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Pam Gosline

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Pam Gosline has announced her candidacy for the Vernon City Commission. "I grew up in Vernon and moved to Dallas in 1974. I decided to move back to Vernon in 2009. Being back home where I belong has been such a blessing and it's great to be closer to my friends and family. The people here are awesome and I like the simplicity of a small town.

"It would be a tremendous honor to be elected to the City of Vernon Commissioners Court. I am hoping to utilize the professional skills I have acquired over my life to add to the City of Vernon. I have a diverse background in Human Resources, Employee Relations, Marketing, Public and Government Relations, Legal Affairs, and the owner of a small business. I have worked for large corporations such as Pillsbury (Steak and Ale/Bennigans) and Brinker International. I also have worked with smaller companies such as Tia's Tex Mex. I started my own company in 2001. I have worked with budgets and financials. My professional expertise and experience working with all types of people and businesses have given me a particular set of skills that I would like to put to use to serve the community of Vernon. Vernon is my home. I want only the best for the citizens of Vernon. I would like to see continued focus on cleaning up Vernon, Public Safety, Land Use, Recreation/Culture, street construction and maintenance, water and sewage while keeping within our budget parameters," she said.

In September 2001, Pam Gosline co-founded Five Star Recruiting, LLC. Her

career in the restaurant industry spans over 40 years. Her varied career makes her uniquely qualified to consult on many issues. Pam started her career at S&A Restaurant Corp. During her tenure she was involved not only in corporate recruiting but also Human Resources, Employee Relations, Public Relations, Legal Affairs and Government Relations. Pam took this experience to Tia's, Inc. where she made valuable contributions to a small company in developing marketing and training programs. After 6 years at Tia's, Inc. Gosline became a management recruiter for Brinker International. While at Brinker International, Pam recruited for concepts such as Chili's, On the Border, Macaroni Grill, Cozymels, Spagedies, and Grady's American Grill. In 1996, Pam began recruiting independently.



PAM GOSLINE

"My diverse background has given me a great foundation to be successful at what I do today," she said.

Gosline's vast experience and contacts in the restaurant industry have taken Five Star Recruiting, LLC to the top of its field.

Gosline graduated from Vernon High School in 1973.

She is former Chairman of Vernon Pride Committee, member of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Wilbarger Humane Society, member of Western Trail Cowboy Church, and served on the Building Committee of WTCC

She has two children. Her daughter Kasey Whitten graduated from the University of North Texas and is currently Vice President of Human Resources for Food Concepts International dba as Abuelo's. She is married to Jay Whitten with two children Jack (age 7) and Jasey (age 3). Her son Kyle Gosline and wife Lucia reside in Lubbock, where Kyle is currently teaching.

Doug Jeffrey

Long time Vernon resident, Doug Jeffrey, filed to run for mayor.

"After much prayer and support from my family, and encouragement from community members, I have decided to serve the town I grew up in. Vernon holds many special memories for my family, I was raised here, I met my wife here, and after serving our country in the United States Air Force, I chose to return here to raise my own family," Jeffrey said.

Citing a growing number of young families returning to Vernon, and renewed interest in projects in downtown Vernon and across Willbarger County, Jeffrey has a hopeful



DOUG JEFFREY

outlook for the future of the community.

Doug Jeffrey is a graduate of Vernon High School, Texas Tech University, and served in the United States Air Force.

He married Molly Schur Jeffrey in 2001, and the couple has four children. Jeffrey is currently employed as an Evaluator pilot in the United States Air Force Reserve and runs cattle as well as invests in real estate.

Jeffrey is running to replace Joe Rogers, who announced he is not seeking reelection after two terms. Rogers replaced Jeff Bearden, who did not seek reelection after two terms in office.

