

True Blue

The Adams County Democrat
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Jaime Castle for Congress

For the People

I am not a career politician. I also have roots and branches throughout District 2. I plan to travel across our district, to listen to people and to partner with them to get important work done. I promise to never lose touch with those who put me in office, and I promise to always represent their needs.



Professionally, I am an educator and small business owner. Before marriage and my two children, I taught English and directed theater productions at Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati. Later, while nine months pregnant with my son, I started working as a seamstress. I served many clients – ranging from individuals to bigger clients like local restaurants, Procter and Gamble, and Warner Brothers Studios. I acquired the skills an entrepreneur needs and learned the many challenges that a small business owner faces. I hope to bring that ability and experience to bear on my work in Congress.

As my children have gotten older (my daughter is now eleven, my son is nine), I took on fewer sewing projects and became more active in their schools. Then, after years of volunteering, even serving as PTO President, I decided to return to the classroom as a substitute teacher for Cincinnati Public Schools. I am in touch with the struggles and successes that occur in America's classrooms because I've lived them as both an active parent and educator.

My own schooling includes graduating from Roger Bacon High School in 1995 and Miami Univer-

sity in 1999. I have also received a B.S. in Secondary Education (with a focus on Communications and a Reading Endorsement).

Being in touch with the people across our diverse district is one thing that helps qualify me for this job. I grew up in Greenhills, OH and currently reside with my family in Mt. Washington. My parents David ("Coach D" to fans of North Adams High School girls' soccer) and Lois D'Avignon and other members of my family live in Cherry Fork, Adams County, OH (one of the most beautiful rural counties in our district).

I'm not waiting for someone else to step up and make our world better – we all can make that difference for ourselves. I hope you will join me on my journey. ★

For more information visit
<https://castleforuscongress.com>.

Candidates for Justice Ohio Supreme Court

In 2020 there are two seats up for election for Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. We have two qualified candidates running for these two seats, Judge Jennifer Brunner and Judge John P. O'Donnell.

Judge Jennifer Brunner for Ohio Supreme Court

Judge Jennifer Brunner serves as one of 8 state appeals court judges of the Tenth District Court of Appeals located in Franklin County, Ohio; she previously served in elective office as a Common Pleas Judge (2000-2005) and Ohio Secretary of State (2007-2011). In 2008 she received the bipartisan John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for her public service. Previously, she

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Now is the time for all good Dems to come to the aid of their country.

Our choices save lives.

Please VOTE: It matters!

Judge Jennifer Brunner con't



was a principal at Brunner Quinn just prior to being elected to her current judicial position in 2014 and reelected in 2016. Having founded her law firm in 1988, Judge Brunner holds 17 years of private law practice experience as well as state government experience in the Ohio Senate and the Secretary of State's office as a staff attorney.

Judge Brunner has been married since 1978 to attorney Rick Brunner. They have three adult children and five grandchildren. Born in Springfield, Ohio, she has spent her formative and adult years in Columbus, Ohio, graduating from Columbus public schools, from college at Miami University of Ohio, cum laude, and from law school at Capital University Law School with honors.

For more information visit <https://judgebrunner.com>

Judge John P. O'Donnell for the Ohio Supreme Court

Judge John P. O'Donnell is running for Associate Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. John currently serves on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. He was first elected in 2002, and then again in 2006 and 2012. The Cuyahoga County court is one of Ohio's busiest, and during that time Judge O'Donnell presided over scores of jury trials in felony criminal cases and civil lawsuits. In 2008, Judge O'Donnell was selected by the chief justice of the Ohio Supreme Court to be one of only eight trial court judges in the state to preside over a commercial docket devoted strictly to business litigation. He has been responsible for over 2,000 commercial cases while still handling all other varieties of civil lawsuits and a felony criminal docket. He is the author of over one hundred judicial opinions.

Judge O'Donnell attended St. Joseph High School in Cleveland, Miami University in Oxford, and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Judge O'Donnell has served on the boards of several Northeast Ohio non-profit organizations. He and his wife are raising five children in Lakewood.

For more information visit <http://odonnellforjustice.com/>



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Early Voting Begins February 19th

Early Walk-In Absentee Voting Hours

FEBRUARY 19th thru FEBRUARY 21st
8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 24th thru FEBRUARY 28th
8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

MARCH 2nd thru MARCH 6th
8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

MARCH 7th -8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

MARCH 9th thru MARCH 13th
8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

MARCH 14th - 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

MARCH 15th - 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

MARCH 16th - 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

For more information or if you have questions contact the Adams County Board of Elections
215 North Cross St., Room 103
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Regular Office Hours:
8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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Ryan Ottney for Senate-District 14

Ryan Ottney, of New Boston (Scioto County), Ohio, is an elected member of the New Boston Village Council and chairman of the Scioto County Democratic Party.



With a BA in English communications and journalism minor, Ryan worked

for nearly 15 years as an award-winning writer and editor for the Portsmouth Daily Times newspaper and now works as director of communications at the South Central Ohio ESC in New Boston.

According to Ryan, the most important issues facing southern Ohio are jobs and the opioid epidemic, as well as affordable health care and quality education. The ABCs of why Ryan is running for Senate District 14:

- Affordable Health Care
- Better Jobs & Wages
- Community Reinvestments

“This district has been under Republican control for too long. Are things really any better? Don’t you think we can do better? It’s time for a change. It’s time we elected someone with new ideas, who will stand up for working families and not for special interest groups and corporations that profit off of the struggles of a shrinking middle class.”

To learn more visit <https://www.ottneyforohio.com>
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/OhioOttney>

Re-Elect Mark Tolle Recorder

You know, I guess I’ve always been a “leader.” Now, please don’t think I’m bragging when I say this.... there are leaders and there are followers. Both are needed, both are valuable. Neither is very valuable without the other.

