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2008 Election: A Look at the Numbers

by Greg Stempfle

Michigan was no exception to the overwhelming Democratic sweep in the 2008 elections. Democrats took every statewide race, took two Congressional seats away from Republicans, and increased their majority in the State House. Libertarian Presidential Candidate, Bob Barr, finished in 4th place, behind Obama, McCain, and Nader. While Barr's vote total (23,740) fell short of some expectations, it was the third highest vote in Michigan for a LP Presidential candidate, behind Ed Clark in 1980 (41,597) and Harry Browne in 1996 (27,670).

When you crunch all of the numbers, Libertarian candidates in 2008 had some of their best numbers ever. The average percentage of the votes for both Congress and State House were our highest since 1994, when Jon Coon's aggressive campaign for US Senate (128,117) brought in strong numbers statewide. This year's Senate candidate Scotty Boman (76,379) earned the most votes for any third party candidate for Senate since 1994.

Two Libertarian candidates were elected in partisan races this year. Larry Johnson and Tom Bagwell were elected to the Ypsilanti Township Parks Commission. Larry and Tom have been active members of the party for years and have both served as Chairman of the Washtenaw County affiliate. According to the township website, "The Ypsilanti Township Parks System consists of thirty parks & recreation facilities totaling over 890 acres. The parks range in size from 0.3 acres to 190 acres and provide wonderful areas for informal play, organized programs, or to enjoy nature."

Proposal 1, which allowed for medical use of marijuana, passed by a margin of 63-37%. This proposal was endorsed by the LPM but not the Republicans or Democrats. This is the second election in a row that the Libertarians have been on board a winning ballot proposal, which was opposed by the major parties. The same situation occurred in 2006 with the



**Tom Bagwell,
Elected Libertarian**

passage of the racial preferences ban.

Other LP candidates had high vote totals. Robert Roddis got 421,091 votes, the second highest vote for an LPM nominated

Supreme Court candidate, behind Leonard Schwartz with 443,049 in 2004. Nicole Michalak got 147,736 votes for Wayne State Board of Governors. This is the second highest vote total for an LP candidate, just short of Diane Barnes' 154,173 votes in 1996 for State Board of Education.

There were more Libertarians (58) running for Federal and State level offices than for all other third parties combined (Green 25, US Taxpayers 26, Natural Law 2). LP Congressional candidates outpolled Green Party candidates 8 of 12 times they faced each other and 5 out of 6 times against candidates from the US Taxpayers Party.

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Just One

by Bill Hall, LPM Chair

The Libertarian Party of Michigan just completed one of its most successful campaigns in many years. Bob Barr received the most votes and highest percentage for President in Michigan since Harry Browne in 1996. Scotty Boman, at 76,347 votes and 1.6% had the best showing for US Senate since Jon Coon's race in 1994. Our candidates for US Congress and State Representative eclipsed the previous percentage records set in 1996. Many State Representative candidates drew 50% to 100% higher percentages than in the recent past.

And the highlights were the race of Bob Roddis for Michigan Supreme Court, earning 421,091 votes, 11%, effectively taking out Chief Justice Cliff Taylor. Tom Bagwell and Larry Johnson were elected Ypsilanti Township Park Commissioners. Two candidates in County level two-way races took between 20% and 30% of the vote, while three took between 10% and 20% of the vote. John Stedman took the highest percentage, with 24.7% and 55,628 votes in a two-way race for Kent County Sheriff, actually winning several precincts within the City of Grand Rapids. Macomb County Commission candidate Erin Stahl drew 10.4% in a three-way race.

Now is the time to continue this tremendous momentum we started. Each local affiliate should be carefully considering what local municipal races are up for election in 2009. Carefully examining the prospects for a Libertarian candidate in those races. Aggressively recruiting an active candidate to carry the Libertarian banner of more freedom and less government.

In the 2007 off-year elections, the LPM had a total of five candidates running in nonpartisan races for City Council in five different cities across Michigan. Two of those candidates were running for re-election, one had served in the past, and two were newcomers to their race. All five ran active campaigns. Four out of five won. Yes, it can be done, and we can do it!

