

Candidates speak at forum

Candidates from four contested races spoke at the El Kadir Shrine Club on Oct. 19. Here is a summary of their responses to some of the topics addressed at the forum.

Race	Topic	Candidates
18th District, Missouri Senate	Goals and concerns for education:	Wes Shoemyer (D)*: A cut in schools' transportation budget will result in other school programs being cut. Opposed to school vouchers and privatizing teacher retirement system. Education is for the public good and is worth investing in. It is important to have a well-trained work force. Brian Munzlinger (R): It is critical that education funding be protected because there need to be jobs for educated students here in Missouri, which would help the tax base, instead of out-of-state jobs. Students need job training in new technologies.
	Solutions for bringing jobs to the district:	Wes Shoemyer (D)*: Most successful job projects start at the local and county level. Incentives must be provided for businesses. Make sure there is money for retraining. Get to work at bringing in jobs. Brian Munzlinger (R): Expand the tax credit for employers who invest in the district. Retrain workers for jobs. Work in state government to kill regulations from federal government.
2nd District, Missouri House of Representatives	Solutions for bringing in and maintaining jobs in the 2nd District:	Rebecca McClanahan (D)*: Missouri has a favorable business environment. Has worked to bring a DNA forensics lab to Kirksville. Supports Caring for Missourians funding and defense of agriculture in Missouri. Zachary Wyatt (R): Agriculture is the heart and soul of the economy, and the Right to Farm Act will protect farmers from lawsuits that hurt jobs. Jobs are on the line. Make sure farms and companies aren't compromised.
	Things at the state level that can be done to help senior citizens:	Rebecca McClanahan (D)*: Brings expertise to the area. Has stood up for seniors through the Committee for Health Appropriations and Senior Rx Advisory Commission and supports home-delivered meal programs and personal care attendants. Millions of dollars must be cut, but it must be done strategically. Zachary Wyatt (R): Must keep promises to seniors, although Medicare will be cut because of Obamacare. Must make sure money from those cuts doesn't go to special interest groups. Take care of veterans and POWs. Plans to have a big voice as part of Missouri House majority.
Presiding Commissioner of the County Commission	Plans for repairing the roads due to damage from heavy rain:	Harley Harrelson (D): Talking to the people who drive on the roads. Spending money on projects that are more expensive up front but that will pay off in the long run. Darin Fountain(CST), the third candidate, was not present due to a family emergency Stanley Pickens (R): Making sure the roads are graded to the ditches. Starting work on the main roads first and the secondary roads second.
Associate Circuit Judge	Judicial philosophy:	Kristie J. Swaim (D)*: Follow the Constitution of the United States and Missouri and state statutes. Interpret laws, not make them. Partisanship has no place on the bench. Josh Meyer (IND): Justice should be administered fairly and laws should be clarified. Believes in being fiscally responsible, using all resources and restoring the judicial system through progressive change while maintaining conservative values.

Corporate paint supplier plans to open

BY ELIZABETH KOCH
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A new Sherwin-Williams store will open in early January at 413 N. Baltimore St., the previous location of Movie Gallery.

Tim Klimek, Missouri district manager of Sherwin-Williams, said the new store will use the existing building, but that the interior is being redone. The store has been in the planning stage for approximately eight or nine months and construction started several weeks ago, he said. Stock and fixtures will arrive

within the next two months, he said. "[Construction] is going well," Klimek said. "It's going along as planned."

Klimek said he is excited for the Kirksville location to open.

"[Sherwin-Williams] never really had a presence in that part of Missouri, and Kirksville is kind of a growing town, and we've kind of been looking at it for awhile," he said. "It's a good opportunity for the location."

He said Sherwin-Williams will benefit Kirksville by supplying their service and their national paint brand. Also, four to six part-time em-

ployees will be hired locally.

Klimek said Sherwin-Williams will be targeting retail businesses, do-it-yourself customers and commercial painting contractors.

Greg Brown, Truman buildings trade supervisor, said many construction contractors working on campus use Sherwin-Williams paint. The Student Union Building, Ryle Hall and Pershing Building are examples of buildings painted using the Sherwin-Williams brand.

"[Sherwin-Williams] paint generally has to come out of the Columbia [Mo.] store down there, so it's not

real convenient," Brown said. "So, this will be really beneficial to Truman."

He said the Benjamin Moore brand, purchased from P. E. Jepson Lumber Co., is currently used after construction projects are completed because there is a Benjamin Moore mixing station on campus. But finding colors that match might be easier than before with a local Sherwin-Williams store, because it will provide easier access to the original color used by the contractor. Brown said Truman has discussed possible future business plans with Sherwin-Williams.

He said approximately 150 gallons of paint are used each year for repainting classrooms and striping parking lots.

Mickey Hays, manager of P. E. Jepson Lumber Co., said Sherwin-Williams will provide additional competition with P. E. Jepson Lumber Co.'s paint sales, but it's too early to determine the degree of that competition.

"I'm sure [Sherwin-Williams] will take business away from us," Hays said. "It will have an impact."

He said he is neither for nor against the Sherwin-Williams opening in Kirksville.



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