

## Delegate endorses Sivigny, Herbert, Titus

A couple of weeks ago, the editor of the Carroll County Times wrote a column wherein he admonished folks to not lose sight of the importance of the local races that are on the ballot this election cycle. Notwithstanding the fact that the presidential contest is getting all of the hype as it should given what's at stake in 2020, the editor is absolutely correct in noting that the importance of local races should not be discounted.

After all, local officials, including judges and Board of Education members, have potentially more impact on our day-to-day lives than do the folks in Washington. This is particularly true if you have school aged children or grandchildren, or if, in the context of the courts, you or a loved one are involved in the judicial system in any way.

I have thought long and hard about our choices for Board of Education. In assessing the field of candidates, it is readily apparent that Marsha Herbert and Donna Sivigny deserve reelection and have my enthusiastic support. These are challenging times, and I believe these ladies can meet the challenge.

I bring a different perspective with regard to the race for Judge of the Circuit Court for Carroll County. I have practiced law for 28 years, 26 of which have been spent in Carroll County. During that time, I have spent a significant amount of time in the courtroom. As such, I know that a judge should be knowledgeable in the law, fair, firm when appropriate, and possess the temperament required to treat litigants with courtesy and respect. Judge Richard Titus has all of those attributes, and then some. I have seen Judge Titus in action, and I strongly urge my fellow Carroll countians to support his candidacy.

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