

# Mack challenging incumbent for clerk

Austin Mack is hoping to be the next Bedford Township clerk.

The Republican's name will appear on the Aug. 2 primary election ballot.

"It would be a dream to work for the people and community I know so personally and that I am truly passionate about. Bedford needs a clerk with new and innovative ideas who has the necessary desire and energy to serve our



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taxpayers," Mr. Mack said in a press release.

"As Toledo and Monroe continue to struggle to regain their economic footing, we must work harder as a community to maintain and build on what we have here in Bedford. That effort can begin by improving full-time township personnel positions like township clerk," he said.

"Our community cannot continue to do things the same way and expect different results. Currently, the potential of the township clerk's office is not being maximized, and that is unacceptable.

This community needs public servants with new ideas who have the work ethic and know how to get results," he said.

Mr. Mack said he intends to be transparent and increase communication so residents become more involved.

He also said he intends to cut excess expenses "to bring efficiency, openness and fiscal responsibility that the taxpayers are entitled to."

"I am a team player and will work together with all board members to reach solutions to our problems," he said.

Another issue Mr.

Mack cited is the heroin epidemic.

"It is our No. 1 public safety threat, and our community continues to be at risk. The township can take the lead and work on measures to prevent the spread of heroin in our community," he said.

Mr. Mack is a lifelong township resident and graduated from Bedford High School and Michigan State University, East Lansing, with a degree in public policy and administration.

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