

Candidates for Bangor City Council, school board announced

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Seven local residents have qualified to seek three City Council seats in November's general election, and three have qualified to run for two School Committee seats.

City Clerk Lisa Goodwin confirmed Friday afternoon that Gary Capehart, Paul LeClair, David Nealley, Sarah Nichols, William Osmer, Joe Perry and Megan Shorette had all qualified for the upcoming city election.

Perry, a 49-year-old Democrat who served 14 years in the Maine Legislature, was a late arrival to the pack, saying he decided to run at the last minute after reading about the candidate pool.

"I just didn't see the experience there in any single one of them that I think I can bring, so I just decided last minute to do it," he said.

It is Perry's first election bid since he lost re-election to the Maine Senate in 2010.

He said he hopes to use his experience to protect programs that benefit the city and its residents such as the homestead exemption and revenue sharing. Perry owns Garland Street Market in Bangor. Among others, he will face incumbent David Nealley, 54.

Nealley is the only sitting councilor to seek re-election this year after Patricia Blanchette departed the city for Florida in July and Pauline Civiello announced she will not seek re-election.

Nealley is a longtime Bangor businessman who serves as publisher of Maine Seniors magazine. First elected in 2001, he has served three non-consecutive terms as one of the council's more conservative voices. He is running on a platform that touts his political experience.

Other familiar faces this year include Capehart, LeClair, Osmer and Shorette. Capehart was not immediately available for comment, but he

ran as a Republican for Maine House District 125 last year. As of 2012, he was a longtime school teacher in the Bangor School Department.

LeClair, 74, is well known at City Council meetings, frequently making use of the public comment periods to criticize council spending and policies. Retired after nearly 20 years in customer service for Digital Equipment Corp. in Massachusetts, LeClair is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

If elected, he said one of his priorities would be to bring accountability and transparency to the city and school department budgets, saying he feels "we're not getting enough consistency in how we spend taxpayer money" and that the city should focus on needs instead of just wants when it comes to spending.

He also touts his ability to work well with others. Osmer, 35, is an instructor

and an adviser at the University of Maine. Saying he is not a one-issue candidate, his platform addresses issues of drug abuse in the city, quality education and public spending.

"I definitely want to make sure every penny spent in the city is spent wisely," he said.

Shorette, 31, is making her second run for Council after an unsuccessful bid in 2011. She serves as executive director of Launchpad, a nonprofit arts incubator in Bangor, and is a small business owner at The BETA Agency, a marketing agency in Bangor.

After running unsuccessfully in 2011, Shorette, who is a graduate of the University of Maine, said she is ready to take on the issues that will make Bangor a better place to live.

"I am ready to take on the issues to make Bangor a place I want to live and a place I want my children to live," she said.

The pack also includes po-

litical newcomer Sarah Nichols, 25, who announced her candidacy early in August.

A 2008 graduate of Bangor High School and a 2012 graduate of the University of Maine with a bachelor's degree in new media, Nichols is running on a platform that promises economic growth and good paying jobs while continuing to invest in education and the growth of tourism and cultural events.

"I believe that Bangor has much more growth potential," she said. "The people of Bangor have a tremendous work ethic and proven ability to work together. It is my goal to not only be a voice, but a partner with all the people of Bangor."

Nichols serves as development coordinator for St. Joseph Healthcare.

For School Committee, the candidates are Jennifer DeGroff, Brian Doore and David Sturm, who are seeking seats being vacated by committee members Marc Eastman and

Sarah Smiley. No incumbents are running for School Committee this year.

DeGroff, 42, is a full-time community advocate and volunteer, working with several local groups, including Habitat for Humanity.

Her platform includes restoring home economics and shop to the middle school curriculum, to provide students better life skills.

"I see a lot of kids not learning what they need to become productive adults," she said, noting that many graduates don't know basic things such as balancing a checkbook.

Doore, 46, is director of assessment for the University of Maine. With five children in the school system and 20 years of experience in state and federal K-12 policy advising, he said he is running to help maintain the already high quality education provided in Bangor.

Sturm was not immediately available for comment Friday afternoon.

business news

Queen City Studios opens in Penobscot Plaza

A new fitness studio offering yoga, pilates and other fitness classes has opened in the Penobscot Plaza on Washington Street along the Bangor waterfront.

Queen City Studios is owned and operated by Heather Magee, a Hermon native and a licensed fitness instructor from the American Council on Exercise. She has been leading fitness classes since 2010, specializing in yoga, pilates, cycling and bootcamps. She is also a graphic designer and a 2012 graduate of the Intermedia Master of Fine Arts program at the University of Maine, and now teaches graphic design at Eastern Maine Community College.

Each week Magee will teach one 50-minute class per day, generally at either 5:30 or 6:30 p.m., offering traditional yoga, hot yoga, yogalates - a combination of yoga and pilates - and traditional pilates. A full schedule of regular classes can be found online at

queencitystudios.us.

Individual classes are \$12, with the exception of hot yoga which is \$15. A ten-class punch card is \$100, with hot yoga priced at \$125.

Magee will also offer workshops on stand-up paddleboarding, priced at \$50 per session, and occasional Spirited Painting workshops, in which Magee leads participants in an physically active painting session, accompanied by wine or other alcoholic beverages. Eventually, Magee also plans to offer training on DSLR cameras and Adobe Creative Suite.

Queen City Studios is located in the Penobscot Plaza is 51 Washington St., Suite C.

New Harvest Moon Deli location to open in Brewer

Harvest Moon Deli co-owners Keith Manaker and Zack Richardson announced via social media that a third location of the popular sandwich and salad eatery will open later this year in Brewer, in the Twin City Plaza on State Street.

Manaker, who opened



Heather Magee has opened Queen City Studios, a new fitness center in the Penobscot Plaza on Washington Street in Bangor.

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the original Orono location in 2007 and the Bangor location in 2013, said in an interview with the University of Maine's Maine Campus newspaper that he and Richardson are excited to expand their business further in the Bangor region.

"My partner and I have a long-term goal of open-

ing many more Harvest Moon Delis throughout the state of Maine," he said. "Our initial plan is to continue to try to identify nearby communities that we think would respond well to our sandwich concept. We believe Brewer is one of those communities."

Harvest Moon serves up music themed sandwiches, salads and soups, as well as a number of specials. It has become a popular lunch spot in the Bangor region in the more than decade that it has been open. For more information, visit harvestmoondeli.com.

Bangor's S.W. Cole acquires division of Vermont firm

Bangor's S.W. Cole Engineering Inc. announced it has acquired a 30-person division of the Williston, Vermont-based EIV Technical Services.

S.W. Cole said in a news release it purchased the construction materials testing division of the Burlington company, which the company's senior vice president, Chad Michaud, said will service demand for testing in that area and "allows us better access to the entire state of Vermont."

Jaqueline Dagesse, president of EIV, said in a statement that S.W. Cole will invest in its former materials testing facility with the purchase and allow the Vermont company "to grow its core services."

The new division will operate under the S.W. Cole name out of the Vermont, office and will continue to be led by Alan Brown, who has overseen S.W. Cole's existing Vermont office in White River Junction since 2013.

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