

House Primary Guide: Southeast Missouri

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About Drebes



In addition to *Missouri Scout*, Dave Drebes was founder of *Arch City Chronicle*. According to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, it was “the industry newsletter for the Lou’s political insiders.” He was named one of St. Louis’ *Most Influential People* (2007), received the *Media Award* from the Missouri Association for Social Welfare (2006), the *President’s Award* from the Metropolitan Press Club of St. Louis (2006). It has been a long time since he has been awarded anything. Drebes also writes a regular column in the *St. Louis Business Journal* covering Missouri state politics.

Please Note

Candidate are listed according to ballot order.
Incumbents have asterisks (*) next to their names.
Only Republicans and Democrats are covered (sorry Greens, Libertarians etc).

All the information contained in this reference guide has been obtained by sources believed to be reliable, but there is no guarantee of such, and you are urged to verify the information for yourself.

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Overview

There are 11 House districts in the area that I'm calling Southeast Missouri. Republicans dominate this part of the state. Of the 11 districts, there are 3 primaries. They are all Republican primaries. Each of these gets a closer look in the following pages.

In this report...

- House 143 – Incumbent Rep. Bennie Cook challenged. Three-way primary.
- House 147 – Open seat. Wallingford resigned. Three-way primary.
- House 149 – Open seat. Rone termed. Two-way primary

Other districts in this area...

House 144 – Rep. Chris Dinkins unopposed.

House 146 – Rep. Barry Hovis unopposed.

House 148 – Rep. Jamie Burger unopposed.

House 150 – Cameron Bunting Parker unopposed in primary.

House 151 – Rep. Herman Morse unopposed in primary.

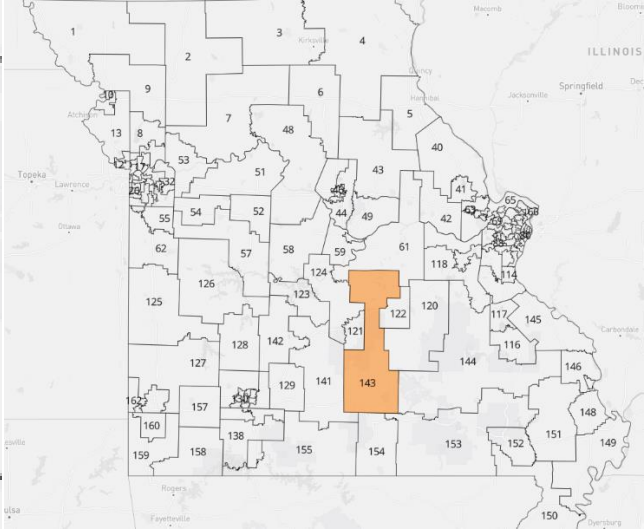
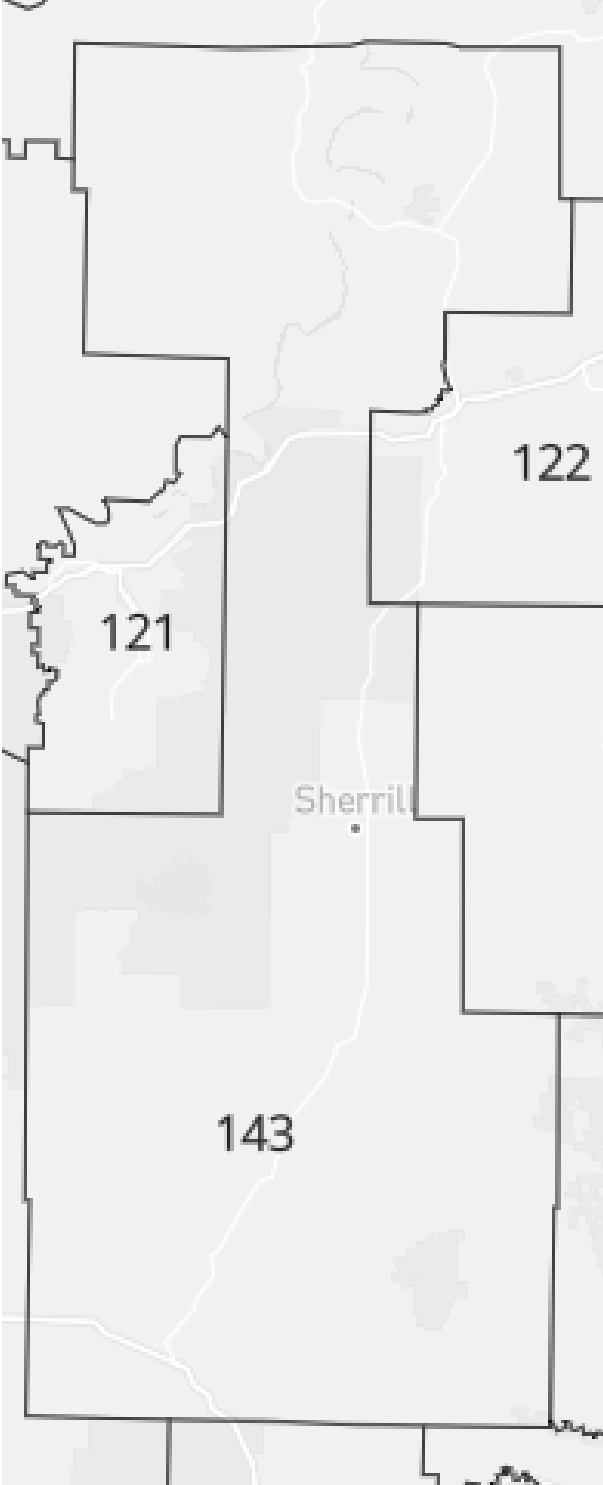
House 152 – Rep. Hardy Billington unopposed.