What it will take is each of our local affiliates selecting just one race. Just one race that offers the best prospects for a win. Just one race that local activists can pitch in and actively support with their time, energy and campaign contributions. Just one candidate who is willing to actively run for office, doing the hard work it takes to win.

Now is not the time to pat ourselves on the back and rest on our laurels for all we accomplished this past November. Won't you join your affiliate in running just one candidate, to win?

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Affiliate Events and News

Upcoming Events

January 18, 2009 Strategy session and meeting

Everyone is invited to participate in a strategy session from 2-4 pm at the LPM office, Columbia Center II, 101 W Big Beaver Rd, Ste 1400, Troy. The LEC meeting will take place immediately after from 4-5 pm, which, as always, is open to the membership. For information, contact Bill Hall, chair@michiganlp.org

Details for the following events are currently being worked out and will be available soon, via email or mail. Check out website, mi.lp.org for more upcoming events.

January 24, 2009 5:00 LibertyFest

Dimitri's on the Avenue 14316 Michigan Ave. Dearborn Details to be announced soon. Contact Scotty Boman at scottyeduction@yahoo.com or 313-247-2052.

March (early-Spring) 2009

The Party will hold a pair of activist training conferences, one in Troy and one in Grand Rapids. Details to be announced soon.

May 16, 2009 LPM Convention

Details to be announced soon.



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Welcome Volunteers

Probably the most important result of our successful election season was finding so many people willing to volunteer for the Libertarian Party of Michigan. Over 100 people stepped forward and offered to help. Now that the election is over, you may be thinking, "What can I do now?" One of the most important ways to build the LP is to get involved in your local affiliate. Attend local meetings, take a leadership role as an officer, organize public out-reach events—all help build a strong voice for liberty in your community that will pay dividends in future elections. If there isn't an active affiliate in your area, why not start one? The LPM will give you the help you need.

The LPM has other volunteer opportunities, too. For example, we need administrative help in the accounting, technology and communications areas, and with our speakers' bureau. The LPM is planning activist training sessions in early spring—one in Troy and one in Grand Rapids—where we will talk more about these opportunities and have volunteer sign-ups. These afternoon workshops will be for everyone so we can plan what needs to be done and how best to organize our efforts for success in 2010. Further details will be announced in LPM Online, so check your e-mail box!

Thanks to all our volunteers for making a difference. Feel free to contact Bill Hall with questions, chair@michiganlp.org. We all look forward to working with you to promote liberty in Michigan.

2008 General Election Results

unofficial results from Secretary of State

President

Barack	Obama	DEM	2,875,308	57.43
John	McCain	REP	2,050,655	40.96
Ralph	Nader	NLP	33,126	0.66
Bob	Barr	LIB	23,740	0.47
Chuck	Baldwin	UST	14,759	0.29
Cynthia	McKinney	GRN	8,962	0.18

US Senator

Carl	Levin	DEM	3,041,192	62.64
Jack	Hoogendyk	REP	1,643,674	33.85
Scotty	Boman	LIB	76,379	1.57
Harley	Mikkelson	GRN	44,342	0.91
Michael	Nikitin	UST	30,882	0.64
Doug	Dern	NLP	18,745	0.39

State Board of Education

Kathleen	Straus	DEM	2,331,795	27.56
John	Austin	DEM	2,281,637	26.97
Scott	Jenkins	REP	1,733,938	20.49
Richard	Zeile	REP	1,511,296	17.86
Karen	Adams	UST	192,976	2.28
Bill	Hall	LIB	128,109	1.51
Dwain	Reynolds	GRN	94,856	1.12
Gail	Graeser	UST	94,709	1.12
Jeff	Steinport	LIB	91,765	1.08

University of Michigan Board of Regents

Denise	Ilitch	DEM	2,392,093	28.80
Laurence	Deitch	DEM	2,121,082	25.54
Susan	Brown	REP	1,745,747	21.02
John	LaFond	REP	1,494,669	17.99
Kerry	Morgan	LIB	130,786	1.57
Eric	Larson	LIB	128,318	1.54
Ellis	Boal	GRN	102,158	1.23
Joe	Sanger	UST	98,676	1.19
Richard	Ryskamp	UST	92,860	1.12

