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Rebecca Raymer is the Republican Candidate for KY State Representative in the 15th District.

of 2,434.

Rebecca Raymer won in Butler and Muhlenberg Counties to be the Republican Candidate for the 15th District State Representative.

The PVA race was a hot one with 5 candidates. Kenny Swift won with 1,063 votes.

Incumbent Judge Executive, Tim Flener secured his seat with 2,421 votes.

The Jailer race was tight with six candidates. Wayne Russ won with 753 votes (of 2,911).

Stevie Givens kept his seat as First District Magistrate with 241 votes.

First District Constable was won by Steven W. Johnson with 180 votes.

Kevin Phelps secured his seat as Second District Magistrate with 416 votes.

Third District Constable will stay with Tony Givens with 350 votes.

David Whittinghill secured his seat as Fourth District Magistrate with 283

votes (6 more than his opponent).

Fifth District Constable was won by Dustin Coots with 261 votes, but because of a technicality he will face off with Lonnie Alford in the fall.

US Senator choice for Butler County was Charles Booker.

US Representative for Butler was Hank Linderman.

On the day of the election, there was some confusion in the Fifth District Constable race. Lonnie Alford ran on the Republican ticket as he has always registered as a Republican. To everyone’s surprise, when Alford went to the Fifth District FD to cast his vote, he was given a Democrat ballot. After some investigation, it was found that he had allegedly changed his party in 2019. According to Alford, he renewed his license in 2021 and there should have been no reason for a change in 2019. The original card was produced from when the change was made and nothing on the card had been



David Whittinghill, Fourth District Magistrate.

checked, except for a small scribble in the Democrat box.

After some discussion, County Clerk Sherry Johnson told the Alford’s that she didn’t have an answer to what might have happened. They allowed Alford to file his intent to run under the Republican ticket and didn’t catch the mistake. At noon, on election day, they stopped counting Alford’s votes. County Attorney, Dick Deye advised Alford to resign and run as a write in candidate in November.

Brett Guthrie; “I am humbled by the support I received tonight from Republicans across the Second District. Throughout this campaign, the sentiment I heard repeatedly is, ‘We have to stop Joe Biden, he’s ruining our country.’ I couldn’t agree more, and that’s why I’m running for re-election. If Republicans win control of the House this November, we can take Nancy Pelosi out of the Speaker’s chair and bring Joe Biden’s liberal agenda

to a halt. We’ll secure the border, stop Biden’s inflationary agenda, focus on the drug epidemic that is killing Kentuckians, protect Medicare and social security for seniors, address crime, support law enforcement, and create policies that give every Kentuckian the opportunity to succeed. This November, let’s stop Joe Biden cold and get America back on track!”

On Tuesday, Rebecca Raymer posted this: “Southerners use food for celebration and for consolation, so win or lose I’m covered!

Thankful to spend this afternoon with people who love and support me no matter what!

I’ve done the best I can, we’ve prayed for God’s will. Now we wait!

Thank you to everyone that has supported me throughout this campaign. The support has been amazing! It has been an experience I’ll never forget!

God bless the USA!”

Meredith receies a 100 percent rate for support for Kentucky small businesses

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 19, 2022) - The state office of the National Federation of Independent Business recently recognized Senator Steve Meredith (R-Leitchfield) for his voting record in the 2021-22 session of the General Assembly.

As a member of the Senate Standing Committee on Appropriations & Revenue Committee, Meredith has been a staunch proponent of passing legislation that helps reduce the regulatory burden that hampers the success of businesses in the commonwealth.

“It’s important to have elected leaders who understand the challenges facing Kentucky’s small businesses and will do everything they can to enable small businesses to grow and create jobs,” NFIB State Director Tom Underwood said.

“Thriving small businesses are an essential element for the workforce in our rural communities, and since being elected to the State Senate, I have been focused on helping pass legislation that helps businesses achieve economic success,” Meredith said. “I’m grateful to receive a perfect score because of my support of policies strengthening Kentucky’s economic standing.”

Underwood said the NFIB Voting Record does not reflect every element considered by a lawmaker when voting, nor does it represent a complete



profile of a legislator. The 2021-22 voting record includes eight key votes in both chambers on critical issues such as tax relief, unemployment reform, and COVID-19 recovery.

To learn more about NFIB in Kentucky, visit www.NFIB.com/KY. Visit legislature.ky.gov for more information on Sen. Meredith and to view legislation from the 2022 Legislative Session.

