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Statewide Candidate Nominating Convention Recap

By Trevor Step

The 2024 Statewide Candidate Nominating Convention marked the first time a Libertarian Party of Michigan convention was held in the Upper Peninsula! The Kewadin Casino made for a fantastic venue. The surrounding natural beauty and local amenities were appreciated by the members of the LPMI.

Unfortunately, the weekend started a little rough with the nationwide CrowdStrike failure grounding our guest speaker Libertarian Party Presidential Nominee Chase Oliver's flights. He was unable to re-book flights in time for the convention. He shared some details of the ordeal



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He was disappointed that he could not attend, but he was able to join via Zoom for his breakfast speaking engagement.

The business progressed in typical Libertarian Party fashion (slowly but deliberately). After some brief reports, the members elected Paul Urben to serve as the Libertarian Party of Michigan Treasurer, Congratulations Paul! Our lunch speaker, Joseph Solis-Mullen gave a riveting speech, (which can be viewed here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-w-tm6Alg0>)

that was a highlight of the weekend. When the body resumed business after lunch, we were pleasantly surprised by Mr. Solis-Mullen's self-nomination for the US Senate. He was ultimately nominated for the position, and I look forward to supporting his race. Candidate nominations went smoothly with an amazing slate of candidates representing the Libertarian Party of Michigan this November. The following candidates will appear on the November 5 ballot



Chase	Oliver	President
Mike	ter Maat	Vice President
Joseph	Solis-Mullen	US Senate
Christopher	Clark	US House Rep, Dist 13
Mike	Saliba	US House Rep, Dist 10

Kevin	Vayko	US House Rep, Dist 9
Steve	Barcelo	US House Rep, Dist 8
Leah	Dailey	US House Rep, Dist 7
Bill	Krebaum	US House Rep, Dist 6
Alex	Avery	US House Rep, Dist 3
Ben	DeJong	US House Rep, Dist 2
Andrew	Gale	US House Rep, Dist 1
Scott	Boman	State Board of Education
Andrew	Chadderdon	Regent of the University of Michigan
Grant	Baker	Trustee of Michigan State University
Farid	Ishac	Wayne State University Board of Governors
Richard	McClain	State Representative District 87
Kayla	Wilkinson	State Representative District 108
Ty Glenn	Lautner	State Representative District 104
Raphael	Wolfe	State Representative District 41
James	Young	State Representative District 21
Bruce	Jaquays	Commerce Township Supervisor
Andy	Evans	Cheboygan County Commissioner
Trevor	Step	Green Oak Township Trustee
Jake	Bassett	Wexford County Sherriff
Katelynn	Ingraham	Wexford County Treasurer
Christina	Byron	Wexford County Register of Deeds
Kimberly	Dowlan	Grand Traverse County Treasurer
Cory	Dean	Blair Township Trustee
David	Clark	Blair Township Trustee

Dawn	Draper	Blair Township Treasurer
Milton	Marentette	Hanover Township Trustee
Eric	Smith	Springfield Township Trustee
Collin	Fitzgerald	Wayne County Commissioner, Dist 15
Wesley	Crouse	Wayne County Commissioner, Dist 14
Kerry	Morgan	Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney
Joseph	LeBlanc	Wayne County County Clerk
Alexander	Curley	Hayes Township Supervisor
Robert	Black	Crystal Falls Township Supervisor
Michael	Gorbe	Grand Traverse County Sheriff
Zack	Dean	Grand Traverse County Drain Commissioner
Matthew	Lundy	Antrim County Drain Commissioner
Shawn	Orton	Filer Township Trustee
Jason	Morgan	Rockland Township Supervisor
Mark	King	Ypsilanti City Council
Larry	Johnson	Ypsilanti Township Parks Commissioner
Kosciuszko	Gilbert	Pittsfield Township Parks Commissioner
Frederick	Horndt	Macomb County Commissioner, Dist 12
Aaron	Miranov	Macomb County Commissioner, Dist 10
Jim	Fulner	Macomb County Public Works Commission
Brice	Burge	Munising City Commission (NonPartisan)
Mark	Price	Highland Park School Board (NonPartisan)

<https://michiganlp.org/2024-candidates/>



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Operation Mockingbird never ended.

