

## LENAWEE COUNTY RACES

## Incumbent commissioners keep seats

## BRIEFLY

FROM THE BLADE'S WIRE SERVICES

## Missouri voters support ban on gay marriage

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri's proposed amendment to the state's constitution to include a ban on gay marriage appeared headed toward approval, getting 75 percent of the vote.

The vote is being watched closely across the country because it is the first such amendment on the ballot since Massachusetts legalized gay marriages last year, and the outcome could help determine strategies for upcoming battles. As many as 12 other states may vote on similar amendments this year.

Also in Missouri, State Auditor Claire McCaskill built a solid lead over embattled Gov. Bob Holden in a Democratic primary that has made Missouri the site of the most closely watched gubernatorial race in the country.

With about a third of precincts reporting, Ms. McCaskill had 187,391 votes, or 52 percent, compared to Mr. Holden's 163,804 votes, or 45 percent.

## Illinois GOP names finalists for Senate run

CHICAGO — A nearly six-week search for a new Republican U.S. Senate candidate to take on Democrat Barack Obama produced two finalists yesterday — former presidential hopeful Alan Keyes and former Bush administration deputy drug czar Andrea Grubb Barthwell.

GOP state chairman Judy Baar Topinka said yesterday that party leaders would interview Mr. Keyes and Ms. Barthwell today and then choose one to take on the heavily favored Mr. Obama.

Ms. Barthwell, a physician from the Chicago suburb of River Forest, was deputy director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy from 2002 until last month, when she quit to explore a Senate run.

Mr. Keyes ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate twice from his home state of Maryland and sought the Republican presidential nomination in 1996 and 2000. He has never lived in Illinois but under state law would only have to take up residence by election day, Nov. 2.

## Troops' votes might go uncounted, official says

WASHINGTON — Thousands of votes from U.S. troops overseas could go uncounted again in November without emergency legislation extending deadlines for the ballots, a Chicago election official warned President Bush in a letter yesterday.

Nearly 30 percent of military voters who requested ballots in 2000 didn't get them in time to vote. Theresa Petrone, a Democratic member of Chicago's three-person Board of Election Commissioners, told Mr. Bush the problem could be solved if he proposed emergency legislation giving election officials up to 14 days after Election Day to collect and count ballots.

Deadlines vary, but most states, including Illinois, require that ballots be received by Election Day. Other states, including Ohio and Florida, count them for up to 10 or more days later, as long as they were signed by Election Day.

## Nancy Reagan backs Bush presidential bid

LOS ANGELES — Former first lady Nancy Reagan, who opposes President Bush's policy on limiting embryonic stem cell research, is backing the Republican's re-election bid.

"The campaign is certainly about more than one issue," said spokesman Joanne Drake, who described Ms. Reagan as in "full and complete support of President Bush's candidacy."

Former President Reagan died June 5 of pneumonia related to his decade-long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

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Lenawee County residents showed confidence in their incumbent county commissioners yesterday when they retained both Republicans who were challenged during the primary.

Only three of the nine county commission board districts had contested races.

In District 3, which covers the Hudson and Morenci areas, incumbent Robert Hall, who succeeded his father in 1998, narrowly defeated John Jenkins, a retired consulting engineer who was Adrian's utilities director until 1995.

Mr. Hall, 38, has faced opposition in three of his last four terms and will be challenged again in November by Democrat Lee Ann Minton, a retired elementary schoolteacher.

Ms. Minton, 67, of Hudson, won the Democratic nomination for the district by defeating Randall Burrow, 43, of Morenci, and Joel Haynes, 26, of Hudson.

"It was a tight one, that's for sure," Mr. Hall said of the race in which a winner could not be declared until all five precincts were counted. The commission "works well as a team," he added.

In District 6, two-term incumbent Dick Bailey, a Republican and retired pharmacist defeated challenger Thomas Neil, Jr., who served two terms on the commission in the mid 1990s in the old District 9. The district encompasses the west side of Adrian.