Michigan State University Board of Trustees

Dianne	Byrum	DEM	2,186,120	26.23
Diann	Woodard	DEM	2,104,266	25.25
George	Romney	REP	1,793,777	21.52
Lisa	Bouchard	REP	1,725,884	20.71
David	Brown	LIB	116,396	1.40
Therese	Storm	GRN	114,569	1.37
Crystal	Van Sickle	UST	100,383	1.20
Robert	Gale	UST	98,539	1.18
Joseph	Rosenquist	LIB	94,403	1.13

Wayne State University Board of Governors

Gary	Pollard	DEM	2,133,432	26.44
Paul	Massaron	DEM	2,094,716	25.96
Danielle	Karmanos	REP	1,755,708	21.76
Torion	Bridges	REP	1,471,984	18.25
Nicole	Michalak	LIB	147,736	1.83
Margaret	Guttshall	GRN	140,169	1.74
Rick	Butkowski	UST	111,657	1.38
Terry	Haines	UST	109,575	1.36
Dan	Keizer	LIB	102,740	1.27

Justice of the Supreme Court

Diane	Hathaway	DEM	1,854,744	49.32
Cliff	Taylor	REP	1,484,924	39.48
Robert	Roddiss	LIB	421,091	11.20

1st District Representative in Congress

Bart	Stupak	DEM	212,773	65.05
Tom	Casperson	REP	107,100	32.74
Jean	Treacy	GRN	2,662	0.81
Daniel	Grow	LIB	2,526	0.77
Joshua	Warren	UST	2,054	0.63

2nd District Representative in Congress

Peter	Hoekstra	REP	215,471	62.43
Fred	Johnson	DEM	119,959	34.75
Dan	Johnson	LIB	5,514	1.60
Ronald	Graeser	UST	4,219	1.22

3rd District Representative in Congress

Vernon	Ehlers	REP	205,888	61.06
Henry	Sanchez	DEM	119,431	35.42
Erwin	Haas	LIB	11,878	3.52

4th District Representative in Congress

Dave	Camp	REP	203,758	61.93
Andrew	Concannon	DEM	117,404	35.69
John	Emerick	UST	4,048	1.23
Allitta	Hren	LIB	3,780	1.15

5th District Representative in Congress

Dale	Kildee	DEM	221,821	70.36
Matt	Sawicki	REP	85,013	26.97
Leonard	Schwartz	LIB	4,292	1.36
Ken	Mathenia	GRN	4,144	1.31

6th District Representative in Congress

Fred	Upton	REP	188,134	58.87
Don	Cooney	DEM	123,233	38.56
Greg	Merle	LIB	4,719	1.48
Edward	Pinkney	GRN	3,511	1.10

7th District Representative in Congress

Mark	Schauer	DEM	157,189	48.79
Tim	Walberg	REP	149,766	46.49
Lynn	Meadows	GRN	9,529	2.96
Ken	Proctor	LIB	5,673	1.76

8th District Representative in Congress

Mike	Rogers	REP	204,070	56.40
Robert	Alexander	DEM	146,052	40.37
Will	White	LIB	4,364	1.21
Aaron	Stuttman	GRN	3,841	1.06
George	Zimmer	UST	3,483	0.96

9th District Representative in Congress

Gary	Peters	DEM	184,098	52.09
Joe	Knollenberg	REP	150,574	42.60
Jack	Kevorkian	NPA	9,047	2.56
Adam	Goodman	LIB	4,937	1.40
Douglas	Campbell	GRN	4,800	1.36

10th District Representative in Congress

Candice	Miller	REP	229,635	66.22
Robert	Denison	DEM	108,306	31.23
Neil	Stephenson	LIB	4,606	1.33
Candace	Caveny	GRN	4,212	1.21

