

Two candidates seek District 23 county supervisor seat April 1

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KOSHKONONG — Two candidates are facing off for the District 23 seat on the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors in the April 1 election.

Incumbent George Jaeckel is being challenged by former Supervisor Tim Griep in the District 23 seat, which represents Wards 1 and 2 in the Town of Koshkonong and Ward 8 in the City of Fort Atkinson.

The two candidates were asked to provide the Daily Union with information on their background, experiences and top issues of concern related to being a county supervisor. The following are their responses, with the incumbent first.

George Jaeckel

George Jaeckel said he always has believed that a person cannot make a difference or understand something unless he or she gets involved in the community.

“I want to set an example for my children that by becoming involved, you learn and understand more,” said Jaeckel. “I want them to be aware of what is going on and not be afraid to step up and ask questions, to get more involved.”

In addition to being a county supervisor, Jaeckel also is a member of the Town of Koshkonong Board of Supervisors.

He said he is running for re-election for his county supervisor seat in hopes of leaving a better community for his children and the next generation.

Jaeckel said he believes it important to shrink county government and eliminate unnecessary spending in the budget.

“I would like to see that we keep spending within reason for the county,” he said.

In addition, Jaeckel said he considers the issues surrounding the Jefferson County Highway Department facility that will be built on the site of the former Countryside Home to be a priority during the next term. Those also include what to do with the current highway shop location in Jefferson.

Tim Griep

Tim Griep said he is hoping to return to the county board after a few years' absence.

“I want to bring my years of experience in public service to the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors,” he said.

During his hiatus, Griep spent time as chairman on the Town of Koshkonong Board of Supervisors.

Similar to Jaeckel, he said he views the budgetary issues facing the county as the number one priority for board members.

“Perhaps the top issue facing Jefferson County is how we will we deal with rising debt and other fiscal constraints that can impact the quality of life here,” Griep said.

“My prior county board service and time as the Koshkonong chairman makes me uniquely qualified to address these issues,” he added.