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Seven running for six council seats

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SILVER GROVE - Seven candidates have entered the race for Silver Grove Council to fill the six positions available.

This Campbell County river city of about 1,200 citizens is dominated by traffic along its main thoroughfare, Ky. 8, the Ohio River, and the looming Lafarge plant.

Jill Fessler, 45, has lived in Silver Grove her whole life. The executive assistant to two executives at IBM was appointed to Council in July.

ADVERTISEMENT "I wish to pursue money that comes from Frankfort to improve the streetscape like sidewalks, garbage cans, water fountains, and park benches."

Paul Dennis, 37, is a life-long Silver Grove resident who works as a lineman for Duke Energy. This former councilman said he is running because: "There's a developer trying to develop some land, the current council is all for it and I want to stop it. I think it will cause more frequent flooding. It will also add a lot of traffic to Route 8."

Scott W. McCarter, 43, has lived in Silver Grove "about my whole life" and works as a foreman at a machinist shop. He has served three terms on council.

"We're trying to get a flood wall, but we can't get anyone to listen, but that doesn't mean we stop trying. LaFarge is running 100 trucks a day and will be doubling their size. With 200 trucks running up and down Route 8, we got to think of a better way to get them in and out."

Mel Crowder, 75, is a 46-year resident of Silver Grove and a retired marine diesel mechanic. He has served 21 years on council.

"I think the biggest issue is to have a flood wall. We have been working on it for years. We have backwater and it cuts off our traffic."

Karen Cotcamp, 57, has lived in Silver Grove since 1971 and works as a supervisor at Disabled American Veterans. She has been on council for seven years.

"The biggest issue is the growth of the city and the reason I am running is to help where I can."

Dan Gindele, 42, is a life-long Silver Grove resident and a sheet-metal worker. He has been on council for four years.

He wants to improve the city park and "We all want a flood wall. We get the backwater from the creek and it comes up to the ball fields."

Raymond E. Demoss, 77, is a 46-year resident of Silver Grove and a retired railroad route clerk. He has served on council off and on since the 1960s.

"I tell you the big thing is trying to keep the water out of here. We need to figure a way to get the engineering corps and some help to keep the water out of here."