

Zelinski: Dems Pledging To Lift Veil Of Negativism

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COLTON - Democratic candidates hoping to earn a spot on the Colton Town Council this fall have unveiled their official political platform, pledging to "lift the veil of negativism" in the community, expand the tax base and promote tourism.

The Democratic ticket is also proposing to hire a grant writer to help "promote a more aggressive, professional approach to obtaining grants," in Colton.

Joseph Zelinski, one of two Democrats vying for two open seats on the Colton Town Board, is a retired school administrator who suggests his background in education and administration will be an asset to local taxpayers.

"My employment experience gives me a working knowledge of rural communities, Colton in particular," said Zelinski. "My ability to deal with budgets, planning, solving employee issues and working conscientiously with



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all people across the social economic spectrum will prove invaluable."

Zelinski is seeking a seat on the town council in Colton along with fellow Democrat Kathy Hayes. Tina Regan Miller is running for assessor.

Also running on the Democratic ticket is current Councilwoman Joan Kilroy, who was handed a Democratic party endorsement for town

supervisor at the group's caucus last month.

However, the platform now being put forth by Zelinski, Hayes and Miller does not make any mention of the incumbent Kilroy and her run for the town supervisor post now controlled by acting Republican Supervisor Bill Swafford.

"Her position is unique," explained Zelinski of Kilroy. "She is running her own campaign."

Despite Kilroy's lack of involvement in the Democratic party's town council race, Zelinski is optimistic that voters in the community will be voting for change in November. He praised Colton as a great place to live and suggested that most people in the town are tired of political infighting and want more done to help promote the community.

"Colton has to be promoted more," according to Zelinski. "We have to promote what we have, a good place to live

where taxes are relatively inexpensive.

"People are tired of the same old same old," he added. "You have to look to the future."

The platform being heralded by Zelinski and Miller calls in part for improving the negative attitude in Colton, obtaining more state grant money, evaluating the community's infrastructure and working toward what they describe as "sensible growth."