11th District Representative in Congress

Thaddeus	McCotter	REP	176,675	51.39
Joseph	Larkin	DEM	156,108	45.40
John	Tatar	LIB	5,979	1.74
Erik	Shelley	GRN	5,059	1.47

12th District Representative in Congress

Sander	Levin	DEM	225,070	72.06
Bert	Copple	REP	74,564	23.87
John	Vico	LIB	4,768	1.53
Les	Townsend	UST	4,075	1.30
William	Opalicky	GRN	3,841	1.23

13th District Representative in Congress

Carolyn	Kilpatrick	DEM	167,399	74.13
Edward	Gubics	REP	43,092	19.08
George	Corsetti	GRN	9,579	4.24
Gregory	Creswell	LIB	5,762	2.55

2008 General Election Results

14th District Representative in Congress

John	Conyers, Jr.	DEM	227,984	92.40
Richard	Secula	LIB	10,736	4.35
Clyde	Shabazz	GRN	8,012	3.25

15th District Representative in Congress

John	Dingell	DEM	231,758	70.70
John	Lynch	REP	81,797	24.95
Aimee	Smith	GRN	7,080	2.16
Gregory	Stempfle	LIB	4,002	1.22
James	Wagner	UST	3,157	0.96

3rd District State Representative

Bettie	Scott	DEM	27,841	97.04
Fred	Vitale	GRN	468	1.63
Tim	Beck	LIB	381	1.33

7th District State Representative

Jimmy	Womack	DEM	29,764	95.69
Derek	Grigsby	GRN	1,342	4.31

8th District State Representative

George	Cushingberry	DEM	38,306	96.89
Thomas	Jones	LIB	1,229	3.11

10th District State Representative

Gabe	Leland	DEM	27,644	94.81
Marc	Sosnowski	UST	1,513	5.19

18th District State Representative

Richard	LeBlanc	DEM	28,952	88.59
Harold	Dunn	UST	3,729	11.41

22nd District State Representative

Douglas	Geiss	DEM	25,673	70.58
Darrell	Mc Neill	REP	6,780	18.64
Charley	Johnson	NPA	3,180	8.74
Dennis	Schlemmer	LIB	739	2.03

24th District State Representative

Sarah	Roberts	DEM	23,494	49.36
Bryan	Brandenburg	REP	22,428	47.12
Jody	Beaubien	GRN	1,678	3.53

25th District State Representative

Jon	Switalski	DEM	26,869	62.94
Michael	Wiecek	REP	14,285	33.46
James	Allison	LIB	653	1.53
Richard	Kuszmar	GRN	453	1.06
Steven	Revis	UST	433	1.01

26th District State Representative

Marie	Donigan	DEM	28,002	61.74
Michael	Goodman	REP	15,470	34.11
James	Young	LIB	1,884	4.15

27th District State Representative

Ellen	Lipton	DEM	31,756	71.41
David	Micola	REP	10,098	22.71
Shelly	Bane	GRN	1,366	3.07
John	Skosnik	LIB	1,250	2.81

31st District State Representative

Fred	Miller	DEM	26,404	66.10
Daniel	Tollis	REP	12,277	30.74
James	Miller	LIB	1,263	3.16

32nd District State Representative

Jennifer	Haase	DEM	23,681	49.78
John	Accavitti	REP	22,450	47.19
Joseph	Zemens	LIB	1,445	3.04

35th District State Representative

Vincent	Gregory	DEM	41,015	87.55
Katie	Koppin	REP	4,936	10.54
Franklin	Harden	GRN	894	1.91

39th District State Representative

Lisa	Brown	DEM	25,426	51.59
Amy	Peterman	REP	22,721	46.11
Gerald	Plas	LIB	1,133	2.30

40th District State Representative

Chuck	Moss	REP	31,381	59.77
Julie	Candler	DEM	19,815	37.74
Larry	Ross	LIB	1,307	2.49

42nd District State Representative

Harold	Haugh	DEM	26,789	70.41
Greg	Fleming	REP	9,697	25.49
Daniel	Flamand	LIB	1,560	4.10