Mr. Bailey, 69, chairman of the commission's criminal jus-

## LENAWEE COUNTY

Contested races	
<b>County Commission</b>	
<b>District 3</b>	
✓ Robert Hall (R).....	496
John Jenkins (R).....	460
Randall Borrow (D).....	91
Joel Haynes (D).....	69
✓ Lee Ann Minton (D).....	176
<b>District 4</b>	
✓ Larry Gould (R).....	823
Jimmy Cates (D).....	163
✓ Karin Gray (D).....	199
<b>District 6</b>	
✓ Dick Bailey (R).....	649
Thomas Neill, Jr. (R).....	214
<b>Road Commission</b>	
✓ Phillip Hart (R).....	3,791
Douglas Lerch (R).....	1,338
Daniel Witt (R).....	2,498
✓ Robert Emery (D).....	2,662
<b>Adrian Township</b>	
<b>Supervisor</b>	
✓ James Koehn (R).....	665
Barbara Jones (R).....	356
<b>Trustee</b>	
<i>(four to be elected)</i>	
✓ Kathleen Anton (R).....	400
Karl Baer (R).....	322
Kathleen Ford (R).....	247

✓ Michael Herr (R).....	630
Joan Jeschke (R).....	259
Lindsey Jones (R).....	281
Marie Nelson (R).....	215
✓ Tom Romain (R).....	465
✓ Raymond Thompson (R).....	357
Christopher Witt (R).....	302
<b>Blissfield Township</b>	
<b>Supervisor</b>	
Lewis Bowman (R).....	238
✓ Bruce Carter (R).....	313
<b>Clinton Township</b>	
<b>Supervisor</b>	
✓ John DeAngelis (D).....	77
Robert Snow (D).....	67
<b>Trustee</b>	
<i>(two to be elected)</i>	
✓ Richard Dixon (R).....	139
Basil Greenleaf (R).....	106
✓ Chris Wittenbach (R).....	154
<b>Deerfield Township</b>	
<b>Trustee</b>	
<i>(two to be elected)</i>	
✓ Douglas Burke (R).....	77
Amy Madalinski (R).....	72
✓ Brad Witt (R).....	122
Ronald Cousino (D).....	N/A
<b>Fairfield Township</b>	
<b>Supervisor</b>	
✓ Janet Harsh (R).....	170

Kenneth Richardson (R).....	91
Katherine Spencley (D).....	22
✓ Dawn VanDusen (D).....	38
<b>Treasurer</b>	
✓ Libbey Frank (R).....	135
Martha Middleton (R).....	96
<b>Trustee</b>	
<i>(two to be elected)</i>	
Michael Bohling (R).....	130
✓ Curtis Emmons (R).....	156
✓ Gaylord Herriman (R).....	132
David Schneider (R).....	56
Dan Delano (D).....	60
<b>Madison Township</b>	
<b>Trustee</b>	
<i>(four to be elected)</i>	
Roger Roback (D).....	N/A
Chad Rodgers (D).....	N/A
Wayne Smith (D).....	N/A
Howard Bales (R).....	N/A
Larry Liedel (R).....	N/A
Randy Miller (R).....	N/A
<b>Ogden Township</b>	
<b>Supervisor</b>	
James Goetz (R).....	N/A
<b>Clerk</b>	
Phyllis Gentz (R).....	N/A
<b>Treasurer</b>	
Rick Dennison (R).....	N/A
<b>Raisin Township</b>	

<b>Supervisor</b>	
Larry Crittenden (R).....	242
✓ Carl Wagner (R).....	325
<b>Treasurer</b>	
✓ DeLight Seiler (D).....	84
Stacy Gamel (R).....	188
✓ Marge McDermott (R).....	254
<b>Trustee</b>	
<i>(four to be elected)</i>	
✓ James Hannah (D).....	170
Debra Brousseau (R).....	238
Steven McGee (R).....	238
✓ Dale Mitchell (R).....	313
✓ Lee Mohr (R).....	258
✓ Keith Richardson (R).....	355
Pat Youngkin (R).....	181
<b>Riga Township</b>	
<b>Supervisor</b>	
Joel Davis (R).....	115
✓ Robert Knoblauch (R).....	152
<b>Trustee</b>	
<i>(two to be elected)</i>	
✓ Mike DeNudt (R).....	147
✓ Paul Dusseau (R).....	174
Larry Lippe (R).....	129
<b>Constable</b>	
<i>(two to be elected)</i>	
Brian Bowman (R).....	112
✓ Mark Ostrander (R).....	174
✓ Alan Thompson (R).....	137

## Residents showed confidence in their commissioners by returning both, says Dick Bailey of the criminal justice committee

Justice committee, said the fact that only two incumbents were challenged and that neither was defeated showed residents' confidence in the commission as it is.

