

Kujala unopposed, but Wev, Thompson face county challengers

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Pamela Wev and Lianne Thompson both face challengers in their races to retain seats on the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners.

Nathan Pinkstaff of Astoria, a deck mechanic for Tidewater Barge Lines in Vancouver, Wash., filed papers Monday to run against Wev for the District 3 seat. He has no prior government experience and previously has worked in the fishing and logging industries.

Steve Dillard of Seaside, an innkeeper and computer business owner, filed Tuesday to take on Thompson for the District 5 seat.

Mark Kujala of Hammond, a former Warrenton mayor, is running unopposed for his District 1 seat on the county commission.

DISTRICT 3

Pinkstaff was born and raised in Clatsop County and said his primary focus is on bringing businesses back and helping them thrive.

"I was born and raised here and I love it here," Pinkstaff said. "I want to try and tackle, from the county side, the homelessness/transient population. I want to be a conduit between the city and the county, someone people can

contact."

He hates seeing the negative changes that have impacted businesses in the past few years.

"Those who own businesses in our county, my heart hurts for them," Pinkstaff said. "I want to be that person who fights for them."

Wev, the incumbent, has a background in urban planning and economic development. While she's primarily retired, she still does some consulting work.

"I know good, effective government when I see it," she said in announcing her candi-

dacy several weeks ago.

Her motto is "Everything is related to everything else," she said.

During her first term on the County Commission, she has been active in hiring the new county manager, updating the Comprehensive Plan, and managing the county's public health response to the COVID crisis.

Her primary interests include the county's Business Park in Warrenton, the relocation of the Public Works facility, and the relocation of the county jail.

DISTRICT 5

Dillard operates Sandy Cove Inn and Red Door Properties vacation rentals in Seaside. He currently serves on the Port of Astoria's Airport Advisory Committee.

Incumbent Thompson, who lives in Arch Cape, describes herself as a community activist and small business owner. She previously served on the county's Planning Commis-

OTHER RACES

• U.S. Senate: Incumbent Ron Wyden is opposed by William Barlow of McMinnville and Brent Thompson of Gold Beach; seven Republicans are running.

• Congressional District 1: Democrat Suzanne Bonamici, the incumbent, faces Scott Phillips of Beaverton and Christian Robertson of Hillsboro. The Republican ticket features Chris Mann of Hillsboro and Armidia Murray of Beaverton.

• Governor: 17 Democrats and 19 Republicans have qualified for the primary. Former Democratic Sen. Betsy Johnson will run as a nonaffiliated candidate in November.

• Oregon Senate District 16: Republican Suzanne Weber hopes to win the seat vacated by Johnson when she stepped down to run for governor. Melissa Busch seeks the Democratic nomination.

• Oregon Representative District 32: Glenn Gaither is signed up on the Republican side.

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ucation program for young adults at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park.

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Applicants should possess a positive attitude, a willingness and ability to work in a physically active outdoor program and get along well with others. Lead and crew positions are available.

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