

# City of Ely General Election

City Election - November 8, 2011

Unofficial sample ballot

As residents of Ely it is our duty to be informed on candidates running for office. It is our duty to be registered and then to vote.

## For Mayor

(Vote for no more than one, that one can be a write-in)

Incumbent: James E. Doyle Jr.  
Dale A. Stanek II

### David Lambert

My name is David Lambert and I am running for Mayor of Ely Iowa. I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and graduated from High School in Vinton, Ia. I moved to Ely two years ago with my wife Alesha, and two children Corbin and Alexis. We moved to Ely because we love the community and we heard great things about the school district. Ely is where we call home and where we want to continue to grow as a family and a community. My background consists of construction management, architecture, farming, Engineering and estimating. My wife recently acquired her Bachelors in Human Resources and is currently working at Rockwell Collins.

I enjoy the outdoors a great deal. My past time hobbies include: riding the Harley, boating, camping, landscaping, hunting and spending time with family and friends.

What I want to see in our community is the ability to process feedback from each and every member on how we can prosper. I feel that we need more things for our growing children to do within Ely. I want to make sure that the money being put in our community is used for the best purposes possible. I also feel that each resident is responsible for the upkeep of their home and business and if they are in need of assistance in doing so I will find a way to help. It's all about creating the living environment that we feel makes us secure, comfortable, and ensures the growth for our town.

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## For Council Members

(Vote for no more than three. All three can be write-in names)

Incumbent: Bob Ballantyne  
Incumbent: Bill Grove

Write-in candidates for council have all indicated they will serve if elected:

### Stephanie Mehmen

Stephanie (Tjelmeland) Mehmen, 38 is an Ely native. Born and raised in Ely, Stephanie settled back into her hometown in February of this year. Married to Tracy a special education teacher and athletics coach and mother of 13 yr old son Clay, she hopes to remain a lifelong resident and bring the same opportunities to her family that she was given growing up in Ely.

Stephanie comes from a family of volunteers in the community from Fire Department to City Government officials and knows the importance of being involved in the community.

Her goals are to be able to reach out to residents and business owners and be a voice for the people of Ely, approach local government with an unbiased opinion and monitor unnecessary spending. She is dedicated to Ely and knows that success stems from working together as a community.

Her professional career as a regional sales manager in the construction trade gives her an advantage in being able to communicate effectively with engineers, architects, business owners and residents alike. Stephanie loves this town and wants to see it prosper- there is no place in the world she would rather be.

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Jamison Schurbon

Jamison Schurbon, 38, moved to Ely in December of 2002. Jamison, his wife Brandy, and two daughters, Brooke and Paige, resides at 1685 North Drive. Helping out with Fall Fest, park clean-up, youth baseball coaching, and other park related projects are a few of the ways Jamison has contributed to his community. The Schurbon's are active members at St. John's Lutheran Church.

He and his family enjoy the people of Ely and plan on being life-long residents. Jamison would like to be a voice for the citizens of Ely by being involved with important decisions that move Ely forward.

Scott Lee Ladwig

Ladwig, 48, East Pacific Street, Ely, IA – Married to Jayme Ladwig with two wonderful daughters, LeeAnn and Brooklyn – remaining family of five, brother Lon Ladwig resides in Sarasota, FL and Randi Schultz of Ankeny, IA.

As a member of our community for nearly twenty years, my interest, my concern has always been in the development of our community as a whole, with an emphasis on maintaining the secure and close net community that we've all come to appreciate - growth well, it's inevitable, all we need to do is look to our windows to see a changing landscape, and now more than ever my belief is that we're at a pivotal period in the growth of our home, Ely, and concerned that the priorities of those with personal interests have repaved roads not needing immediate attention and misguided priorities that have financially choked the residing commerce of our community, for reasons not clearly defined.

My resolve if chosen to reside on the council would be to facilitate a nonbiased reasonable argument of our communities concerns, to leverage grants and look for ways to help pay or offset costs associated with infrastructure improvements, lessening the burden on families of our community, and supporting growth that fits the standards shared by all within our community.


Employed for 21 years as an Operations Coordinator and Analyst for "General Mills" a fortune 100 company in Cedar Rapids and support logistics of the largest dry foods manufacture within the corporation. Degrees in Engineering, Business Accrument; Leadership, Temperament and Talent, Executive Development, Strategic Communication and Loss Control Leadership

David Rasmussen

Dave Rasmussen, 42, and his wife Holly moved to Ely in September 2001 after living in Solon for seven years. They reside at 2070 Dows Street and have three children, Taylor, 21 (currently attending Grandview University in Des Moines, Garrett, 18 (a senior at Prairie) and Elena, 14 (a freshman at Prairie).

Dave has been an active member of the Ely Parks and Recreation Commission the past several years and has been instrumental in several park related projects including the development of the Ely City Park, the Hoover Trail and with the first four years of Ely Fall Fest. Dave is the current president of the Prairie Boys Basketball Association which was started in 2008 under Dave's leadership. Dave is licensed professional engineer in the state of Iowa and a partner with the firm M2B Structural Engineers, LLP in Cedar Rapids.

Dave and Holly previously owned The Jumping Bean (coffee house and restaurant) located in Ely and are the current owners of the Ely Corner Art Studio & Gallery which opened this past September. Dave is excited about the current and future recreational opportunities in Ely and he hopes to play a larger role in their further development as well as addressing the other future needs of the community.

**Remember either vote for one of the incumbents or write in a name and Fill the oval. All three votes can be write-in names. Be sure to fill in the oval  by their name.** You can take this sample ballot with you to make sure the write-in spelling is correct, but please do not discuss candidates or a write-in at the voting place!

**A good election is when you have a choice and a write-in space is there to gives you that Choice!**