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Brown runs for school board seat

While Dover dominates in recent years with two consecutive victories and four of the last seven games, Atkins leads in Rivals cup matches 9-4 and 33-9 in overall competition between the two schools. The Rivals Cup game will kick off at Sorrells Stadium in Atkins Friday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. From left: Dover Pirates Coach Greg Smith, Ben Dale, John Srutka and Jacob Sharp and Atkins Red Devils Jessie Jones, Rivals Cup 2016—.

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Janssen seeks board position

The following is an announcement submitted by Rusty Janssen. Rusty Janssen has announced his candidacy for the upcoming election on September 27, for the open school board position being vacated by Tom Hill.

"If given the opportunity by the voters of the district, I would welcome the chance to serve the Dover Community and Dover School District that have given so much to me and my family over the years," he said.

Rusty graduated as valedictorian from Dover High School in 1989, earning the Arkansas Governor's Scholarship which he used to attain a degree from the University of Arkansas in computer information services.

He then joined Monsanto Company as a systems analyst. In 2005, Rusty earned his Masters of Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis. He then moved to software sales with Critical Path and Computer Associate before returning home to Dover in 2010 to raise his family and join the family business, Janssen Engineering, as vice president of sales and operations.

For the past 7 years, Rusty has worked in the oilfield services industry, first at Terra Nova Renewal and most recently as part owner, president and chief executive officer of Alpha Oilfield Water Services.

Rusty has two children, Bailey (16) and Jacob (9). Both Bailey and Jacob are recent Dover graduates and enrolled at the University of Arkansas where they are both currently enrolled.

Rusty has coached youth baseball, softball and football and has been active in various booster clubs and organizations in the community in support of his children's extracurricular activities in athletics, as well as band and choir.

The following is an announcement submitted by Christopher Brown. Hello, my name is Christopher Brown and I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the open seat on the Dover School Board.

I have been married for 17 years to Melissa (Johnson) Brown of Dover and have been blessed with three wonderful children, Madame (4), Isabella (2) and Ezekiel (6). It has been my desire to influence positive change in Dover Schools already excellent educational program that spurred me to run for a seat on the school board.

Allow me to tell you a little more about myself. I graduated from UAMS with a bachelor's degree in clinical laboratory sciences. I supervise the lab at the Veteran's Administration Clinic in Russellville. In addition, I have technical consulting with two other local choices to ensure that they comply with federal and state regulations.

My faith is an important part of my life. I am a member of First Baptist Dover where I teach on adult Sunday School and also at the Dover Area Chamber of Commerce single Parent Program.

My wife attended Dover schools, so did her parent before her and her grandmother before that. It is my desire to return to a school that is equal to any school now. Melissa and I also our first married years in Russellville, but when our oldest child became school age, we exercised our right to school choices for her kindergarten year and brought a home in Dover the following year so she could receive her education here. We have not been disappointed.

I believe in education at Dover Schools seriously. I have made it a point to watch the board meetings via live feed from their website. I have tried to take part in the current challenges and concerns, and want to be a part of the solution.

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