

Local residents announce candidacies for public office

EMILY MITCHELL House District 58 Vassalboro, Windsor, part of Augusta

Emily is running as a Democrat and clean elections candidate for election to Maine's House of Representatives in District 58 which includes Vassalboro, Windsor, and a small part of Augusta. She is excited and honored to have the opportunity to run for the open seat and hopes to follow in the political footsteps of several family members.

"We have a grand tradition of public service in my family and in Maine, and I am hoping to join that tradition by serving the people of House District 58 in Augusta with dedication, commitment, and enthusiasm."

A resident of Vassalboro, Emily is a former teacher and presently an attorney and a small business owner. She lives at Lupine Farm which she operates with her fiancée, Bill Rafuse. In addition to the horse business which includes boarding, lessons, camps, training, and sales, Emily and Bill also work with a group of volunteer gardeners on a garden for the Vassalboro Food Station providing the space and the soil preparation. Last year, over 1,200 pounds of produce was donated to the Food Station from the Lupine Farm garden from the collaborative efforts.

"As a young person, I have

been lucky enough to move back to my hometown and make it work. I hope I can help many other Mainers recognize and enjoy similar opportunities." As part of her effort to retain and attract young people to Maine, Emily is on the board of the statewide steering committee of Realize Maine, a group commissioned by the governor to address those issues.

Emily is passionate about public education, green energy, and promoting Maine as a phenomenal place to live, work, and play. "Promoting Maine as a great place to work means that I am also passionate about connecting people with jobs and jobs with Maine," says Mitchell.

Emily was born in Augusta, grew up in Vassalboro, and graduated from the Vassalboro Community School in the first class to complete an entire eighth grade year in the building. She graduated from Waterville High School in 1998 and, after a year teaching kindergarten in Mexico, she joined the Princeton University Class of 2003. She returned to Maine for Law School in 2005 and earned her J.D. in 2008.

Emily's fiancée, Bill Rafuse, is also a Maine native and is a graduate of UMF. He spent many years working as a contractor and ski instructor in and around Sugarloaf and the Casco Bay Islands, and he is now studying to become an agent at GHM Insurance in Waterville. They both love to share the joys of the farm with visitors from near and far and take advantage of having the Kennebec River in their own backyard when time permits.

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her at: 512-8225, voteemilyllymitchell@gmail.com, or www.lupinefarm.com.

JOHN PICCIOTTI House District 84 Fairfield, Rome, Smithfield

John Picchiotti has formally announced his candidacy to run as a Republican for State House District 84 which includes the towns of Fairfield, Rome, and Smithfield. John is a longtime Fairfield resident and has been active in the local community for more nearly 30 years, having served on the SAD 49 School Board and Fairfield Planning Board, in addition to other committees.

John says, "I've never really been political, but throughout my career and raising a family I always tried to stay active in the community. When I was asked to run for the legislature I felt it would be a worthwhile venture. I may be recently retired, but I have a lot of experience that could be put to good use and hopefully make a positive contribution to the community."

John has owned and managed several businesses, and has significant experience with business marketing, insurance, and finance. He is currently chairman of the Board of KSW Federal Credit Union, chairman of the Fairfield Economic Development Committee, a board member of FirstPark, and active in the Mid Maine Chamber of Commerce.

John supports improving and streamlining essential government services and successful programs and believes taxes should not be increased to save failing programs.

"There is a lot of work to be done in Augusta as we confront the current financial crisis", says John. "Taxes are already high and therefore we must pursue efficiencies in government and eliminate waste while protecting and improving the most important government services."

"I will be a strong advocate for policies that have a positive impact on small businesses and the hard working people of Maine", says John. "People expect their representatives to bring a common sense approach to public policy, and that's what I intend to do."

John is also a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in the early '60s.

ROBERT SEZAK House District 84 Fairfield, Rome, Smithfield

Democrat Robert Sezak of Fairfield, has officially announced his candidacy for House District 84 comprised of Fairfield, Rome and Smithfield.



Robert Sezak

Sezak, 57, was born in Bangor and grew up in Orono. He moved to Fairfield in

2001 with his partner of 18 years, Norma Larsson. Sezak has a bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of Maine at Augusta. He is the President of FASTZAK Inc., a property management company, and the owner of RE-

BOOKS, a used bookstore located in Waterville.

As a small business owner for over 16 years, Sezak understands the meaning of cash flow. He knows the importance of establishing a budget and staying within its bounds. "Money management is the key to success in a small business. The business person, constantly hit with increasing costs and restrictive pricing, must be able to make experienced management decisions for business survival and growth."

"In Augusta I hope to use my skills as a businessman to bring a reality-based approach capable of attracting new economic development and of promoting our natural resources while preserving our legacy and quality of life."

Sezak is presently serving on the Fairfield Business Finance Committee, and as an alternate on the Fairfield Planning Board. He served on the Kennebec Water District Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2009 and was a selectman in Troy, Maine from 1983-1987.

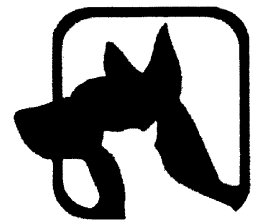
"I will bring my judgment and conscience to the legislative process. In order to serve best as a State Representative, it is necessary for me to listen to my constituents. Therefore, it is important that I hear your voice," Sezak said.

"Please feel free to contact me by email, by regular mail, or by dropping into my used bookstore, RE-BOOKS, in downtown Waterville, for a chat about ideas or opinions, or questions; about anything involving your government, or to volunteer your energy to my campaign."

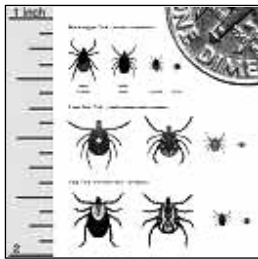
More information on Sezak's candidacy is posted at <http://www.robertsezak.info/>.

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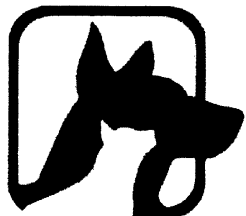
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