

Area candidates advance to April 5

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Jefferson County-area electors voted in Tuesday primaries, advancing candidates to fill out the ballot in the April 5 general election.

Across the state, voters cast ballots in primaries for Wisconsin Supreme Court, while there also were primaries for Walworth County judge, Watertown mayor, the District 10 seat on the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors and the Oconomowoc Area School District Board of Education.

Walworth County voters advanced Family Court Commissioner Daniel Johnson and Walworth County District Attorney Daniel Necci to the April election in a bid for the Walworth County Circuit Court judge position being vacated by Judge James Carlson, who will retire in July after having served for 36 years on the bench.

Johnson netted 3,356 votes and Necci received 2,922 votes.

Delavan/Lake Geneva/Salem attorney Shannon Wynn was the third candidate for the judicial seat and tallied 2,799 votes.

Although he was the top vote-getter, Johnson said the primary election was “just another step in the process. ... We’re going to be excited about this tonight, and tomorrow we’re going to get right back to work because there is more work to do.”

Necci said he was excited about the victory and eager to get back to campaigning.

“I am feeling pretty darn good,” Necci said. “I am feeling honored and privileged to move forward as a candidate in this race. It’s very exciting. It’s a different kind of excitement — a ‘let’s get back to work’ excitement.”

The county’s circuit court judges appointed Johnson, an Elkhorn resident, to be Walworth County family court commissioner in 2014. Before being appointed court commissioner, he worked at three area law firms and was a partner at one.

Necci resides in Elkhorn. He was appointed Walworth County district attorney by Gov. Scott Walker in 2012 and has held the position since then. Before that, he worked at law firms in Elkhorn and Milwaukee.

Both candidates have experience in several areas of law and received their law degrees from Marquette University Law School.

Circuit court judges serve six-year terms.

Watertown

Three candidates were running for the position of Watertown mayor. Tuesday's primary election whittled the ballot down to an incumbent and a newcomer.

Incumbent Mayor John David will square off with Jordan Turner, co-founder of the Watertown-based Global Conservation, for the city's top elected position.

The pair were joined on the primary ballot by Alderman Jim Romlein.

David was first elected as an alderman in 1996, re-elected in 1998 and again in 2000. He served as mayor from 2001-07, leaving office due to term limits. He was elected as an alderman again in 2011 and then ran and was elected as mayor again in 2013.

On Tuesday, he earned the highest number of votes with 1,972. Turner tallied 533 votes and Romlein earned 355 votes.

County board

All 30 seats on the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors will be on the spring ballot on April 5. At least four of them will be contested and two will have new faces.

Three candidates were on Tuesday's primary ballot, seeking to advance to the April election to represent District 10 on the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors.

Incumbent Supervisor Al Counsell filed noncandidacy papers and is not running for a new term.

Former Supervisor Lloyd Zastrow will face off with newcomer Mark Grosse in the April election. A total of 208 ballots were cast for Zastrow while Grosse tallied 89 votes.

Newcomer Marilyn Buelow was also on the primary ballot and finished with a total of 79 votes.

District 10 includes Wards 1 and 3 in the Town of Concord, Wards 3 and 4 in the Town of Ixonia.

Oconomowoc schools

The Oconomowoc Area School District has two seats on the school board up for the April election.

Tuesday's primary narrowed the field of candidates to four: incumbents Steve Zimmer and Dave Guckenberger and newcomers Kim Herro and James Wood.

Herro led with a total of 1,837 votes cast across the district, which includes sections of Jefferson, Dodge and Waukesha counties. Vote tallies for Guckenberger, Zimmer and Wood earned 1,202, 1,014 and 844 votes, respectively.

Not advancing was Jason L. Kelly, who picked up 788 votes in his bid for a seat on the board.

The terms are three years.