

## Ganshaw running for 10th district County Legislature seat

Trevor Ganshaw, an equipment operator and farmer from Cambria, announced his bid to represent neighbors from Wilson, Cambria and Wheatfield in the Niagara County Legislature, saying the current government's leadership has "lost touch with working class taxpayers and their values."

Ganshaw, who is also the captain of the New York Power Authority's 77-ton icebreaker, the William H. Latham, called out county lawmakers for a series of controversial hires.

"My opponent was supposed to work for the hardworking people in Cambria and Wilson that pay the taxes to county government, but he sure doesn't share their values," Ganshaw said.



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Ganshaw said, "Dave Godfrey literally hired criminals into top county jobs while my neighbors were out of work or losing their family businesses due to government-imposed COVID lockdowns. Every one of those hires was a slap in the face to the taxpayers, who at the same time were worried about where their next paycheck was coming from."

Ganshaw also criticized the incumbent for failing to stop the massive

900-acre Cypress Creek Renewables solar power generation site in Cambria, noting Godfrey had promised to do that when he last faced voters two years ago.

"All Dave Godfrey did was pass a meaningless, non-binding resolution in the County Legislature," Ganshaw said. "Cambria Opposition to Industrial Solar, the local grassroots group opposing the siting, had done far more than Godfrey to push back on the California-based company behind this solar plant, which is likely to devastate property values for hundreds of homeowners. Dave Godfrey has been AWOL on the issue."

Ganshaw, who works his family produce farm in his spare time, also

vowed to target job creation, which he called a "missed opportunity" for the incumbent.

"Dave Godfrey has a seat on the Legislature's Economic Development Committee, but he hasn't brought any businesses to Wilson or Cambria," Ganshaw noted. "Wilson is full of empty storefronts and shuttered businesses."

He added, "We literally have a factory sitting idle in Wilson, and the County Legislature is giving our tax dollars to a Pakistani library in Niagara Falls. Again, it's another slap in the face of our county taxpayers."

Ganshaw vowed "to increase accountability and end misguided policies that take from our taxpayers and

give to the connected."

Ganshaw is a member of the Wilson Conservation Club, the Niagara County Farm Bureau, the IBEW, the Niagara Orleans Labor Council, the National Rifle Association, the Gun Owners of America, and Cambria Opposition to Industrial Solar. He is a Wilson High School graduate and has a degree in horticulture from Niagara County Community College. He lives in Cambria with his wife, Nicole, and their 3-year-old son.

Ganshaw is a registered Republican and will contest the Republican line in the June primary.

## Godfrey announces reelection bid

Niagara County Legislator Dave Godfrey announced his bid for reelection in the 10th Legislative District, encompassing Wilson, Cambria and part of Wheatfield. He is the endorsed candidate of the Republican and Conservative committees.

"Today I launch a campaign that will be focused on the issues that really impact the people of our community and on my record in fighting to address those issues," Godfrey said. "I am humbled by the support I have received from voters in the past and hope they will choose to elect me to

another term."

Godfrey pointed specifically to his efforts to secure funding to improve the local shoreline infrastructure and protect property owners after Lake Ontario flooding; battling wind and solar projects across Niagara County that threaten to destroy the character of local communities; working as a board member of the Niagara Military Affairs Council to ensure the future of the airbase; and fighting relentlessly to bring high-speed, reliable and affordable broadband to every home and business.

"I'm proud of these and many other accomplishments, including ensuring every single county budget stayed under the state-mandated property tax cap," Godfrey said.

"We have built a strong foundation in county government that delivers services that people expect while keeping our costs down," he added. "I'm especially proud of how this solid foundation has allowed us to navigate through the havoc caused by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Godfrey said he was disappointed his opponent was already what he

called running a dirty, negative campaign.

"At a time when there is simply too much negativity in all of our lives, I will not add to it," he said. "It's not who I am, and believe my constituents would expect no less of me. Moreover, anything less would be totally disrespectful of our community."

Godfrey said he will run on the important issues and opportunities that will bring the highest positive outcome by continuing to work with state and federal officials for the good of the people across the entire county.

"As an elected public servant, I have always held the needs and concerns of my constituents as my highest priority," he said. "I have been blessed with their continued support and having the time to devote fully to their needs and will continue to do so to the very best of my ability."

"God bless our county, our country, and all those who are on the frontline defending our freedom! Thank you!"

## Legislator Gooch to seek reelection

Niagara County Legislator Jesse Gooch said he would seek reelection to continue representing the 7th Legislative District, which includes parts of Wheatfield and North Tonawanda. He is the endorsed candidate of the Republican and Conservative committees.

"County government is really about providing important services to the public in so many different ways," said Gooch, who is chairman of the Community Services Committee. "And never has that been more apparent than during the pandemic.

We were able to maintain our level of service and, because of years of good fiscal management, we were still able to keep our budget under the property tax cap. That's what our residents expect."

Throughout the pandemic, Gooch led an effort called "Meals from the Heart from Six Feet Apart," to provide drive-thru dinners to senior citizens. The weekly events were a huge hit.

"It became a way - at a time of great isolation and social distancing - for people of the community to feel con-

nected to each other in some small way," he said. "It resonated that we were all in this together and would get through the dark time together."

Gooch said the county must now focus on helping small businesses rebuild post-pandemic and getting people back to work.

"As a small business owner, I was able to weather the storm in decent fashion, but I know how devastating the last year has been for many," Gooch said. "So, I believe we must do some kind of grant program with the federal stimulus money to help

small businesses get back on their feet. We can't forget that these are the businesses that put the vast majority of people to work."

Gooch has been a leading advocate for bringing transparency to county government and said he believes great progress has been made in that regard.

"We are now livestreaming our meetings so anyone in Niagara County can watch the Legislature in action, and all of those meetings are archived for future viewing," Gooch said. "The county is also much more active on

social media, as well, promoting the many program and opportunities that are available for residents."

Gooch said he looks forward to running on his record and meeting many more voters as he goes door to door throughout the spring and summer.

"I'm not a politician; I'm somebody who believes you step forward and run for office to make a difference - even if that sounds a little old-fashioned," Gooch said. "And hopefully the voters will decide I've done a good job and continue to support me."

## Nemi to seek another term in legislature

Niagara County Legislator Tony Nemi said he would seek another term representing the 11th District, which covers the Town of Pendleton and parts of the City and Town of Lockport. Nemi is the endorsed candidate of the Republican and Conservative committees.

"It has been my distinct honor to serve my community in the legislature and I believe we have accomplished a great deal, especially with county finances," he said. "I'm proud that we have consistently produced budgets that are under the tax cap while maintaining a high level of service."

Nemi said his focus is on helping the community rebuild after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We need to do whatever we can to help businesses recover and begin growing again, especially small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy and provide the most jobs for our residents" he said. "The

economic growth in Pendleton and the City and Town of Lockport was definitely on the right track before the pandemic and it's my job, through our economic development initiatives, to help businesses rebound."

Nemi said making best use of the federal relief dollars that will flow to Niagara County is key.

"Beyond helping businesses with those funds, we need to invest in our infrastructure, because those projects help promote growth and they put people to work," said Nemi, who pointed to the Tonawanda Creek Road rehabilitation as a great ex-

ample. "We must make prudent decisions on how best to spend these funds."

Lastly, Nemi said he would continue to fight against industrial solar and wind projects that are opposed by local communities.

"I have repeatedly said that no one is against green energy, but New York state should not ignore the wishes of a community, override local zoning ordinances and essentially force these projects on us," Nemi said. "We will fight Albany and New York City politicians to end to preserve the character of our communities."

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