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Jerald (Jerry) Kaphers has spent the greater part of his life living and working in Southern Minnesota. Jerry was born in Hendricks, MN. He attended and graduated from high school in Lynd, MN. Both are small towns located in Southwestern Minnesota. Fanning, labor in a factory and small business are all part of his youth and teen experience.

For 21 years Jerry taught Biology and coached a number of sports in Albert Lea, MN (Dist. 241). He completed his career in education the summer of 1997 after serving as principal of Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School for 13 years. He then worked for TCF Bank in the metro area for 5 years before moving back to Albert Lea the spring of 2003.

Jerry earned a Degree in Biology from St. Cloud State (St. Cloud, MN). He earned a Masters Degree in ED Adm. from Mankato State U. (Mankato, MN) in 1984 and a Specialist Degree from Mankato State U. in 1986. In addition, Jerry, completed graduate work in Geology at Kansas State U. in Manhattan, KS.. graduate work in Biology at Howard U. in Washington D.C. and graduate work in Biology at Mankato State U. in Mankato MN.

Jerry Kaphers and Joan Kaphers have been together since 1971. Their nest is now empty. Their blended family has five grown children: Chris, Kelliann and Tom Kaphers and Scott and Rhett Johnson. Joan earned a B.S. Degree in English and Humanities from Mankato State U.. Joan worked in sales and merchandising for 12 years before returning to Albert Lea.

During his career, Jerry, has been an active participant in many professional and community organizations. He has been a member of both the Lions and Rotary Clubs, serving as president of the Janesville Rotary Club two(2) times: 88-89 and 97-98. He participated and served in the MN Coaches Association as regional representative for 11 years. He has been a member of the MN Ed. Association, the **Albert** Lea Ed. Association, the SW MN Association of Secondary School Administrators, the MN Association of Secondary School Administrators and the National Association of Secondary School Administrators.

Both Jerry and Joan are active in ~~the~~ Freeborn County DFL party and the League of Woman Voters. They are members ~~of~~ the Albert Lea Eagles Club, the Albert Lea Elks Club, the Albert Lea Audubon **Society** and the **Albert** Lea Sr Center. Jerry is a member of the local Toastmaster group and is involved in volunteer work on the Blazing Star Trail.

District 27A includes **all of Freeborn County** and a **five townships in Southern Mower County (Windom, Marshall, Lyle, Nevada, and Adams).**

Jerry will work for ALL of District 27A to promote: equitable return of our tax dollars in state funding, fair and clean elections, improved health care access, quality education, practical conservation efforts and improved business vitality.

ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2, 2004