43rd District State Representative

Gail	Haines	REP	20,216	49.26
Scott	Hudson	DEM	19,367	47.19
Paul	Greenawalt	UST	1,460	3.56

47th District State Representative

Cindy	Denby	REP	27,851	59.02
Scott	Lucas	DEM	17,059	36.15
Rodger	Young	LIB	1,347	2.85
Philip	Johnson	UST	929	1.97

52nd District State Representative

Pam	Byrnes	DEM	35,954	62.95
Eric	Lielbriedis	REP	19,179	33.58
John	Boyle	LIB	1,981	3.47

53rd District State Representative

Rebekah	Warren	DEM	37,834	78.31
Christina	Brewton	REP	8,281	17.14
Matt	Erard	GRN	2,199	4.55

54th District State Representative

Alma	Smith	DEM	33,501	71.13
Tom	Banks	REP	12,281	26.07
David	Raaflaub	LIB	1,319	2.80

56th District State Representative

Kate	Ebli	DEM	28,495	63.07
JeanMarie	Dahm	REP	15,459	34.22
John	Eleniewski	UST	1,224	2.71

66th District State Representative

Bill	Rogers	REP	32,128	60.29
Donna	Anderson	DEM	19,145	35.92
Todd	Richardson	LIB	2,020	3.79

67th District State Representative

Barb	Byrum	DEM	30,692	62.85
Mike	Herter	REP	16,794	34.39
Vince	Dragonetti	LIB	1,347	2.76

68th District State Representative

Joan	Bauer	DEM	33,866	77.76
David	Irons	REP	8,797	20.20
DelRae	Finnerty	UST	889	2.04

72nd District State Representative

Justin	Amash	REP	31,238	60.95
Albert	Abbasse	DEM	18,454	36.01
William	Wenzel	LIB	1,558	3.04

73rd District State Representative

Tom	Pearce	REP	31,754	58.93
Bruce	Hawley	DEM	20,615	38.26
Larry	Orcutt	LIB	1,514	2.81

2008 General Election Results

74th District State Representative

Dave	Agema	REP	36,204	70.25
Leon	Chase	DEM	13,421	26.04
Tracey	McLaughlin	LIB	1,911	3.71

75th District State Representative

Robert	Dean	DEM	24,676	58.08
Dan	Tietema	REP	16,930	39.85
Mark	Simonait	LIB	880	2.07

76th District State Representative

Roy	Schmidt	DEM	23,413	71.33
Marc	Tonnemacher	REP	7,048	21.47
Bill	Mohr	UST	1,340	4.08
Matthew	Friar	LIB	1,022	3.11

77th District State Representative

Kevin	Green	REP	25,338	62.38
Charles	Geerlings	DEM	14,119	34.76
Mike	Orcutt	LIB	1,161	2.86

85th District State Representative

Richard	Ball	REP	22,205	52.77
Judy	Ford	DEM	18,593	44.19
James	Gould	UST	1,280	3.04

86th District State Representative

Dave	Hildenbrand	REP	34,004	64.52
Melissa	Casalina	DEM	17,135	32.51
Patricia	Steinport	LIB	1,565	2.97

87th District State Representative

Brian	Calley	REP	29,582	64.05
Greg	Grieves	DEM	14,359	31.09
Phillip	Adams	UST	1,267	2.74

88th District State Representative

Bob	Genetski	REP	29,064	61.60
Tom	Clark	DEM	18,119	38.40
Joseph	Gillotte	LIB	975	2.07

89th District State Representative

Arlan	Meenhof	REP	28,927	60.81
Timothy	Winslow	DEM	16,529	34.74
Terry	Ashcraft	LIB	2,117	4.45

93rd District State Representative

Paul	Opsommer	REP	26,515	57.86
Ron	McComb	DEM	17,951	39.17
Darryl	Schmitz	LIB	1,358	2.96

99th District State Representative

Bill	Caul	REP	22,486	54.43
Nancy	White	DEM	17,578	42.55
Devon	Smith	LIB	1,244	3.01

100th District State Representative

Goeff	Hansen	REP	21,947	55.83
Bill	Richards	DEM	16,341	41.57
Nathaniel	Hren	LIB	1,020	2.59

