

Community Press Guest Column Wednesday, February 20 Edition

Ronald Reagan once said, “There are no easy answers, but there are simple answers. We must have the courage to do what we know is morally right.”

I hope you will remember this when voting in the March 4th primary for Clermont County Commissioner.

I’ve lived in Clermont County my entire life in the small community of Miami. I live just a few feet away from the home where I grew up, and now my grandkids run and play in the same yards I once did.

After attending elementary school in a rural two room school house for elementary school I graduated from Milford High School. Then I went on to college and earned a masters degree and worked at P&G, but I never left Clermont County. My home has provided me everything I needed to grow as a man, to become a good husband, a proud dad, and now a doting grandpa.

Some 40 years ago after joining the Miami Volunteer Fire Department, I helped start a Life Squad as part of the department. This was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made next to asking my wife of 40 years Janice to marry me. Being a volunteer in my community and answering fire and squad calls at 3 a.m. on a cold winter night taught me the value of giving back to my community, to working with others for a common good, and learning that we are here to serve our friends and neighbors.

I eventually became a Miami Township Trustee in 1990, and watched a small community of 10,000 people grow slowly into one of the best places in Greater Cincinnati to raise a family. I am extremely proud of all we have accomplished in Miami Township in the past 40 years, and that is why I am ready to turn my attention to helping Clermont County as a whole.

We have an ethical probe looming in Batavia; I want to restore the faith that people have in their elected officials. I think I’ve shown over the past 40 years I have proven myself to be ethical and responsible to the citizens who put me in office.

Another one of my opponents in the commissioner’s race has vowed to pay for his campaign out of his own pocket instead of gathering support from friends and neighbors across the county like I am. That’s a noble gesture on his part, but just think what would happen if only the rich and wealthy could afford to run for elected office? You need to ask yourself if that is the kind of Clermont County you want? Someone should not be able to buy an election with their checkbook.

I want to bring jobs to Clermont County and build on our prosperity, improve our roads, and provide a balanced budget, just as I have done in Miami Township.

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