



Van Wert County Sheriff Stan Owens (above left) takes the oath as county commissioner from Judge Charles D. Steele while his father looks on. Below, Judge Steele is sworn in to a new six-year term by Van Wert Municipal Court Judge Jill Leatherman while his grandson, Robbie, holds the Bible. *(all photos by Dave Mosier/Van Wert independent)*





Several re-elected county officials were sworn in Friday by Judge Steele in his Common Pleas Courtroom. Shown are (from the left) County Recorder Kim Hughes, County Prosecutor Charles F. Kennedy III, County Clerk of Courts Cindy Mollenkopf and County Engineer Kyle Wendel.