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A New Beginning for Boyle County



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Law Enforcement for the Future

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2002 Candidate for Boyle Co. Sheriff

How safe is your property? How safe is your family? When was the last time you really asked these questions? If you're like most people, you take safety for granted. You just assume that the law enforcement agencies for which you pay taxes are looking out for your safety. That might not be as true as you think it is, especially if you live outside of Danville's city limits.

Unfortunately, the Boyle County Sheriff's Department does not currently offer the level of service that residents are beginning to expect. This is not just *my* opinion, but also the opinion of people that I have spoken with since I decided to run for Boyle County Sheriff. After discussing issues with residents of Boyle County, I was not surprised to learn that people were concerned for their children's safety at school, their own safety on the roads and the overall reliability of the Sheriff's Department. It seems that many people feel that the Sheriff's Department has not kept up with the times, both in services and technology.

While many schools in small towns around the country are putting police officers in schools, Boyle County schools simply ask visitors to sign in at the office upon entry. That's not much of a deterrent for someone with criminal intent. Wouldn't you feel better knowing that sheriff's deputies were present in your child's school? There are federal grants available to help offset the costs of placing School Resource Officers in primary schools. School Resource Officers not only serve as "school security", but they also become a trusted face among the students. Many School Resource Officers even go as far as to teach students about issues such as gangs, drugs, date rape and truancy. They also assist teachers by showing students how math is used to reconstruct an accident scene or how science is used to lift fingerprints from evidence. Good School Resource Officers are invaluable and will be one of my top priorities when I am elected Boyle County Sheriff.

What about your safety on the roads? Do you feel confident that the county roads are being patrolled for speeders and drunk drivers? In reality, the sheriff's department is currently taking very few preventative measures to ensure traffic safety. I feel that this is unacceptable considering the high number of traffic accidents that occur in Boyle County.

As a Danville Police Officer, I have seen firsthand how increased traffic patrol can result in a direct decrease in traffic accidents. When I moved to Danville from Lexington several

years ago my car insurance increased drastically. This was due to the fact that Danville had one of the highest rates of traffic accidents per capita in the state. When notified of this, Danville Police Department increased their focus on traffic patrol and accident rates dropped drastically. Subsequently, my insurance rates also dropped.

Twenty-four hour patrol is also something that Boyle County residents are not getting. While some people don't seem too concerned with this fact, I have to wonder how those same people would feel if they woke to find a burglar in their home in the middle of the night and had to wait for a deputy to show up. For Boyle County residents, a 911 call made during the evening is often dispatched to an on-call deputy who is usually at home. Upon receiving the call, the deputy must put on his uniform, gather his work "gear" and travel to his destination, which might be on the other side of the county. If the deputy is sleeping when called then it will take even longer before help arrives. If the sheriff's department has at least one deputy on the road at all times then response time would improve tremendously.

Essentially, the new Boyle County Sheriff will be forced to make some changes in order to rebuild the reputation of the Sheriff's Department. As a career law enforcement officer with extensive training, supervisory and administrative experience, I believe that I am currently the only candidate that is qualified to successfully implement these changes.

If you would like more information on how I plan to make some of these changes, please feel free to visit my website at www.Monroe4Sheriff.com. While you're there, don't forget to post your questions or comments in the discussion forum. Thank you for your support.

Candidate Recruitment

The Boyle GOP is on the final lap of identifying people as Republican candidates for local offices to run in 2002. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please contact Tom McClain at (859) 236-1930 (home) or (859) 583-5825 (cell).

Don't forget! The examination for Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) will be given at 9:00 a.m. (local time) on November 16, 2001 at seven (7) locations throughout Kentucky, including Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Frankfort. There is no fee to take the examination.

The current salary for Boyle County PVA is \$65,685. The benefit package for this position is valued at \$11,522. Contact Basil Turbyfill (236-2389) for more information.

Candidate News

Mike Harmon has filed his letter of intent to run for State Representative and is currently the only Republican seeking this office. Mike kicked off his campaign by having a fundraiser on October 20th.

Looking Back

Perryville Commemoration – Boyle GOP set up our booth in Perryville at the Battle Reenactment Commemoration Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 6th and 7th, 2001. We were not campaigning, but merely making ourselves visible and registering people to vote. We signed up 43 voters. This tops both the Constitutions Square Festival and the Boyle County Fair. Virtually everyone that stopped to talk expressed how much they appreciated the Republican leadership in Washington and a lot of people had their picture taken with our stand-up replica of George W. Bush. We noticed a definite trend throughout the weekend – Republicans smiled and talked. Special thanks to everyone who helped make this another huge success.

Looking Ahead

Halloween Party – Back in the spring we thought it would be fun to have a Boyle County GOP Halloween party. However, given the events of September, this is not really a good time for a celebration. Our country is at war to eliminate terrorists from the face of the earth. Furthermore, the Boyle GOP is hard at work identifying candidates for elections in 2002. Hence, we are not going ahead with a Halloween party as originally scheduled for Thursday, October 25, 2001

Lincoln Day Dinner – Alan Keyes will be the featured speaker at 2002 Kentucky 6th District Lincoln Day Dinner. Mark your calendars for Friday, February 15, 2002. The event will be held at the Lexington Civic Center at Rupp Arena. Additional details will be presented in future newsletters. Please plan now to attend.

Board of Elections

Maps showing the realigned magisterial districts have been made available to board of elections members. However, as you are aware, the maps will not show the precinct boundaries until the legislature has completed its redistricting obligations, which is anticipated for the January 2002 session. The Department for Local Government and the State Board of Elections understand that there is some confusion regarding the relationship between reapportionment and the redrawing of election precinct boundaries. Precinct boundaries are drawn by the county boards of election with the approval of the State Board of Elections. KRS 117.055(1) prohibits the drawing of precincts in a manner so that a

precinct boundary crosses the boundary of a county commissioner's district. In other words, precinct lines may not be drawn in such a manner that portions of a precinct will be in more than one magisterial district. This situation is further complicated by the fact that KRS 117.056 'freezes' precinct boundaries from July 15 of each year ending in '0' until the General Assembly has completed redistricting the state's congressional and legislative districts. Thus, the County Board of Elections will not be able to redraw precinct boundaries until the legislature has completed its duties.

The Boyle County Board of Elections has prepared a letter to be sent to each registered voter advising that the reapportionment of the magisterial lines has been approved; that the voter will vote in the same precinct in the next election, and identifying the magistrate responsible for the voter's specific address.

We anticipate that the legislature will complete the state redistricting in time to allow county boards of elections to redraw precinct boundaries; however, if that does not occur, then accommodations will have to be made to allow individuals living and voting in the same precinct to vote for different candidates depending on the district in which the individual resides. Also, similar determinations will have to be made with respect to candidate eligibility.

Let the fun and games begin ---- or continue ---- as the case may be.

Financial

As many of you well know, the cost of maintaining a successful organization is constantly increasing. In order to maintain the level of professionalism of the Boyle County Republican Party, we need your help. Donations to help offset our many expenses would be greatly appreciated. Please send your donations to the address listed below for our headquarters.

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