"I hope that people voted for me because they were confident in the job that I am doing," he

said. "My experience is up-to-date experience, and I'm just glad to get the vote of confidence from the people."

In District 4, Democrat Karin Gray, 46, defeated Jimmy Cates, 44, and will now go on to face incumbent Republican Larry Gould, a county commissioner

for more than 20 years.

District 4 covers Madison, Fairfield, Dover, and Seneca townships.

While most county officials ran uncontested during the primary, the race for road commissioner brought out several candidates.

Incumbent Phillip Hart, who is finishing his first six-year term on the three-member commission, hung onto the Republican nomination for the

position.

Mr. Hart, a Hudson Township farmer, defeated Republican challengers Douglas Lerch and Daniel Witt and will face Democrat Robert Emery in November.

About 20 percent of Lenawee County's 67,539 registered voters went to the polls for yesterday's election.

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## NORTHWEST OHIO SCHOOL ISSUES



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Fostoria voters line up at 1B West Ward under the attentive gaze of poll worker Sandra Kreh. The polling place was the gymnasium in Longfellow Elementary School.

mill levy that would have raised \$590,000 annually.

In March, voters rejected a 8.75-mill additional operating levy, prompting the board to eliminate six teaching positions and a principal and to consolidate elementary grades that had been split between two buildings.

Superintendent Susan Miko tried last night to be positive about the vote outcome. "Of course it's disappointing. But the results were better this time," she said.

She said no additional cuts are planned in the schools at this point, but she said residents will see more cutbacks — namely with extracurricular activities — if another tax request fails at the polls in November. She said the next issue won't be lower than this election's 5.9-mill request.

In nearby Williams County, the Millcreek-West Unity Local school district was a big winner in the election with the approval of a 1 percent income tax, which will generate an estimated \$500,000 for a continuing period. In exchange for the passage, school officials told residents they would let a 5.2-mill

property tax expire.

"We were all excited," Superintendent Ken Boyer said. "We're just really pleased for the kids."

Hancock County residents in the Liberty-Benton Local school district approved one levy request, but defeated a second one. Voters passed a five-year, 5.3-mill renewal operating levy, which generates \$724,600 a year. But they defeated an additional 3.3 mills for five years that would have raised \$450,000 a year.

In the Huron City Schools, voters renewed a five-year, 1.35-mill levy for operations but defeated a new five-year, 6.9-mill issue. Superintendent Fred Fox said the district, which was placed in fiscal emergency by the state earlier this year, would put the 6.9 mills on the November ballot.

"When we put this up in August with two issues, our goal was to get one of them passed, so we could focus on one for November," he said. Without passage of both levies this year, the district faces a projected deficit of more than \$1.6 million by the end of June, 2005.

In other regional school districts:

● **Antwerp Local school district** residents in Paulding County defeated a request to double the district's income tax to 1.5 percent.

● Voters in the **Bellevue City School District**, in Erie, Huron, Sandusky, and Seneca counties, overwhelmingly defeated a 1.85-mill, 28-year bond issue for construction and renovation of school buildings.

● In the **Delphos City school district**, which straddles the Allen-Van Wert County border, a five-year, 5.5-mill operating levy failed.

● In Williams County, the **North Central Local school district** saw defeat of both its permanent 1 percent income tax and a five-year, 4.9-mill operating levy.

● In Erie County, voters in the **Perkins Local Schools** rejected a 6.9-mill continuing levy for operations.

● Voters in the **Willard City Schools** in Huron County turned down a five-year, 5.7-mill levy for operations.