House 153 – Rep. Darrell Atchison unopposed.

House 154 – Rep. David Evans unopposed.

District 143

Incumbent Challenged. 3-way primary.
Partisan Lean: +60R



Philip Lohmann



No biography available

Bennie Cook *



[From his House bio](#): In addition to his legislative duties, Cook has maintained a commission with the Texas County Sheriff's Department dating back to 2005. He has a total of 17 years in law enforcement working for departments in Texas County, Columbia and Belle, Missouri. Rep. Cook has a strong history in social service as the director of the Texas County Food Pantry and as a field representative for Congressman Jason Smith.

Christopher Davis



[From Ballotpedia](#): I am 31 years old and was born and raised right here in Phelps County. Father, business owner, and outdoor enthusiast. In 2009 I graduated from State Technical College of Missouri with a Certificate of Proficiency in Heavy Equipment Operations. Over the next few years I operated equipment and/or a commercial vehicle either as an employee or as an owner-operator. I've ran a retail store, worked in sales, and have bootstrapped businesses for less money than most people spend on their cell phone. I know how to work a budget and where to cut waste. I also know how to recognize what works and nurture it. In the Missouri House I will work tirelessly to find every wasteful dollar to cut, every outdated/frivolous regulation to repeal, as well as find the programs that do work and improve on them.

April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Philip Lohmann		<i>exemption committee</i>		
Bennie Cook	\$6,807	\$1,100	\$2,980	
Christopher Davis		<i>limited activity</i>		

Consultants

Bennie Cook – Axiom

Web Presence

Philip Lohmann Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Philip-Lohmann-143/100078923944845/>

