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## **2021 University of Missouri Extension Camden County Election Candidates**

**District I:** Includes Camdenton (C-1, C-II, CIII), Decaturville (DE), Ha Ha Tonka (HA), Horseshoe Bend (HB), Linn Creek (LVC), Osage Beach (O-I, O-II, O-III), Sunrise Beach (SB), Sunny Slope (SS), Wilson Bend (WB) voting precincts.

**6 positions open – all for a 2-year term**

### **Sandy Nelson-Camdenton**



I grew up at J Bar H Ranch, just outside Camdenton. A Camdenton High School graduate, I went to the University of Missouri, Columbia, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Biology with minors in Physiology and General Science.

The following year I earned a Masters of Education in Guidance and Counseling. Moving to Southern California, I taught one year and then became a Social Worker for Los Angeles County working with the permanently disabled. After 10 years in social work, I became a photojournalist then Copy Editor and eventually Publisher of a local community newspaper.

Since returning to Camdenton in 1991 to care for my parent's property, I have participated in a number of community organizations, including the Camden County Historical Society, Camden County Saddle Club, Sunrise Beach Little Theatre and the Farmers Market in Camdenton. Statewide, I was a founding member of the Missouri Farmers Market Association and served as its first president. In addition, I became a Master Gardener and was the advanced training chair for the Lake of the Ozarks Chapter of the Missouri Master Naturalist program for four years.

Presently, I am the Market Manager for the Farmers Market in Camdenton. As a farmer, my specialty crops are garlic, chile peppers and culinary herbs. I have a great interest in having fresh food accessible to all people at a reasonable price.

The phrase "An informed community is a strong community," is one that applies to all aspects of people's lives. The MU Extension provides information and education to people on a variety of subjects that directly and positively affects their quality of life. It is important that this work continues and expands. I plan to assist in developing and implementing educational programs; give suggestions and ideas; help determine areas needing attention; and volunteer in any capacity I can contribute.

## **Stacie Ling – Lake Ozark**



I have enjoyed a career in health care for more than 25 years because it has given me the opportunity to interact with and share knowledge with others. Beginning in high school, I worked as a pharmacy tech. Later, I managed the operations of nine retail pharmacies in and around Springfield, where I also taught a pharmacy technician course, and worked in an HIV-specialty pharmacy in St. Louis. Since joining Lake Regional in 2005, I have served in a variety of roles, beginning as a certified pharmacy technician and eventually growing into management roles. In 2019, I earned Six Sigma Black Belt certification, which is training from a globally recognized organization on leading project teams and managing process improvements. I also have earned two Bachelor's degrees, in Business Administration and Health Care Management.

My children and I have been residents of Camden County since 2005. Throughout my career at Lake Regional, I've become increasingly aware of the need for collaborative efforts to educate our community on health and wellness topics. In my current role as the Director of Learning and Development, we offer educational opportunities to our community, such as basic life support and mental first aid courses. A collaborative approach to identifying the educational needs in our community can help us, both at Lake Regional and the Council, in satisfying those needs.

## **Gary Krizanich-Osage Beach**



I am a relatively new resident in Camden County. My wife and I moved to Camden County in 2019 choosing to make this our home in retirement. My academic training is in geology having received a PhD from Missouri S&T. I am a veteran of the U.S. Army an retired federal employee having served in science positions with the U.S. Geological Survey. Following my retirement from the USGS (2009), I took a faculty position at the University of Central MO, teaching students in geology, engineering geology, and civil engineering technology through 2019.

Since moving to Camden County, I have become a volunteer at Lake Regional Hospital, Lake of the Ozarks State Park, Lake Ozark Watershed Alliance, and Lakes of MO Volunteer Program. Unfortunately, most of these activities have been impacted by the Covid virus with the exception of the LMVP where my wife and I have completed a season of sampling Lake of the Ozark site 26. As a permanent resident of Camden County, I am interested in helping to identify the critical needs of the county and addressing them using Extension Council resources. I have worked collaboratively with others in both government and academia solve problems. My experience and background provide me with 1 skill set to be an effective advocate on behalf of the county. I have 20 years experience in teaching at the college level to include development, delivery, and assessment of educational programs with a particular expertise in natural resources and the environment.