By Dylan Allman @DylanMAllman

It simply went underground, adapting to the times, and has now wormed its way into the heart of our so-called "free" media.

The CIA's tentacles have tightened their grip on the information pipelines, turning journalists into puppets and editors into marionettes. Anyone who thinks otherwise is either blind or complicit in this grand charade.

Today's media landscape is a battlefield, and you are the target.

The advent of social media and the internet has only provided new weapons for this war on truth. Influencers, algorithms, and echo chambers—these are the modern-day operatives of a program that never truly died.

The illusion of choice is perhaps the most insidious aspect of this modern Mockingbird. You think you're picking your news sources, but they're picking you, feeding you curated lies and half-truths that serve the establishment's agenda.

The cozy relationship between government, corporations, and media giants is not just problematic; it's a dystopian nightmare.

Mega-corporations with intelligence agency connections dominate the digital sphere, ensuring that dissent is drowned out by a cacophony of controlled narratives. Whistleblowers and truth tellers are vilified, silenced, or worse, while the masses are spoon-fed comforting lies.

Operation Mockingbird is not just a relic of the Cold War—it's a blueprint for our current media matrix.

The lines between truth and propaganda have never been blurrier, and the average citizen is left to sift through the debris of manufactured consent. The stakes are higher now than ever. The manipulation is more sophisticated, the tools more advanced, and the control more pervasive.

Your only defense is relentless skepticism.

Question everything, trust nothing, and seek the truth even if it means wading through a swamp of deceit. In an era where grand narratives are crumbling and truth is a rare commodity, your personal quest for authenticity is the ultimate act of rebellion.

The specter of Operation Mockingbird is a bleak reminder: the war for your mind is ongoing, and vigilance is your only weapon.





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Meet your Candidate: Bill Krebaum

Dear Libertarian, I'm writing to let you know that I'm seeking the Libertarian nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 6th District of Michigan. This seat is securely held by Democrat Debbie Dingell and has been occupied by a Dingell since 1933! In case you're not familiar with who I am, let me fill you in a little bit regarding my background. While a student at the University of Michigan in 1972, I was one of the founding members of the Libertarian Party of Michigan. In the mid-seventies I served a term as chairman of the LPM and led the Michigan delegation to the national convention in New York, where we nominated Roger MacBride as our presidential candidate for 1976. In 1980, I worked for the Ed Clark campaign, gathering thousands of ballot access petition signatures in several states, and organized the petition drive in the state of Indiana. In those early decades I ran for office on several occasions, including state representative, U.S. House and Ann Arbor city council. I've not been very active politically in recent years, but the deteriorating state of our country impels me to now make an effort to try and turn things around. I was born in 1953 and raised in northwest Detroit, moving to Farmington Township when I was in tenth grade, graduating from North Farmington High School in 1971. I've lived in Ann Arbor and environs since the 1980s and I've had a varied career, including project manager for an engineering firm, over-the-road semi-trailer truck driver, and, since 2010, proprietor of Pitt's Barber Shop in Ann Arbor. The failures of the Congress to provide proper leadership are so numerous that I will touch on just a few of them now. The federal government is approximately \$35 TRILLION in debt, which is increasing by the hour. This congress is nonchalantly selling future generations of Americans into debt slavery. We must immediately enact deep and painful cuts in federal spending. Suspend all foreign aid expenditures until Congress passes a balanced budget. This means defunding Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan, etc., etc. Reorient military spending to the defense of the United States and away from maintaining a worldwide economic and political empire. We can slash the Pentagon budget without compromising the security of the USA. Let's close foreign bases and bring our troops home. Stop creating wars and killing people all over the world. End the coups,



assassinations and regime change operations being carried out with U.S. taxpayer funds.

