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**FALMOUTH** - In a county that runs 3-to-1 Democratic, Pendleton Republicans are happy to have challengers for a few offices. They were thrilled to have enough candidates for a primary.

For judge-executive, businessman Phillip Turner defeated auto dealer Jack Scroggins 234-165. Turner will face two-term incumbent Henry Bertram, a Democrat, and an independent, County Attorney C. Donald Wells.

"It's going to be an uphill challenge, no question about it," said Turner, the first Republican to challenge Bertram in a general election. "He's going to make a very formidable opponent."

**ADVERTISEMENT** Turner's plans for the campaign include a lot of walking.

"Door-to-door, absolutely door-to-door," Turner said. "In this county, there is no question in my mind that you have to get to the people."

"These people want you to ask them for their vote, and they have a right to expect you to; and as a consequence, whoever wins any of these elections will really have to pound the turf," said Republican Chairman William Verax. "For any of these candidates, if they don't get to all the people they're going to have trouble."

Bertram doesn't think party affiliation matters in the county.

"The voters are not going to look at whether you're a Democrat or Republican but at the individual," he said.

In the Democratic primary, incumbent Magistrate Jack M. Sumpter was defeated by Alan R. Whaley, 198-160, in District 1. Whaley will not face an opponent in the general election.

"Whaley is a younger guy, more educated, very well known in that area," said Democratic Chairwoman Wanda Fowee.

In the contested Democratic primary for jailer, Ken Kells defeated three opponents. His vote total of 833 more than doubled his nearest rival Joy Walsh, who earned 345 votes. In November, Kells will face Republican Timothy W. Saylor, who defeated Kimberly S. Green 212-157.

In the Democratic primary for constable, Aaron T. Bonar defeated Scott Shepperd 188-127 in District 1 and Otto Stapleton Sr. defeated Tony McCarter 198-141. Neither will face an opponent in the fall.

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