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## Pendleton Co. used to Dems

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**FALMOUTH** - Two Pendleton County Republicans will go head-to-head Tuesday to see who will take on Democratic incumbent Judge-executive Henry Bertram in the fall.

Auto dealer Jack Scroggins and real estate agent Phil Turner are in a contest to face Bertram, who is running for his third term. It is the first time Bertram will face an opponent in the general election. His previous elections were won in primaries.

"I appreciate the challenge," Bertram said. "It always keeps you understanding that the public gets an opportunity to decide if you've done a good or bad job."

**ADVERTISEMENT** County Attorney C. Donald Wells, a lifelong Democrat, is running for judge-executive as an independent.

"I've done a pretty decent job within the constraints the office has. The judge-executive has a much broader spectrum to influence the county," Wells said.

Republicans are running for other county offices as well. County Republican Chairman William Verax sees the primary as a party building tool.

"We're happy to see that we're starting to get some candidates that will register as Republican. Right now the voters register as Democratic to have an influence in local elections," he said.

Two Republicans and four Democrats are running for jailer. Four of the candidates are women. Jailer Gary Hutchison, a Democrat, will not be returning because of illness.

Ken Kales is the only male Democratic candidate. The other Democrats are Joy Walsh, Darrin W. Gregg and Kelly J. Dennie.

On the Republican side, Kimberly S. Green and Timothy W. Saylor are vying for their party's nomination to be the next jailer.

Of the four magistrates in office, only the first district's Jack Sumpter is facing opposition from Alan R. Whaley on the Democratic side.

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