Molly Baldwin

Molly Baldwin graduated with a BA from Caldwell University and received her MA from Seton Hall University. During her 34 year career in the Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District, she took postgraduate courses in Holocaust education at the Jewish-Christian Studies Department of Seton Hall and at Rutgers University. She served on committees, advisory boards, conducted workshops and seminars, wrote curriculum and parent guides for NJ school districts and universities, as well as for the State of New Jersey.

Molly received grants from the Bridgewater-Raritan Education Foundation for training educators on how to teach the Holocaust and African-American history using children's literature. Her class was selected to participate in the development of a literacy video sponsored by Rutgers University. Molly was the subject of Heike Deckert-Peaceman's published German doctoral thesis dealing with Holocaust education in an American elementary school.

In the summer of 1998, Molly participated in the NJ Commission on Holocaust Education Seminar to Eastern Europe and Israel, visiting sites that were important during the Holocaust and in Jewish history. In 2000, she studied at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem at the Institute for Holocaust Studies.

Among her awards, she received the 1998 New Jersey Governor's Teacher Recognition Award for Excellence in Education. In May 2002 the Bridgewater-Raritan Education Foundation presented Molly with the Dittman Award for outstanding service and innovative teaching. After retirement, Raritan Valley Community College called Molly back to NJ to honor her with the 2003 Make a Difference award.

Molly served with the Bridgewater-Raritan Education Association as building rep, Executive Committee secretary and elementary rep for the Negotiations and Grievance

Committees.

Upon relocating to Virginia in 2002, she volunteered at the Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond. She served on the museum's education committee, working with Virginia universities and state teachers in advancing Holocaust studies. Molly initiated middle school-museum workshops, ran outreach programs and planned special museum events. She worked with the Director of Exhibitions in researching and preparing exhibits for permanent and temporary displays.

Moving to Albuquerque, Molly became president of her HOA and participated in the city's East Gateway project.

"Five years ago, my husband Reg and I decided to come to Texas. Reg is a Paducah boy and felt drawn back to his roots. He attended the first Santa Rosa Round-up with his grandparents and tasted his first cotton candy in Vernon. Always the willing traveler, I came along for the ride.

"My leadership experiences, along with my ability to research, organize and present information, are fundamental for commission work. My goal to relate to and understand all areas of the City is important for a cohesive Vernon.

"I have met so many wonderful people in Vernon. I enjoy volunteering at the Red River Valley Museum. Attending commission meetings started out simply to become an informed citizen, moved to exploring Texas Municipal Law, and soon graduated to a desire to serve.

"As a commissioner I believe we must make our employees feel comfortable about living out their careers in Vernon by being a competitive employer. We must continue with our street paving program. Prioritizing our spending makes needed things happen. I want to encourage residents to come observe how their city operates and urge those with ideas on revitalizing downtown to let us help implement them."



MOLLY BALDWIN

Justin Marsh

Justin Marsh filed paperwork Friday to be a candidate for City Commissioner, Place 1.

Marsh gave the following statement:

"My family and I have been a part of Vernon/Wilbarger Co. for 3 generations. I think it is important for me to serve our community and help preserve and improve it for the generations to come.

"My wife is employed at VISD, and we think my running for Commissioner would be a wonderful way to serve this community.

"Vernon has had a rough time in the past with finances and other issues and the current administration has done a wonderful job shoveling us out



JUSTIN MARSH

of some major holes and I want to do what I can to keep the ball rolling in a positive direction. Every community across the country goes through ups and downs but we are more financially secure now than in many years past, and my wish is to keep our tax payers from being burdened with another financial disaster.

"I think first thing, we should address our infrastructure. Meaning, our waste water plant and water well fields and lines, as well as street maintenance. Then we can look at community projects to improve the overall view of Vernon and make our city a desired town for events, business, and quality living.

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**Keeping the Interest of our Taxpayers First
Improve and Maintain Infrastructure
Wastewater Treatment Plant
Water Fields and Water Line
Streets, Cemetery and Parks**

**Justin Marsh
for City Commissioner**



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