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## Goef Hansen

Republican candidate for Michigan state senate 34<sup>th</sup> District

Goef Hansen graduated from Hart High School in 1978. He attended West Shore Community College and Hope College. He is married to his wife, Tami, and they have two grown sons and four grandchildren. He attends Hart Congregational Church.

He was manager and owner of Hansen Foods from 1978 to 1988; he started Hansen Foods in Bear Lake, Michigan in 1989 and then returned as owner and manager of the Hart store. He launched Hansen Distributing in 2002.

He served on the Oceana County ambulance service as an EMT and a firefighter in Hart.

Hansen is a former Hart Township supervisor; a member of the Hart schools facility study board; the Hart Lake Board; the Hart Area Fire Administrative Board; the Hart/Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce; and the Hart 425 Downtown Development Authority.

"I am running to be your next state senator because I believe that with the right leadership we can fix our economy and help Michigan get back to work.

I have run a business under our complicated tax and regulatory system and even struggled at times to make payroll. I know from personal experience how government actions affect our job providers and our families.

I am committed to reining in state spending, lowering taxes and removing the obstacles in Lansing so that we can get Michigan working again."

## Holly Hughes

Republican candidate for Michigan state representative, 91<sup>st</sup> District



"I am running for state representative because I want to live in a Michigan where jobs are abundant, where our children can receive a world-class education, and where they can live and raise their families, instead of having to move to another state in order to find a job. I will work hard each and every day to do these things. That is my promise to you."

Holly Hughes is a 1976 Fruitport High School graduate.

She is married and has two daughters. Her family-owned businesses include Master Tag and Bolema Lumber.

She has been a White River Township trustee for 12 years, and is a former board member of the Montague Area School Board, the Muskegon Local Emergency Planning Commission, Hackley Hospital Cornerstone Foundation, and the White Lake Community Fund. She has also served on the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, the Tanglewood Park Finance Committee, Lebanon Lutheran Church Council, and White Lake Recyclers.

Holly has a B.A. in business from Michigan State University. She is pro-Life and Pro-2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment."

## Ben Gillette

Democratic candidate for Michigan state representative, 91<sup>st</sup> District



"My name is Ben Gillette and I want to be your next state representative. We need new leaders in Lansing who will look out for your needs, not their own. I am the breath of fresh air that will do that. Too many of our legislators are focused on partisan bickering. Hard working families need a hard working state representative making sure they get what they deserve!"

Ben Gillette is a hard working person, just like you. He has a record of involvement in our community. He is a graduate of Fruitport Community Schools, and attended college at Michigan Tech and MCC. Gillette is a full time retail manager at OfficeMax, Inc. He is married to his high school sweetheart of almost 11 years, Kaeleen. Gillette has a daughter, Emma, and a son, Brady, born in March of this year. He has a wealth of experience — elected to the Fruitport board of education, an officer of the Fruitport Fraternal Order of Eagles, and is a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Democratic Executive Committee. He has the experience and qualities that we all look for in a leader. His strong work ethic and leadership skills will shine when he is elected state representative."

## Political Disclaimer

The *Fruitport Area News* invited all candidates in the August primary to submit information for publication. However, several candidates did not respond.

## David Fisher

Democratic candidate for Muskegon County Drain Commissioner



Prior to my appointment to the drain commissioner position, I have served the residents of Muskegon County in the public works field for over 35 years. I have managed over \$250 million in local public works projects that serve our residents. I have worked with developers, performed site plan reviews, and issued permits for over 30 years. I managed sewer and water systems serving over 9,000 customers.

I served as the chairman for the Muskegon County Wastewater Management Committee, a board member for the Muskegon County Regional Water System Policy Board, and founding member of the County Regional Storm Water Committee. I am a member of the Muskegon Lake Watershed Partners where I chair the non point pollution subcommittee. I also work closely with the Mona Lake Watershed Council. During my career, I have served on many other environmental and watershed committees.

The drain commissioner position is a responsibility, not a job opportunity. I have the credentials to warrant my appointment as drain commissioner.

Please vote to RETAIN David Fisher for drain commissioner on November 2. •

## Marvin Engle

Republican candidate for Muskegon County Commissioner, 5<sup>th</sup> District (Incumbent)

"Marve" is married to Nancy and has two daughters, Heather and Brooke. He has been active in community affairs all his adult life, including 20+ years as Fruitport Township Planning Commission chairman and as a member of the Fruitport Lions Club.

He was elected chairman of the public Works Board, County Commission representative to tribal negotiations for casino service agreements, and county board liaison to the County Road Commission and County Fair Board.

After graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in urban planning, Marvin worked for and with his father, Ed, in site development (clearing, grading, landscaping, septic systems, drives, etc.). He then went on his own to start Engle Transport, and later to form Englewood Farms, LLC (a family-owned corporation). Marve has been "your county commissioner" for four terms, and has the courage for the reinvention of Muskegon County. •



## Enriching animals' lives

(Submitted by John Ball Zoological Society)

Since animals in zoos are provided food each day, there is no longer the need to hunt or forage, yet zookeepers spend much time recreating situations to encourage that behavior. Behaving as they would in the wild keeps the animals healthy, interested, alert and engaged in their environments. It also promotes a better understanding of animals if the visitor observes them reacting as they would in their natural habitat. This type of animal care is called animal enrichment. It goes beyond feeding, cleaning, and health care. Enrichment works to keep animals busy — either playing or working. There are hundreds of enrichments for different animals and there are thousands of products, tools and items needed to maintain a consistent animal enrichment program.

Each year, John Ball Zoo launches a public drive for the many enrichment items needed. Your donations of these small items help both the zoo and the animals! Here's the keepers' list of items needed and how they are used. Drop your donations off at the zoo gate any time between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. any day. And thank you!

Food items: Sugar cane, sugar-free Kool-Aid, dried fruits, saltines, sugar free cereal, mixed nuts (with shell), pasta, rice, syrup, molasses, honey, canned pumpkin, rawhides, pig ears, pickles, all natural peanut butter, and cuttle bones.

Non food items: Rotary car wash brush, large mirrors (larger than a hand mirror), livestock brushes, hunting lures, small brown paper lunch sacks, Kong toys (black), boomer balls, Tupperware (cereal box size). •