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## AREA SCHOOL ISSUES

**Fostoria**  
9.63-mill operating levy  
✓ For: 1,514..... Against: 1,506

**Continental**  
6-mill continuing levy  
For: 385.....✓ Against: 806

5.7-mill continuing levy  
For: 378.....✓ Against: 814

5.7-mill continuing levy  
For: 376.....✓ Against: 810

4.6-mill continuing levy  
For: 391.....✓ Against: 794

4.55-mill continuing levy  
For: 387.....✓ Against: 798

**Delphos City**  
5.5-mill, 5-year operating levy  
For: 861.....✓ Against: 998

**Liberty-Benton Local**  
3.3-mill, 5-year emergency  
levy

For: 523.....✓ Against: 711

5.3-mill, 5-year emergency  
levy renewal

✓ For: 775..... Against: 461

**Patrick Henry**  
5.9-mill, 5-year operating levy  
For: 631.....✓ Against: 945

**Antwerp Local**  
0.75 percent permanent  
income tax for operations

For: 315.....✓ Against: 506

**Bellevue City**  
1.85-mill, 28-year, \$8.2 million  
bond issue for construction  
and renovation

For: 924.....✓ Against: 1,770

**Tiffin City**  
5-mill, 5-year operating levy  
✓ For: 2,762..... Against: 2,740

**Millcreek-West Unity**  
1 percent permanent income  
tax for operations

✓ For: 544..... Against: 466

**North Central Local**  
4.9-mill, 5-year levy for  
operations

For: 350.....✓ Against: 830

1 percent permanent income  
tax for operations

For: 305.....✓ Against: 855

**Huron City**  
6.9-mill, 5-year operating levy  
..... **FAILED**

1.35-mill, 5-year renewal levy  
..... **PASSED**

**Perkins Local**  
6.9-mill permanent  
improvement levy

..... **RESULTS UNAVAILABLE**

**Monroeville**  
3.6-mill, 5-year renewal levy  
for operations

..... **RESULTS UNAVAILABLE**

## Newcomers net nominations in S.E. Michigan House races

A collection of new blood will head to Lansing from southeast Michigan next January, as a result of the state's term-limits law that pushed two sitting Democrats from the state House.

Doug Spade of Adrian, is vacating his District 57 seat, and Randy Richardville is leaving his in District 56.

In District 57, Democrat Dudley Spade, 48, was cruising to an easy primary victory over Kevin Molter, 49, taking one step closer to replacing his brother, Doug Spade, in the seat.

He was winning more than 80 percent of the vote, unofficial totals showed.

On the Republican side, Lenawee County Commissioner

David Abraham also had an easy victory over his two opponents, setting up the contest this fall.

Judy Ackley, 60, an Adrian business owner, came in a distant second in the Republican race, with 40-year-old Jeff Votzke, who is a member of the Woodstock Township Planning Board, running last.

Dudley Spade is the director of information systems at Starr Commonwealth of Albion.

Mr. Abraham is a real estate appraiser.

"We certainly worked hard. We got out and talked to voters, carrying our issues to the voters," Dudley Spade said.

"We had very good name recognition," thanks to his brother,



Kehrl



Manor



Abraham



Spade

who was "a big help" in the race, he said.

Mr. Spade said he plans to "talk a lot about jobs" in the fall campaign.

In the District 56, Democrat Herb Kehrl, 62, a former high school principal and former

chairman of the Monroe County Mental Health Authority, was winning his party's nomination over Jeffrey Andring, 42, of Newport.

On the Republican side, 34-year-old John Manor of Monroe, a marketing director and poli-

tics reporter for the Michigan Chronicle, was headed to victory over three opponents: Dean Patten of Monroe, who ran against Mr. Richardville in the last two elections; Jason Kitts of Dundee, a financial planner, and Yann Iannucci of Monroe, a retired construction worker.

## MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**56th District Republicans**

✓ John Manor..... 1,505

Dean Patten..... 667

Jason Kitts..... 185

Yann Iannucci..... 146

**Democrats**

Jeffrey Andring..... 2,935

✓ Herb Kehrl..... 6,538

**57th District Republicans**

✓ David Abraham..... 5,811

Judy Ackley..... 2,052

Jeff Votzke..... 504

**Democrats**

✓ Dudley Spade..... 3,017

Kevin Molter..... 540

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