Congress is completely derelict in its responsibility to reform immigration laws. We must make it easier for immigrants to come here legally, yet prevent unchecked illegal immigration. Eliminate the Department of Education— return responsibility for education to families, localities and the States. Stop entrapping students in massive mountains of debt through the federally guaranteed student loan program. We, the People, must take back control of our government from the special interests who so adroitly promote their own wealth and power at the expense of the American people. President Eisenhower, in his farewell address to the nation, warned of the corrupting influence of the Military Industrial Complex (MIC). The hour is late, we must heed his warning and take action before we lose the United States forever. Make America Free Again! My main goal in this campaign is to encourage people to think independently, to bring new people into the Libertarian movement so that we can build a better future. Regards, Bill Krebaum (734) 320-2677 billkrebaum@gmail.com





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Meet your Candidate: Shawn Orton

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Libertarian Shawn Orton Runs for Filer Township Trustee

-- Focus is on financial health, reducing burdensome policies, spurring redevelopment of vacant sites, and re-balancing budget allocations to benefit year-round residents --

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FILER (MANISTEE), MI – August 5, 2024 – Shawn Orton, a lifetime resident of the Manistee area, announced his campaign for election as a Trustee of the Charter Township of Filer, Manistee County, Michigan. He is running on the Libertarian ticket. His primary focus is to make more prudent financial decisions by assessing the actual cost-to-benefit impact of ordinances, appointments, and contracts. In addition, Mr. Orton seeks to minimize citizen burdens and re-balance budgetary allocations to benefit year-round residents to a greater extent – despite the important contribution that tourism and visitors bring to the local economy.

- “We all enjoy the natural beauty of our beaches and the attractive streetscapes downtown,” explained Orton, “but we seem to have put all of our eggs in one basket – as far as investments – by directing so much of our road budget to tourist routes while overlooking our neighborhood streets and side roads. Year-round residents still have to drive to work, get to school, run errands, and go about their lives without having to negotiate too many road hazards. I think they’d like to know that their voices are heard, too.”
- Mr. Orton also explained that a robust agenda to re-purpose and attract tenants to vacant properties – such as the old Kmart complex, Clark gas station, and US Forest Service sites – would contribute to the financial health of the community: “It would generate revenues that will minimize the remaining burden on other residents. People are hurting from the high cost of housing, food, and energy,” he said. “Even though I



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can't change the inflation caused by the Federal Reserve or the debt-spending in Washington or Lansing, as a Trustee, I can help bring back some of the revenue that we're leaving on the table at these now-vacant facilities." On top of that," said Orton, "a key driver of housing costs is excessive zoning ordinances. They don't just increase homelessness; they make it tougher for you and me by requiring upgrades that many of us cannot afford. Sure, we'd all like to own a luxury car, for example, but if you make it illegal to buy anything but a top-of-the-line vehicle with all the bells and whistles, it leaves a lot of people without transportation. The impact is the same when zoning ordinances become excessive."

- Orton summed up his approach from an economic perspective: "We need a frugal mindset. That means obtaining competitive bids and keeping the number of tasks expected of our township employees to a cost-effective, sustainable level. If you go beyond that, you're asking for higher costs for not much of a benefit. I think we'll do better if we empower citizens to make their own decisions without interfering. For instance, charging a \$500 fee simply to list a business activity seems to be way out of line. What's the justification for that?"

Mr. Orton looks forward to serving the residents of Filer Township and working together with the other members of the Board of Trustees to ensure that citizens continue to set their own goals and enjoy their lives in the community.

Mr. Orton is employed as a manufacturing engineer at Myotek, which designs and manufactures vehicle lighting solutions. Married and a father to his son, Mr. Orton holds a bachelor of science in automotive engineering technology from Ferris State University, where he graduated *cum laude*, was on the dean's list for several years with high honors, and holds certificates in quality technology and performance motorsports. He also holds an associate degree in liberal arts and sciences from West Shore Community College. Mr. Orton's interests include home renovation, environmental concerns, and human and animal welfare.



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****Some meetings can get canceled, or locations can change with short notice. Consider checking event pages or contacting hosts for updated information before travelling to events*

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