## **Dennis Bruns - Camdenton**



I have worked in Camden County since 1977 and have been a county resident since 1982. We have a small farm on Highway 7 South where we raise grass-fed Aberdeen Angus cattle. I taught Science for the Camdenton R-3 schools for 32 years and also at School of the Osage for 4 years. Currently I am the county agriculture technician for the Camden Soil and Water Conservation District. I have a B.S. and M.S. in Biology from Missouri State University, an Education Specialist from the University of Missouri, and have done course work at MU for my PhD in Science Education.

I am currently a board member of the Camden County Ambulance District and have been a member of the Camdenton Optimist Club since 1983.

My wife, Charlene, and I just celebrated our 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary and we have 4 grown children, 2 boys and 2 girls. We love to death as much as possible our 8 grandchildren.

## **Roger Corbin -Sunrise Beach**

I have served in City Government here at the Lake for almost 14 years. I understand the lakes problems as well as the solutions. I work well with others and can formulate solutions.

## **Chris Foster – Osage Beach**



I have been a Lake-area native and have been helping expansive growth at the Santa Monica Pier on California's west coast where he and his wife, Anastasia Roark Foster, split their time. I am the Chair of the Santa Monica Pier Corporation Board, and landed a spot on the board four years ago after he pitched himself to the city council this way: "I'm from an area where the locals and the tourists have to figure out how to get along." That was the right resume, it turns out, and during my first year as Chair-2019-the pier saw its best revenue year ever and won the Santa Monica Tourism Champion of the Year Award.

This is more than just a "hometown boy goes to the big city" story. I have provided insight from being a developer at the Lake of the Ozarks – and coming from a family of Lake developers (his father is Dan Foster and his grandfather is the late Buford Foster). That has helped me come up with creative ways to work with the Executive Director and lead the board in growing the Santa Monica Pier as not only the top tourism destination in the L.A. area, but also a place that hosts the kinds of events that are appealing from the local to the global level. He hopes to bring the wisdom gleaned from his experiences guiding tourism on the west coast back to the Midwest coast: Lake of the Ozarks.

The pier has long been a "tourist trap" in the mind of locals. The board and staff are helping to change that mentality.

I hope to bring my experience from the Pier to bring the same kind of growth to Lake of the Ozarks. "What we need to be focusing on is coming together and moving forward," he said of the Lake community. Since 2008 the Lake has been slow to recover from the downturn, but Foster believes tourism at the Lake has potential for staggering growth if the Lake has one unified vision for the future. Real estate at the Lake remains solid, particularly as a strong economic recovery is felt on the Lake's shoreline and as Baby Boomers from Midwestern cities decide to retire to a Lake view. Foster and his wife, Anastasia, are the developers, owners and operators of Rock Island Village Assisted Living and Memory Care in Eldon, and Foster says that the lake is one of their main sources of clients as the population increases and ages. The Lake is unmistakably still an incredibly popular place for all ages, and Foster wants to help community leaders and businesses create success for the future.

Lake of the Ozarks is, in so many ways, a rare and unique gem in Missouri, Foster says, yet its potential is largely untapped. Here in his hometown, a place known for breathtaking sunsets and sunrises, Foster sees a bright future on the horizon; now, he says, the Lake community needs to come together with courage and a common vision to forge it.

**District II:** Includes Barnumton (BA), Branch (BR), Climax Springs (CS), Greenview (GV), Macks Creek (MC), Roach (RO) voting precincts.

**1 position open –for a 2-year term**

**Russell Swenson-Macks Creek**

No Picture or information at this time

**District III:** Includes Freedom (FR), Hill House (HH), Montreal (MT), Stoutland (ST), Toronto (T) voting precincts.

**1 position open –for a 2-year term**

### **Chris Twitchell - Montreal**

I am a 25-year resident of the lake and my family has been at the lake for over 100 years. I have two adult children and I am currently unmarried. I am a Captain at the Camden County Sheriff's Office, and I have been in law enforcement for over 25 years. I want to continue to serve the council to help better represent my area.