Senator Stephen Meredith (R-Leitchfield) represents the 5th Senate District, which includes Breckinridge, Butler, Grayson, Ohio and Meade counties. He serves as chair of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Human Resources and vice-chair of the Senate Standing Committees on Health and Welfare and Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection. Sen. Meredith also serves as co-chair of the Government Contract Review Committee and Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Committee. Finally, he is a member of the Senate Standing Committees on Education and Appropriations and Revenue.

Barriers We Must Cross

By **Van Yandell**

2 Samuel 22: 33 “The one true God is my mighty refuge; he removes the obstacles in my way.

Cho La is a summit pass located 5,420 meters (17,782 feet) above sea level in the Solukhumbu District in northeastern Nepal. It connects the village of Dzongla to the east and the village of Thagnak to the west.

Nepal is a small country between Tibet on the north and India on the south. The government is a constitutional monarchy. We heard after we returned home, there was a civil war between the government and the Maoists.

We camped at the base of what looked like a mountain to me. The wall behind those yellow tents looked straight up. It was about 2000 feet to the summit. At the top of that mountain was Cho La Pass. We had to cross Cho La to get to Gokyo Ri, then to Gorkashep, the last village before Everest

Base Camp at the base of the Khumbu Icefall and glacier.

I slept really good that night in that tent pitched in a rock field. Many mornings I had to thaw out my tube of tooth paste. So when morning came I made the necessary preparations for the day. For some crazy reason, I thought we were going along the base of the mountain starting out. But oh no! We were heading straight up.

There were five Americans on the trek to the Khumbu. Sunil, our Nepalese guide, told us no American he had guided had ever climbed Cho La without help. That made me even more determined.

As we started up that combination of a rock wall and trail, I thought, “How in the world do I get myself into such predicaments as this?” It took, if I remember correctly, about four hours to reach the top. One of the Sherpas offered to carry my backpack (about 30 to 40 pounds); no way, even though I appreciated

the offer.

When we reached the top, all the Americans were gasping for air. Seventeen thousand feet doesn’t sound like much, but when one is accustomed to 600 feet above sea level, believe me, the lack of oxygen is noticeable.

At one point our guide asked me, “What is your respiration rate where you live?” I had no idea. I’d never had any reason to check it. I checked it there and was breathing at the rate of thirty-six breaths per minute. A few months later, back in America, I happened to think and checked my rate at 600 feet. I was breathing eleven to twelve breaths per minute at rest.

Once on top of Cho La, we Americans dropped our packs and crashed. I think I actually went to sleep lying on a pile of rock. The uncomfortable granite pillow didn’t really matter. When I awoke, the Sherpa porters had dropped their packs and were running and playing, and throwing snowballs. I felt as out of shape as I had any time in my life.

What made the difference was acclimatization; becoming accustomed to a new climate or to new conditions. Only, those were not new conditions for the Sherpas. They were used to the conditions at 17,000 feet.

The Bible teaches we become one with God, Ephesians 5:30-32. The Apostle Paul asked the people at Ephesus in Acts 19, “When you believed, did you receive the Holy Spirit?” This is a new condition we experience in the salvation process. Just as the Sherpas were in their forte at 17,000 feet, we by becoming one with God, experience a new level in our existence.

The difference is God takes care of the acclimatization. We must surrender our present state of existence to become one with God. In John chapter 3, Jesus told Nicodemus, “You must be born again.” We change! I had an evangelist friend that often said, “If you

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bumpy ride, but all four cadets did exceptionally well, with one being a leader during training.

From the Chief:

“And just like that 20 weeks ago Morgantown sent four young guys off to Richmond for basic training, today we got back four men, trained in law, Investigations, driving, defensive tactics, weapons, and every basic skill necessary to begin serving the people of Morgantown. They are fit, eager and ready to make a difference in the community!

Officer Seth Felty, Officer Thomas Lane, Officer Luke Mooneyhan, and Officer Tyler Havens!

All four were in the top 5% of their class academically. Officer Seth Felty additionally was awarded Fit for Duty, having achieved outstanding physical

performance standards and was recognized for his leadership abilities while having a command position over other recruits for 17 of the 20 weeks of basic training.

I’m very proud of them all, we have a group of fine officers here. Morgantown’s citizens should also feel great pride. It is the first time in the history of the city that 4 men were hired and sent to training together.

A testament to the state of the city and the city’s commitment to a stable, safe, business, and family environment.

Today was their day. Join us and their families in welcoming them back home.”

Congratulations to Tyler Havens, Luke Mooneyhan, Seth Felty, and Thomas Lane, all of whom graduated the Police Academy on Friday. !