In grade school at Winchester, the other students looked to me to help design our games at recess. When I started playing basketball in Junior High, I was the scoring forward. Eventually, I led my High School varsity squads for three years as the point guard.

Later in life, I married my high school sweetheart, Roxanna Campbell. You probably know her as Roxy Tolle. We started a family when my daughter Hannah came along.....a few years later joined by a son, Levi. Now there were three pairs of eyes looking at me for protection, guidance, and leadership. That’s a lot of responsibility, but a labor of love that I have been very glad to get to do.

When Roxy and I formed a Gospel singing group with some other musician friends, I accepted the role of Manager. We’ve been together ever since.

Then, a friend suggested with my skill-set I should run for the County Recorder position. I did.....I WON!.....I walked in that office for my first day and I knew almost NOTHING about the job! What I did know, however, was that the job and the County needed a leader. And I was willing to be that leader.

I’m still directing in that position. I need that job, and I believe the County still needs me. I can lead if you’ll let me. But I can’t get there alone. I need your help, your work, and your vote. I think I can run a competent office on a “shoe-string” budget and continue to give you something to be proud of. If you will let me, I’ll lead you into our future. ★



Save the Date

April 17

Adams County Democrat Club Annual Fundraising Dinner



We have exciting news about the annual Club Fundraising Dinner. In addition to hearing from several Democratic candidates, we have confirmed that Judge Jennifer Brunner will be the keynote speaker!

The annual fundraising dinner will be held at the Ohio Valley Career & Technical Center beginning with a social time at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner prepared and served by the OVCTC Culinary Arts Class. During the social time, there will be a silent auction featuring the last few items of political memorabilia donated by the late Virginia Grooms. After the keynote, there will be a live auction of baked goods and other items to raise funds to help elect Democrats.

More details will be forthcoming so check for updates at www.adamsdems.com

Be Sure to Vote for your Democratic Central Committee Member

The following individuals will be on the March 17th Primary Ballot in their respective Precincts:

Linda Sue Naylor-Sprigg
Thomas Conroy-Bratton
Eugenia Grooms-Green
Summer Drummond-Meigs
Dena Morris-Liberty
Vicki Brady-Franklin
Jack Hazelbaker-Brush Creek
Judy Peterson-Manchester
Racheal Stephenson-Oliver
Jane Shupert-Scott
Ethel Chambers-Seaman Village
Roxy Tolle-Tiffin East
Linda Louiso-Tiffin West
Dennis J. Grooms-Jefferson
Linda J. Stepp-Wayne
Jeffrey Huxmann-West Union A
Sheila Roush-West Union B
Matthew T. Young-Winchester Twp.
Rebecca Osborne-Winchester Village
Sheena White-Monroe
Linda Worley-Peebles

After the Board of Election certifies the official count of the Primary Election, the Central Committee will re-organize and appoint additional At-Large members and elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer for 4-year terms. ★

**OFFICIAL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT
ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO
MARCH 17, 2020**

Instructions to Voter

- To vote: completely fill in the oval (●) to the left your choice.
- Note the permitted number of choices directly below the title of each candidate office. Do not mark the ballot for more choices than allowed. If you mark more choices than permitted, that contest or question will not be counted.
- To vote for a write-in candidate: completely darken in the oval (●) to the left of the blank line and write in the candidate's name. Only votes cast for candidates who filed as a write-in will be counted. Do not write in a candidate's name if that person's name already is printed on the ballot for the same contest.
- If you make a mistake or want to change your vote: return your ballot to an election official and get a new ballot. You may ask for a new ballot up to two times.

For Delegates-at-Large and Alternates-at-Large to the National Convention (Vote for not more than 1)	For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-1-2021) (Vote for not more than 1)	For Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas (Vote for not more than 1)
<input type="radio"/> Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	<input type="radio"/> John P. O'Donnell	No Valid Petition Filed
<input type="radio"/> Michael R. Bloomberg	For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-2-2021) (Vote for not more than 1)	For Sheriff (Vote for not more than 1)
<input type="radio"/> Pete Buttigieg	<input type="radio"/> Jennifer Brunner	No Valid Petition Filed
<input type="radio"/> Tulsi Gabbard	For Judge of the Court of Appeals (4th District) (Full term commencing 2-9-2021) (Vote for not more than 1)	For County Recorder (Vote for not more than 1)
<input type="radio"/> Amy Klobuchar	No Valid Petition Filed	<input type="radio"/> Mark A. Tolle
<input type="radio"/> Bernie Sanders	For State Senator (14th District) (Vote for not more than 1)	For County Treasurer (Vote for not more than 1)
<input type="radio"/> Tom Steyer	<input type="radio"/> Ryan Ottney	No Valid Petition Filed
<input type="radio"/> Elizabeth Warren	For State Representative (90th District) (Vote for not more than 1)	For County Engineer (Vote for not more than 1)
<input type="radio"/> Write-in _____	No Valid Petition Filed	No Valid Petition Filed
For Representative to Congress (2nd District) (Vote for not more than 1)	For County Commissioner (Full term commencing 1-2-2021) (Vote for not more than 1)	For Coroner (Vote for not more than 1)
<input type="radio"/> Jaime M. Castle	No Valid Petition Filed	No Valid Petition Filed
	For County Commissioner (Full term commencing 1-3-2021) (Vote for not more than 1)	For Member of County Central Committee (Vote for not more than 1)
	No Valid Petition Filed	<input type="radio"/> DEPENDS ON DISTRICT
	For Prosecuting Attorney (Vote for not more than 1)	
	No Valid Petition Filed	