

ON THE BALLOT:

Kettle River Mayor and City Council

The Star-Gazette made multiple attempts to reach candidates in Kettle River, but only three responded, David Lucas who is running for mayor, Kyle Riel who is running for city council and Guy P. Collier who is running for a two-year unexpired term. Their responses are below. Lucas and George Klaskin are running for Mayor of Kettle River. Three people are running for the four-year term on the city council, Riel, Kris Miller and Miya Kohmetscher. There are two people running for the two-year unexpired term, Collier and Jesse Kemp.

David Lucas

Out of high school I spent four years in the Marine Corps where I was able to travel the world, I also spent five years in the MN National Guard where I did a combat tour in Iraq in 2004. After my accident I was honorably discharged as a SGT E-5.

I'm also experienced in many different areas of employment including construction, burying cable, and security at MSOP. I moved to the area in October 2000, I purchased my house in Kettle River in February 2008 where I married my wife Anna and we have a three-year-old son, Benton. Since April 2017 I've served on the city council.

As mayor, I look to improve the city's image and bring back a sense of community pride. In doing so I also want to encourage families to move into Kettle River. I aim to make Kettle River business-friendly environment to bring in small business.



Lucas

Kyle Riel

Hello! My name is Kyle Riel and I'm running for a four year seat on the Kettle River City Council. Previously, I have had the opportunity to serve as Mayor of Kettle River for four years. I am the current Fire Chief for the Kettle River Fire Department, and have an appointed seat on the city council. I enjoy serving the public and hope to continue my role in the city council for the next four years. I feel that our city council needs to re-center with a dose of common sense, stability and team work. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to work with the rest of the city council to bring better days for the City and its residents.



Riel

Guy P. Collier

Hello, my name is Guy Collier. I am running for a two year term for city council in Kettle River.

I grew up in Kettle River and graduated from Barnum High School in 1968. I then graduated from a two year course in automotive. I then was drafted by the Army where I did my time and a tour in Vietnam. I returned home in 1972 to Kettle River. In August 1972 I married Judy Burt from Moose Lake. I worked at a truck shop in Duluth for nine months followed by six years at the Moose Lake Ford Garage. During this time we had three children, Brenda, Stephanie and Kristopher. I left the Ford Garage in 1979 and moved with my family to Rogers, Arkansas. I worked for TRW in Bentonville, Arkansas for two years. We really missed our home town area so when an extended layoff occurred, we made the decision to move back to Minnesota. I then worked as Hardware Manager at the Co-op in Kettle River for four years. My wife and I bought the old Co-op station in 1984 and ran a gas and service station till 1990 when we ran into underground tank problems. I then went to work for Moose Lake Auto Parts in January of 1990 till June of 1995 when I started work for the Department of Corrections in Moose Lake, till November 2005 taking a 55 year old retirement. I bartended in Kettle River for six months before going to work for the city of Moose Lake in 2006 in Water and Sewer as a ground maintenance worker and helped were needed. I retired from there in 2012 following a knee replacement.

I keep busy at home and at the woods, fishing, hunting etc. I was a member of the KR Fire Department from 1980 till 2005. I still belong to the American Legion in Kettle River. My wife and I have been married for 46 years. I have been very lucky with an understanding wife and a loving family, which has grown from three kids to seven grandchildren and one great grandchild, and another on the way. I have enjoyed living in the Kettle River area most all my life and have seen a lot of changes in town, same as in a lot of small towns. Businesses have closed and the ones that are left work hard to keep it going. It is my intention to try my best to work with my fellow councilors in making it comfortable to work together and respecting everyone's input. To try and get some businesses back in, along with making everyone that lives here happy they are. The best way to make our town better is to let people know we love our town and have good neighbors and are going to work together to make it the best place we can. Hopefully we can encourage some businesses to move in and this will help more people to come here also.