102nd District State Representative

Darwin	Booher	REP	26,198	69.59
Nate	Heffron	DEM	10,694	28.41
Thomas	Hren	LIB	753	2.00

104th District State Representative

Wayne	Schmidt	REP	29,116	53.28
Roman	Gruetz	DEM	23,465	42.94
Dan	McDougall	LIB	2,069	3.79

105th District State Representative

Kevin	Elsenheimer	REP	30,568	60.68
Connie	Saltonstall	DEM	18,455	36.63
Greg	Dean	LIB	1,354	2.69

106th District State Representative

Andy	Neumann	DEM	23,438	53.14
Peter	Pettalia	REP	19,345	43.86
Scott	Alexander	LIB	1,321	3.00

Wayne County Commissioner Dist. 1

Eric	Turin	REP	16,352	29.07
Tim	Killeen	DEM	38,469	68.39
Thomas	Clark	LIB	1,431	2.54

Canton Township Trustee

Todd	Caccamo	REP	21,348	19.89
John	Anthony	REP	20,286	18.90
Pat	Williams	REP	20,009	18.64
Syed	Taj	DEM	20,000	18.63
Karl	Zarbo	REP	19,440	18.11
Charles	Page	LIB	5,599	5.22

Monroe County Sheriff

Tilman	Crutchfiel	DEM	50,188	69.77
Charlotte	Reaume	REP	19,195	26.68
Justin	Yearly	LIB	2,552	3.55

Oakland County Commissioner Dist. 15

Jim	Nash	DEM	13,046	60.31
Daniel	Beaubien	REP	7,401	34.21
Carol	Grant	LIB	1,118	5.17

Oakland County Commissioner Dist. 16

Shelley	Goodman Taub	REP	11,857	48.74
Karen	Spector	DEM	11,731	48.22
Dick	Gach	LIB	700	2.88

Oakland County Commissioner Dist. 18

Dave	Woodward	DEM	14,693	57.19
Jean	Chamberlin	REP	9,930	38.65
Bruce	Hoepner	LIB	1,014	3.95

Macomb County Commissioner Dist. 14

Brian	Brdak	DEM	9,893	58.35
Kurt	Kramer	REP	6,087	35.90
Lauren	Zemens	LIB	975	5.75

Macomb County Commissioner Dist. 21

Irene	Kepler	DEM	8,078	66.25
Patrick	King	REP	3,056	25.06
John	Bonnell	LIB	398	3.26
Stephen	Weed	GRN	340	2.79
Larry	Wallace	UST	321	2.63

Macomb County Commissioner Dist. 23

William	Crouchman	DEM	9,417	59.62
Phillip	Dinsmore	REP	4,741	30.02
Erin	Stahl	LIB	1,637	10.36

Macomb County Commissioner Dist. 24

Michael	Boyle	DEM	9,223	58.64
Jack	Doerr	REP	5,460	34.72
Keith	Edwards	LIB	1,044	6.64

Kent County Sheriff

Lawrence	Stelma	REP	169,477	75.29
John	Stedman	LIB	55,628	24.71

Kent County Clerk

Mary	Hollinrake	REP	156,090	56.73
Roger	Williams	DEM	108,199	39.32
Bill	Gelineau	LIB	10,877	3.95

Election Results

Kent County Treasurer

Kenneth Parrish	REP	149,713	54.71
Stephen Lauka	DEM	110,735	40.47
Steve Nickelson	LIB	13,184	4.82

Kent County Commissioner Dist. 5

Sandra Frost Parrish	REP	13,486	83.70
Marcy Larson	LIB	2,626	16.30

Washtenaw County Commissioner Dist. 3

Jessica Ping	REP	9,972	54.19
Frank Parkinson	DEM	7,846	42.64
Howard Merritt	LIB	560	3.04

Ann Arbor Mayor (Washtenaw)

John Hieftje	DEM	46,799	84.94
Eric Plourde	LIB	7,997	14.51

Augusta Township Trustee (Washtenaw)