Bennie Cook Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bennieleecook>

Bennie Cook Twitter: <https://twitter.com/repbenniecook>

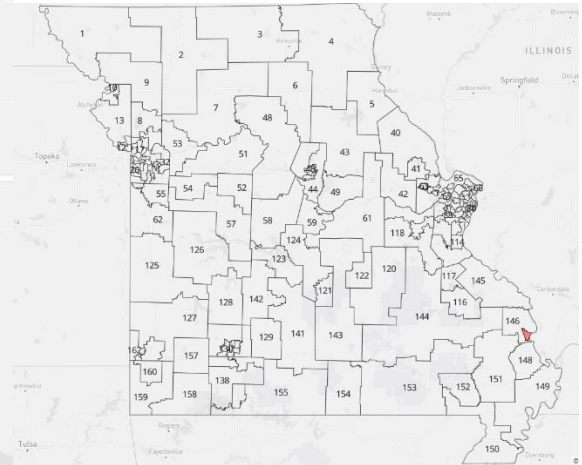
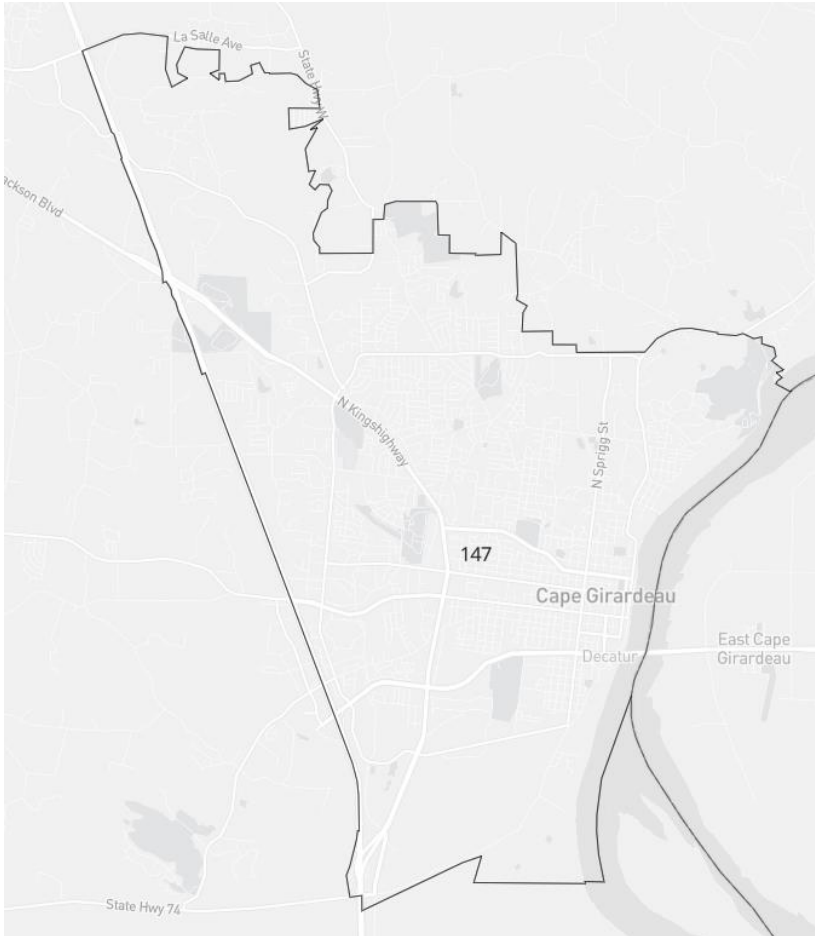
Christopher Davis Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Conservative4MO>

Christopher Davis Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RealDavis247>

MOScout Early Line: Cook should win re-election easily.

District 147

Open seat. Wallingford resigned. 3-way primary.
Partisan Lean: +22R



Elaine Edgar



[From her website](#): Elaine Edgar is a Local Businesswoman and Christian, Conservative Republican running for State Representative in Cape Girardeau. Edgar began selling real estate in 2009 and started her own real estate company, SEMO Home Realty in Cape Girardeau, in 2015. She has been active with the Southeast Missouri Board of Realtors having previously served as Secretary and Vice President. She has been married for 33 years to her husband, Scott Edgar, and is mom to son Scott II. She starts every day giving thanks to God, and prayer and remembrance of her faith in Jesus Christ.

