



Margie Hendriksen (at right)

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Dist. 40 contest narrowed

Voters in Lane County's House District 40 were decisive in handing victories Tuesday to Democrat Margie Hendriksen and Republican Shirley Whitehead, appearing to have no problem at all in choosing from the state's most crowded primary race.

Hendriksen won 2,433 to 1,205 for 31 percent of the vote over her nearest opponent, Larry Perry, a former two-term Oregon legislator who received 15 percent. Six other Democrats ran for that seat.

Whitehead beat out her only opponent, Nick Tri, by a margin of 3,127 to 1,952 for 53 percent of the vote. Tri received 33 percent.

Both women took early leads and never looked back, in what was thought by political aficionados to be a close contest on both tickets. Counting independent candidate Bruce Anderson, who will appear on the November ballot, a total of 10 candidates surged to fill the District 40 void created when three-term incumbent David Frohnmayr announced he would not seek reelection to that seat.

"I don't believe it," said Hendriksen of her surprisingly easy win. "I expected to do well, but I hated to say anything early on."

A thorough study of District 40 needs and the implementation of a well-thought-out "plan" by

150 dedicated campaign workers was the reason for the victory, Hendriksen said.

"We just want to keep on rolling," said Mona Sturges, Hendriksen's campaign manager. The reason Hendriksen won is because she has a broad background and can speak to the varied concerns among District 40 voters, Sturges said.

Hendriksen said her campaign wasn't letting up a bit, noting that she and her supporters will meet Thursday to plan strategy for the November general election.

Whitehead's win over Tri wasn't as surprising as the Democratic outcome, but it was no less decisive.

"Having watched a number of elections closely, I was sure I was going to hold the lead for the evening after the first returns put me in front," Whitehead said.

But Whitehead admitted to some tactical errors in running her primary campaign. "We decided to stay away from the issues in the primary, and that made me appear to not to have a very wide perspective, but it seems to have won us the election," she said.

White said she would "kick back" a bit before hitting the campaign trail to the November elections, but added that her campaign committee would remain active.

Fadeley defeats Hall, but by only 17 votes

Nancy Fadeley narrowly defeated Peggy Hall by 17 votes, gaining the District 42 Democratic nomination in one of the most hotly contested races in Tuesday's primary.

In a race which wasn't decided until the final vote was counted, Fadeley garnered 3,348 votes — 47.95 percent — to Hall's 3,331 — 47.71 percent — to seal the nomination and virtually ensure her re-election in November. No candidates ran for the Republican nomination in District 42, which encompasses Springfield, Glenwood and a portion of east Eugene.

The final outcome of the race remained unknown until the final tally. Throughout the night, the vote swung between the two candidates.

At one point in the evening, Fadeley led by 125 votes, but slowly dropped to a 57-vote lead before Hall overtook her.

Hall's lead lengthened from 43 to 105 votes with only three precincts left to report.

Two of the three precincts uncounted at 1 a.m. were in Springfield, while the third included a portion of Fadeley's precinct.

Fadeley, who has been the

District 42 representative for the past decade, said she would analyze the vote and wait for the final count before being declared the victor. Under Oregon law, strongly contested elections are automatically recounted.

But Fadeley added that today she would "go around and give everyone in my precinct a hug."

Voters referred to her legislative record showing her concern for the needs of the citizens of Springfield when deciding how to vote, Fadeley said. "I think I have made a contribution to the state and to

the individual citizens of Springfield. The voters know this.

"If I do return (to the Legislature), I'll continue working at it. I think I have an understanding of what my constituents want.

"My legislative service has been an important part in my life," Fadeley said. "I hope I can continue with it. I'm glad the voters have decided to allow me to represent them in the Legislature again. They know I work for them."

After the final tally was announced, her husband, state Sen. Ed Fadeley, D-Eugene, said "the environment and the living conditions of the people in

Oregon are going to be better (because Nancy Fadeley received the nomination). After all, you know who put the money up against her."

Hall outspent Fadeley throughout the campaign.

Before the final vote tally, Hall cautiously said she thought the voters of Springfield had announced what they want — a more realistic legislator. Hall also indicated that whatever the outcome, she would continue to pursue political office.

"I believe I have something to offer," Hall said. "Now I'm an unknown quality. In time the voters will realize I represent their views."

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Frohnmayr, Haas face attorney general finals

Dave Frohnmayr and Hari Haas will face each other in November's state attorney general race, after each easily won their respective party primaries Tuesday.

Frohnmayr won the Republican nomination with 68 percent of the vote, a landslide victory over Robert Wright, John Smets and William Jolley.

Haas outdistanced Joe Smith, John Leahy and Henry Richmond for the Democratic nod. He garnered 44 percent of the vote, topping Smith's 24 percent.

"I really feel very pleased," Haas said from his Portland headquarters Tuesday night. "The campaign had some well-qualified Democrats — everybody worked hard."

"The victory points out that people in Oregon expect statewide leadership in areas such as the lumber industry and the housing industry," he said.

Frohnmayr, too, celebrated in Portland. "It's very good to have the primary over," he said. "I'm excited and appreciative for the chance to represent the Republican Party in November."

Frohnmayr said he would "take a couple days off" before beginning his campaign for the general election.

His background in constitutional law, preparation for the job and the ability to work smoothly with people in differ-

ent levels of government will qualify Frohnmayr for the attorney general job, he said.

"I've demonstrated a far better track record (than Haas). The job demands a professional with the best possible view of the law, not a politician."

A University law school professor, Frohnmayr gave up his District 40 House seat to run for attorney general.

Haas, the Multnomah County District Attorney, said the race against Frohnmayr will present Oregon voters with a classic confrontation.

Like Frohnmayr, Haas points to differences in background as an important issue in the November election. He said the work he has done in Multnomah County and in private practice for 11 years qualify him for the job. He will emphasize crime prevention, he says, advocating more prisons and juvenile programs.

"I can sit and try lawsuits every day, but it's the statewide issues we talked about on the campaign, and it's the statewide issues people are interested in," he said.

Haas had 121,778 votes in the race, followed by Smith with 64,735 votes, Leahy with 45,791 and Richmond with 41,048.

Frohnmayr grabbed 116,879 votes, running away from his challengers. Smets had 44,087 votes; Jolley had 30,119 and Wright had 27,235.

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