

Candidates pledge to boost morale

By Tim Richard
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Both say there will be an almost overnight boost in Sheriff's Department morale.

Both came up through the ranks to become police administrators. Both see the Oakland County sheriff as a service agency for local police rather than as a countywide police force.

But only one — either Republican John Nichols or Democrat Henry I. Hansen — will be sheriff after Jan. 1.

Winner of the Nov. 6 election will succeed Sheriff Johannes Spreen, a Democrat, who is leaving after 12 sometimes turbulent years to challenge County Executive Daniel T. Murphy. Spreen was the lone Democrat to hold countywide office in Oakland.

countywide public safety director," said Hansen, 53, a lieutenant in charge of the criminal investigation division. "Oakland County has 42 police departments, 42 bailiffs. Everyone feels threatened. They felt Spreen was threatening them."

Hansen sees two chief roles for the sheriff — running the jail and serving as an agent for such supportive services as a crime lab, tactical mobile unit, chemical analysis, arson unit, marine division and mounted posse for parks patrolling.

Hansen is conducting an aggressive campaign, talking to any group which will invite him and listen to him. "I tell them I have no ego to satisfy except my own self-respect. I want to serve the county and the police departments," he said. "And I want to have a good working relationship with the Board of Commissioners."

He acknowledges there are conflicts

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within the department, which Spreen has shaken up several times with staff firings, demotions and replacements. "I'll win," Hansen said, "we start with day one. We start anew and afresh. We'll bury the hatchets and work together in harmony."

"If my opponent wins, those spills will still be there."

At 65, NICHOLS could be thinking of retirement after a career that took him from rookie cop to Detroit police commissioner, candidate for mayor of Detroit (1973), undersheriff of Oakland County and currently Farmington Hills police chief.

"I'm a glutton for punishment," said

Nichols. Bristling at talk he might be a one-term sheriff, he said, "I'll run just as long as I damn well please."

He thinks the Sheriff's Department needs to be allowed to be itself. "Those people haven't sold their souls. People in that department have faith — they have guts, experience."

"If I am elected, you will see a turn-over in attitude in three weeks. I'll let them perform. They know what to do. They haven't been allowed to do it."

NICHOLS SERVED under Spreen in both the Detroit Police Department and Oakland Sheriff's Department.

He refrains from direct criticism of his former boss, who has been em-

broiled in budget battles with the executive and commissioners and charges of "politics" vs. "professionalism" among police chiefs. Spreen gained much publicity — and a motor scooter patrol, a crime dog called McGruff (actually a deputy in costume) and efforts to organize volunteer aids.

But in a sideways jibe, Nichols said he would "remove unfunded programs paid in overtime, control overtime" and "reassess" the need for a jail administrator whom Spreen appointed.

Although like Spreen he has taught at the college level, Nichols speaks bluntly and insists there's nothing subtle about himself. "What you see is what you get," the veteran police administrator said.

HANSEN JOINED the Sheriff's Department 27 years ago after serving in the Navy and attending Henry Ford Trade School. At 28, he had a good job as foreman in a job shop in Plymouth and was living in Novi.

"But I hated it. I applied for a job in

the Sheriff's Department, and one day Frank Irons hired me," he recalled. "I took a pay cut. We had no unions in those days. We bought our own guns and uniforms and testified in court on our own time."

"Many of the men lacked higher education, but they made up for it with common sense and desire. I'm not knocking it, but today you're getting a different kind of people, with different goals. Many have teaching degrees but found that police work pays more than teaching."

Hansen was a road patrolman nine years, a scuba diver, head of the marine division — and so on up the ranks. He, too, does not attack Spreen directly. Asked to name his ideal cop, Hansen cited William Lucas, Wayne County executive, former sheriff and former FBI agent.

"He had to fight a lot of biases. He's smooth, has good common sense, is well-educated, well-liked by his staff. He moved up the ranks. I have to admire a person of that caliber."

Row over campaign donations heats up quiet prosecutor race

By Kathy Parrish
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Until two weeks ago, the Oakland County prosecutor race was quieter than any L. Brooks Patterson had been involved in.

But charges of political maneuvering are rampant as Tuesday's election draws near.