John McGehee	DEM	2,046	19.58
William Tobler	DEM	1,844	17.64
Michael King	DEM	1,723	16.48
Daniel Lula	DEM	1,659	15.87
Ronald Mortiere	REP	1,370	13.11
Nevel Overton-Slack	REP	1,110	10.62
Krista Goodwin	LIB	656	6.28

Sylvan Township Trustee (Washtenaw)

Scott Cooper	REP	918	27.46
Reuben Lesser Jr.	REP	870	26.02
Ward Beauchamp	DEM	735	21.99
Sandra Egeler	DEM	727	21.75
James Hudler	LIB	82	2.75

Ypsilanti Township Parks Commission (Washtenaw)

Debbie Swanson	DEM	16,805	13.31
Scott Martin	DEM	16,686	13.22
Sandy Andresen	DEM	16,664	13.20
Marcia Chapmen	DEM	16,379	12.98
Elayne Black	DEM	16,266	12.89
Carissa Collins Wats	DEM	16,054	12.72
Ted Vasicek	DEM	15,923	12.62
Thomas Bagwell	LIB	5,222	4.14 (elected)
Lawrence Johnson	LIB	5,020	3.98 (elected)

Midland County Clerk

Ann Manary	DEM	19,870	48.52
Scott Haines	REP	19,682	48.06
Carolyn Langlois	LIB	1,359	3.32

Gaines Township Supervisor (Kent)

Donald Hilton	REP	7,862	77.25
Jamie Lewis	LIB	2,316	22.75

Cass County Sheriff

Joseph Underwood Jr.	REP	15,829	81.81
William Parker	LIB	2,860	18.19

Commerce Township Trustee

Debra Kirkwood	REP	11,071	20.12
Robert Long	REP	12,267	23.20
Daniel Munro	REP	10,390	18.88
Rick Sovel	REP	10,107	18.37
Randy Ston	DEM	7,976	14.50
Nathan Allen	LIB	3,059	5.56

Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees

Mary Jo Tomasini	nonpartisan	34,955	
Renee R. Williams	nonpartisan	23,990	
Paul C. Bergan	nonpartisan	20,754	
Wilma Kime	nonpartisan	19,674	
Ted B. Mattis	nonpartisan	13,112	
Daniel A. Siedling	nonpartisan	10,344	
Jason R. Gatties	nonpartisan	10,274 (LP member)	

Blissfield Village Trustee (Lenawee)

David Volk	LIB	95	2.30
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Nominations Open for Defender of Liberty Awards

The Defender of Liberty Awards ("Libbies") will be presented at this year's LibertyFest in Dearborn on January 24th.

These awards are given to individuals, Libertarian or otherwise, who have made notable personal efforts in the defense of liberty. Winners must live and/or work in the state of Michigan.

Three categories have been established:

Spokesperson for Liberty - a member of the community whose patriotism and conviction have inspired contributions to the cause of Liberty

Promoter of Liberty - A Libertarian whose efforts have done the most to promote the LP and Libertarian principles

Producer of Liberty - a dedicated, behind-the-scenes Libertarian whose quiet labors over the years exemplifies the backbone of the LP.

Please send nominations to Bill Hall or Scotty Boman (scottyeducation@yahoo.com) by January 1, 2009.

Boman Runs TV Spots on Comedy Central

The Scotty Boman for US Senate campaign purchased a week's worth of advertising on the cable network Comedy Central during the week leading up to the election. The 30 second spots aired during the network's evening lineup. This time slot is loaded with some the network's most popular shows, often full of political satire, most famously, the "fake news" shows, The Daily Show and Colbert Report. The ads resulted in an estimated 5,000 hits to Boman's website, Boman08.com. "Almost every libertarian I know watches South Park and The Daily Show so it only seemed natural to target that audience," said Boman campaign Treasurer, Greg Stemple. The ad urged voters to vote for Libertarian Party candidates because of their opposition to the bailout of Wall Street billionaires. The commercial can be viewed at YouTube, under username sboman08.



Scotty Boman for US Senate billboard along I-96 between Grand Rapids and Lansing.



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