King were winners in a

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