A series of events last week focused attention on the low-key race between Republican L. Brooks Patterson, seeking his fourth term, and Democratic challenger Robert Gagnliuk.

The campaign became a political hot potato when the prosecutor went twice to Oakland County Circuit Court, once to fend off a grand jury investigation and the other time to sue a Southfield television station.

"It just reeks of politics," Patterson said of the controversy. "The political stench is unbearable."

JUMPING INTO a dispute between the prosecutor and WXYZ-TV, Gagnliuk asked circuit judges for a grand jury investigation of Patterson's decision not to press utility fraud charges.

As of press time, the judges had not decided on the request.

In a report Oct. 17, TV reporter Vince Wade linked campaign contributions to Patterson by area auto dealers with the prosecutor's decision not to charge car dealers suspected of tampering with utility meters to reduce energy costs.

Of 81 state utility fraud cases being investigated by the state police, 32 involve Oakland County businesses. Nine involve auto dealers.

The prosecutor said he received \$5,000 from the Detroit Auto Dealers Association for his 1982 attorney general campaign and \$640 this year from Robert (Saks) Mechligian, owner of Bob

Saks Oldsmobile in Farmington Hills.

But Patterson denied the gifts were related to dropping of the cases. Two of his aides — chief assistant Richard Thompson and Michael Izzo, head of the warrants division — took lie detector tests to prove that there was no link between the contributions and the decision.

AFTER CHALLENGING Patterson to take a lie detector test, Gagnliuk Wednesday filed a petition asking for a grand jury investigation of the handling of the utility fraud cases.

Charging the Troy attorney with "political maneuvering," Patterson Thursday filed his own petition calling the

Gagnliuk request "legally ineffective" and asking it be dismissed.

Assigned first to Circuit Judge Fred Mester, the petitions were referred to Chief Judge Francis X. O'Brien. Court rules require that petitions for grand jury go to the chief judge and then receive a majority vote of the judges.

That same day the prosecutor also filed a slander suit against Channel 7 and Wade. "It is the only avenue I have available to vindicate myself," said Patterson, who previously offered to take a polygraph if the reporter would publicly apologize to him afterward.

The station has said it stands behind the 12-minute prime time story.

County clerk, challenger vie in nearly 'invisible' campaign

To Lynn Allen, being Oakland County clerk means implementing the first on-line computer system for the Circuit Court.

To challenger Linda Lash, it means being "more visible" and promoting bilingual ballots in areas of Oakland County with many Hispanics.

In a nearly invisible campaign, they will face off Nov. 6 for a four-year term as county clerk and register of deeds. (Oakland combines the two posts.)

Also on the ballot is Libertarian J. Stephen Blinnert of Farmington Hills, a copywriter for League Services Corp.

ALLEN, A Republican from Drayton Plains, is seeking a fifth term as clerk-register. Once a doctor of optometry, he was appointed to the county job when the clerk died.

The move was a natural one for Allen, whose father Lynn Sr. was county clerk 1932-1958.

"We were the first county to have and develop an on-line computer court system," said Allen, who has written articles on the task for professional groups.

"It's money savings in many ways — employee time and filing space," he explained. "The computer is a modern tool that's really been beneficial to government."

As the years have rolled by, Allen has taken a greater interest in state elections laws and affairs

of the Michigan Clerks Association (he is past president) and the International Association of Clerks, Records, Election Officials and Treasurers.

Allen served during the early '70s as a member of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission and was active in the expansion of Oakland Pontiac Airport. He owns and flies his own plane.

LASH IS into politics by way of the Rochester Democratic Club, of which she is president, and the United Auto Workers. She also is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Avon Township resident works as an accounting clerk in the book store of Oakland University, where she is on the UAW bargaining committee for 250 technical-clerical employees.

"My job involves dealing with publishers. I can deal with business," she said in an interview with the Oakland Citizens League.

Lash sees a need for bilingual ballots in Pontiac, where "35 percent of the 1,000 Hispanic voters can't read English."

She said she has "not much" experience in computers but would be "real visible in voter registration" by speaking at high schools.

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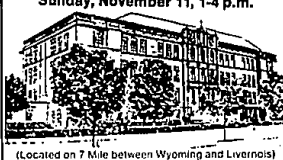
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