Edgar worked her way through college while getting her bachelors degree in education and a master in education administration. She left teaching after six years to be a stay at home mom and help raise her autistic son.

Nathan Thomas



From his website: Nathan grew up near Cape Girardeau, in rural Perry County, and moved to Atlanta, GA to complete his Masters in Business Administration and Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Following an opportunity to work with the Atlanta Falcons in developing their team-branded physical therapy clinics, Nathan moved to Washington DC to serve as Associate Director of Federal Government Affairs for the American Physical Therapy Association.

Following his entrepreneurial desire and love of family, Nathan moved back to Cape Girardeau to partner in the launch of a start-up business opportunity. Once in operation, the venture was successfully sold and remains in operation today, providing a unique service offering to the Cape Girardeau region.

John Voss



From his campaign website: John Voss was born and raised in Cape Girardeau, the youngest of three sons to Henry and Betty Voss. He attended Trinity Lutheran Elementary School and Central High School. After graduating high school, John attended the University of Missouri at Rolla (Now Missouri S&T), earning a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management, with a minor in Electrical Engineering. John met his wife Janice while attending school in Rolla, and they are the proud parents of three sons – Justin, Jordan and Jackson – all Eagle Scouts.

After graduating from university, John joined Procter & Gamble as a manufacturing leader. John served in various roles in manufacturing, engineering, and distribution & logistics, retiring in 2019 after 33 years of service.

He was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran School Board, and also served as Vice President of the congregation. He served various roles in Scouting, eventually becoming Scout Master for Troop 311. John was successful in his election to represent Ward 1 in the City of Cape Girardeau in 2006, and was re-elected in 2010. During his Council service, John served on the Magnet and Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2013 and 2014.

John currently serves as Treasurer on the Board of Trustees for the Cape Girardeau Public Library and is the Chair of the Executive Council for Banterra Bank in Cape Girardeau. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Cape Girardeau, and the Elks Lodge 639.

April Quarter Fundraising Results

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>On-Hand</u>	<u>April Receipts</u>	<u>April Expenditures</u>	<u>Debt</u>
John Voss	\$5,050	\$5,350	\$300	\$5,000
Elaine Edgar	\$14,944	\$18,126	\$3,181	\$10,000
Nathan Thomas	<i>formed after deadline</i>			

Consultants

Elaine Edgar - Victory

Web Presence

John Voss cwebsite: <https://www.johnvoss.org>

John Voss on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JohnVossMO/>

Elaine Edgar website: <https://www.elaineforcape.com/>

Elaine Edgar Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Elaine-Edgar-for-State-Representative/100077314010601/>

