

Colton Supervisor

To The Editor:

I would like to announce my candidacy for the position of supervisor of the Town of Colton. I am currently serving as a member of the Town Board and am seeking to fill the unexpired two year term which resulted from the resignation for personal reasons by Henry Ford.

I have been a life long resident of the Colton and Pierrepont area. I married Morris Hawley 47 years ago. We raised four children, three of whom remain in the town of Colton.

Our daughter works as a care-giver, our mentally challenged son lives with me, and our youngest son serves as highway superintendent.

I worked as a secretary at the State University of New York at Canton for over 31 years. During that time I was active in the CSEA union, having served as secretary, vice president and president of the local chapter.

During my six years of serving on the town board, we have faced some difficult decisions and spent many hours attempting to resolve issues in a manner that would benefit the majority of the residents.

Having lived here all my life, I have a genuine interest in trying to improve conditions in the community and keeping taxes at a level which will not cause great concern to our residents.

Some of the projects which I worked on during my six years as a town board member include:

- Serving on the steering committee of the Racquette River Corridor Project during the planning stages;
- The summer recreation program including the swimming program for Colton's youth which became necessary after the local school discontinued their swimming program;
- The committee established to study the caterpillar problems which residents faced last year and again this year and making preparations for aerial spraying this year;
- Working with other board members and members of the local Sunday Rock ATV Club to legally open roads for ATV use.

As supervisor of the town of Colton, I will be accessible to the residents and work with the board to resolve issues which arise. I pledge to work for all the residents - from the youth of the community to the retirees on fixed incomes.

Grace Hawley
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