

Gibson says Bevacqua, Coppins & Marasco would bring 'fresh outlook' & 'new ideas' to Lewiston

Hello, my name is Daniel Gibson, and I am a Village of Lewiston trustee. I am writing in support of Savana Bevacqua for village trustee in the upcoming election on Tuesday, June 21.

I have known Savana for seven years, both socially and while

she has been serving on the Planning Board. I think Savana would be a great addition to the Village Board.

I attended the Democratic meet-and-greet a couple of weeks ago, and I was very impressed with Savana's vision. Her back-

ground is in urban planning and, after hearing her speak, she has many fresh ideas to preserve our quaint village with all its historic charm. Savana understands the issues, such as parking and needed improvements to our infrastructure, while still support-

ing all of the small businesses in our community.

Although I am a registered Republican, I believe that Bevacqua, Coppins and Marasco will bring a fresh outlook and new ideas to our wonderful village without compromising its hometown

charm. So, please come out to vote on Tuesday, June 21, between the hours of noon to 9 p.m. at the Red Brick School.

*Daniel Gibson
Village of Lewiston Trustee*

Andrews wants to see proof of alleged personal attacks in Lewiston

When I was younger, my father told me a kind of secret to reading the newspaper. He said two things that have stuck with me. The first is, "Consider the source." By this, Dad meant, who said these things that you are reading? The second may be even more important. It is when someone says, "I heard that someone (unnamed, and that is the key) said something about someone else." Essentially, an "opinion." Well, if it's Mr. or Mrs. Jones who said it, then you can consider their opinion based upon what you know about Mr. and Mrs. Jones and about the issue.

But Dad let me in on the second secret – that a certain person he knew was fond of "quoting" anonymous people and lying when they said, "I have heard from many people that. ..." Of course, the "opinions" expressed were, in fact, made up and solely the opinion of the speaker, looking for credibility by pretending,

always unnamed "others" agree with them.

We had a great example in last week's (May 27) Sentinel, with a "manifesto" from Claudia Marasco, a current trustee, a former deputy mayor and a current candidate for mayor is one of those people.

I have been doing business in the town and village for many years. I have sent literally hundreds of people to whom I have acted as a real estate agent to the Village Hall. Not one of them has ever said to me that they were not completely satisfied with the service they received at Village Hall. No one has even told me that they were ignored, belittled, shouted at, embarrassed or otherwise ill-used.

The writer, a current trustee, who is running for mayor, claims, "You have told me that, on many occasions, you felt belittled, bullied, harassed, ignored and angered or hurt by this. This manipulative shaming and guilt-

driven behavior needs to stop."

Dad was so right! I would like to know who these "people" are; who is the "you" in the foregoing paragraph? Will you step up and identify yourselves? Every week, letters come to the Sentinel. Each one has a name and address. The editors, both Josh Maloni and Terry Duffy, are always concerned that they print what is true and credible. So, they know the writer who submitted that "article." Their responsibility is only to identify the writer and ask, always, do you want this to be printed with your name? For without that permission, they do not print. As responsible journalists, they do not print anonymous letters.

I am not a political person. I am a businessman who makes his living assisting individuals to buy and sell homes in our area. As a businessman, I strongly object to the characterization of the village office as a place where you will be shouted at, sworn at, talked

over, interrupted and disrespected. If my clients found that kind of behavior, they would have told me and, moreover, I would lose a sale if people felt they were going to buy property and live here after being treated that way. And who are these people that are accused as having done these things? It must be the staff, three excellent professional women: our clerk, deputy clerk and our treasurer. And who else does Ms. Marasco accuse? The mayor and the other three trustees?

I demand that the writer of that slander offer some evidence of this behavior. If it is true, it must stop. If it is true, the community needs to see the evidence. Many of these alleged behaviors constitute harassment, which is against the law. Fortunately, our village attorney, Joseph Leone, is available to anyone who feels that these things have happened to them. He will receive information directly from citizens who allege this behavior, and he is not

required to release their private information and can then look into the allegations in a professional way.

I personally am in the village office often. I have always been greeted by friendly people with smiles on their faces. Mayor Welch has been more than helpful on every time we required assistance. Anne Welch is a kind, wonderful, community-loving person, and it shows in the results she achieves for the village.

These slanderous statements are being made to influence the village election. Remember the two rules. No. 1: Know who is speaking and what could be their motive. No. 2: If you don't know who said it, don't believe it.

I have never seen such a purely political attack in our village.

And finally, I ask that you don't vote for people who slander others to influence your vote.

*Bruce Andrews
Lewiston*

Asks voters to reelect Welch

Village of Lewiston residents have Mayor Anne Welch's leadership and an opportunity to once again cast a vote for financially sound fiscal management and supervision to continue for four more years.

Mayor Anne Welch has proven to be an effective communicator who listens and takes responsibility with action seriously, as she "walks and talks" among neighborhoods and businesses toward improvement and resolve. Her experiences and skills within the inner workings of village government as clerk for over three decades equips Anne Welch to continue on as mayor, using a wealth of resources to solve problems and to create opportunities with a vast knowledge base of understanding for the future.

Mayor Anne continues to work with the village staff and board committees to secure grant funding to augment village needs through revenue streams. She promotes a variety of events to bring in outside visitors for local businesses, shops and restaurants – all of which contributes

to commerce for the betterment of having good government without having to raise village taxes.

Mayor Anne Welch's focus is clearly seen as "stays the course" to do "what is best for the Village of Lewiston" community to be infrastructurally sound with public safety and public health paramount for all its residents.

"27/7," Mayor Anne is accountable and trustworthy. I wholeheartedly urge you to cast your vote of June 21 to reelect Anne Welch for mayor of the Village of Lewiston.

*Ken Barnes Sr., Ph.D.
Lewiston*

Says Marasco would be a genuine mayor

As we are facing increasingly tough times, we are in need of a genuine mayor in the Village of Lewiston.

As a Village of Lewiston trustee, family, friend and neighbor, Claudia Marasco has shown a unique passion for embracing the Village of Lewiston. On any given day, you will see Claudia walking the village and talking to just about everyone she sees. She knows most of the business owners by name, and makes them feel comfortable airing any village concerns they may have. You can also guarantee to see Claudia at most events in the village. She does this out of her love for

the village and need for always improving this community.

Claudia isn't afraid to bring out concerns for a small group of people and isn't afraid to go against the "flow," however unpopular it may be to a few on the board. Claudia is thorough when addressing a point at a board meeting. You immediately pick up on her drive and passion she has for our residents and their concerns. Claudia has deeply in-

vested herself here in the village because it's her home.

Claudia will always work in concert with the entire Village Board for a positive resolution to any problem. Claudia wants to bring people together for a unified, small village government. Claudia wants to work with you and would greatly appreciate your vote for mayor.

*Christopher Salada
Retired Lewiston Police Chief*

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