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4 win School Board seats

Winners include 2 unopposed in races

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There will be four new faces serving on the Jackson-Madison County School Board in September.

Two are winners in contested races, while two newcomers ran unopposed because incumbents in their districts did not seek re-election.

The winners included Janice Hampton, who bested two other candidates in District 6, Position 1, and Jeffery Head, who beat incumbent Billy Keeton in the District 2 race. Winning unopposed were James Campbell in District 5, Position 1, and Truman Murray, who will represent District 3.

Three challengers faced off in the race to fill the District 6, Position 1, seat, which was vacated by longtime board member Carol Carter-Estes.

Hampton won the seat with 1,145 votes. Kenneth Caldwell received 699 votes, and Dan'ya Brooks received 400 votes.

Hampton celebrated her victory at Soup du Jour in downtown Jackson with 26th Judicial District Circuit Court judge winner Nathan Pride.

"The people in District 6 have spoken through their

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Elaine Tibbs helps voters sign in on Thursday at the Masonic Temple in Jackson. Madison County residents went to the polls Thursday.

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PRIDE IN VICTORY



Nathan Pride celebrates his win as Circuit Court judge for Division III of the 26th Judicial District on Thursday night with supporters at Soup Du Jour in downtown Jackson. KENNETH CUMMINGS/THE JACKSON SUN

Pride to supporters: 'I will not fail you'

Candidate wins circuit judge race by 941 votes; Atkins second; Conder third

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One of the most heavily contested Circuit Court judge races in Jackson history ended Thursday evening with Nathan Pride taking a historic victory.

Pride, a Jackson attorney,

will be the first African American or person of color to serve on the judicial bench between Davidson and Shelby counties, said Ernest Brooks Sr., chairman of the education committee of the Jackson-Madison County NAACP, and the first person of color to serve as judge in the 26th Ju-

dicial District.

Pride won the Division III seat of Tennessee's 26th District by 941 votes and will take office sometime before Sept. 1, Circuit Court officials said. Pride ended the night with 4,457 votes, with Kyle Atkins coming in second with 3,516 votes. These numbers are unofficial until they are certified by election officials.

The 26th District includes Chester, Henderson and Madison counties.

WEB EXTRA

Visit jacksonsun.com for a video interview with Nathan Pride and a photo gallery.

"As Dickens said, these have been 'the best of times and the worst of times,' but these are our times," Pride said to a group of his supporters gathered at Soup Du Jour in downtown Jackson for the election results.

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CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARIES

Fincher, Blackburn look to November

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U.S. Rep. Stephen Fincher will have the chance to serve another term in Tennessee's 8th Congressional District after defeating Republican challenger Annette Justice by a wide margin in the August primary.

Democrat Timothy D. Dixon also will move on to November's general election after defeating opponents Wes Bradley and Christa Stoscheck on

Thursday night. Dixon defeated Bradley by 181 votes.

Independent candidates James Hart and Mark Rawles also will run for the position in November.

U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn and Democratic opponent Credo Amouzouvik also move on to November's election for Tennessee's 7th Congressional District seat. Both ran unopposed in their respective primaries.

Independent candidates William Ryan Akin, Jack Ar-

nold and Leonard D. "Lenny" Ladner also will be in the mix for the 7th District seat in November.

"We have a lot of work to do," Fincher said. "I think the Republican Party is moving, trying to listen to the people to get back to the basic principles that the government works for the people. The people don't work for the government."

Fincher hopes to build upon a first term in Washington that he categorized as "frustrat-

ing" because he is used to making decisions with "commonsense solutions to commonsense problems" in a more streamlined business environment.

"We're working for the people, and hopefully they'll put their faith and trust in me again," Fincher said. "And we'll be able to go back and serve next term."

His first term did include his writing of the base bill of

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