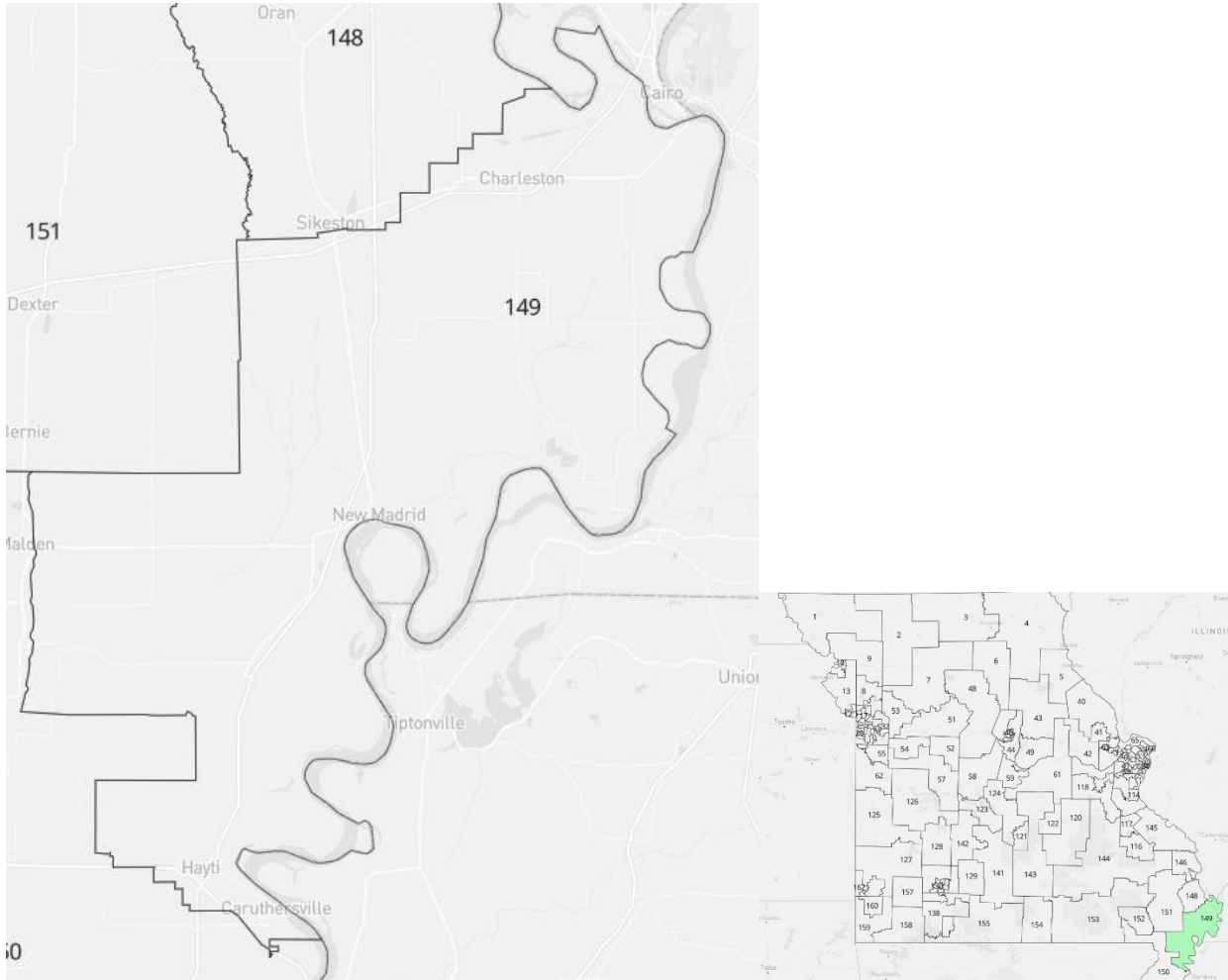
Nathan Thomas website: <https://nathanthomasforcape.com/>

Nathan Thomas Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NathanForCape>

MOScout Early Line: Three strong candidates from Cape. Voss ran in 2020 narrowly losing to then-Sen. Wayne Wallingford (52%-48%). He should be taken seriously. But Edgar has raised the most money, and Thomas has the firefighters endorsement. Definitely a race to watch.

House 149

Open seat. Don Rone term limited. Two-way primary.
Partisan Lean: +38R



Donnie Brown



[From the Standard Democrat](#): As mayor of New Madrid, Brown helped form the New Madrid County Mayors Association. The group brings together the county’s mayors to work on mutual problems and programs. When Brown stepped down from his duties as mayor, the New Madrid County Commissioners asked him to continue to work with the Association as its executive director.

Eric Garris



Garris is the [Heat and Air Guy](#). He ran [unsuccessfully for school board in 2018](#).

April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Donnie Brown	\$1,340	\$1,340	\$0	\$540
Eric Garris		<i>limited activity</i>		

Consultants

Donnie Brown – Axiom

Web Presence

Donnie Brown Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/donnie.brown.357>

Eric Garris Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079946332262>

MOScout Early Line: Brown is the favorite here.