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Bob Good defeats incumbent Denver Riggleman in Republican nominating contest

Social conservative wins 58% of vote at June 13 convention

By Coy Ferrell
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Bob Good emerged as the Republican Party's nominee for the 5th Congressional District seat after a nominating convention on Saturday, unseating incumbent Congressman Denver Riggleman. Good received 58% of the weighted vote total, and 60% of the raw total of votes, after 2,537 delegates cast ballots at a drive-thru convention held at a church in Lynchburg. The convention was originally scheduled for April but was delayed because of the pandemic.



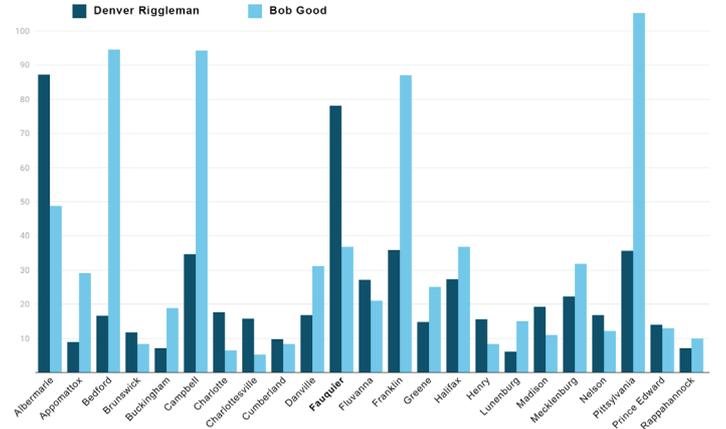
BOB GOOD

Good missed the deadline for filing paperwork to the Virginia Department of Elections to be on the ballot in the November general election, but the Republican Party of Virginia has filed an appeal to retroactively extend the deadline; a decision will be made by VDE board members on July 7.

If the extension is not granted, Good may

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Weighted votes by delegation



TIMES STAFF PHOTO/COY FERRELL
A child holds a sign as the march proceeds through the intersection of Lee Highway and Broadview Avenue in Warrenton.

Young people call for equality, justice during June 10 Black Lives Matter Peace March

Procession from Fauquier High School to Eva Walker Park draws 250 participants
Full story on page 8.

LFCC/U.S. 29 INTERCHANGE PARTIALLY OPENS JUNE 23. SEE PAGE 10.

Landlords and loyal customers help shops and restaurants weather the pandemic

By Christopher Connell
PIEDMONT JOURNALISM FOUNDATION

It's an old saying: A friend in need is a friend indeed. For some small businesses in Fauquier County that have been shut for weeks during the pandemic, their landlords have turned out to be good friends indeed.

That's what florist Dawn Borusky found. She has owned and operated Village Flowers in the old firehouse on Main Street for 33 years.

"Our landlord told us that if we could not pay the rent, do not worry about it. I called and told him I was concerned because we had to close down. He stopped me and said, 'Dawn, whatever you need, you've got. Do not worry about it,'" she related.

That landlord is Scott Humphrey, who heads the R.L. Kane property management company in Alexandria and who was part of a group that purchased the historic firehouse in the 1970s. "My wife and I try to support downtown Warrenton in every way we can," said Humphrey, 88, whose family also owns a farm in Fauquier.

Borusky is "an absolutely wonderful person who does things maybe a lot of other tenants don't do, making sure the building is safe and secure," said Humphrey. "I did the same thing with the other tenants in the building."

He admires the entrepreneurial spirit of small-business owners who "are not interested in the security of



TIMES STAFF PHOTO/COY FERRELL
Dawn Borusky, owner of Village Flowers in Old Town Warrenton, works on an arrangement of roses with her dog, Bree.

a paycheck and don't always have very much money (to start) ... but they work really, really hard to gain equity in their company."

Nationally, not all landlords have been so forgiving, nor were businesses, big and small, able to keep paying their rent. The Washington Post, citing data collected by Datex Property Solutions, reported that fewer than 60 percent of retailers paid their rent on time in May.

Customers are rallying behind favorite businesses as well.

Restaurateur Stan Heaney opened the Corner Deli in Remington 32 years ago and purchased the building 15 years ago, but still has a mort-

gage to pay. Take-out orders became its mainstay.

Help came from a longtime customer, Steve Payne, the owner of This n' That Amish Outlet north of Warrenton, who lent Heaney four big picnic tables to put in his parking lot to give customers a place to eat. "We never had picnic tables before, but he's been a real good friend to many people in Remington for years," including the fire and rescue company, said Heaney.

Payne owns Amish outlets in Leesburg and Winchester, too, and is opening a new downtown Warrenton shop

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Democrats look for gains in deep-red Fauquier, in 2020 and beyond

By Daniel Berti
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Fauquier County has been a Republican stronghold for over a decade, but some Democratic campaigners and Virginia political commentators say shifting political dynamics could benefit Democratic candidates in Fauquier in 2020 and beyond.

The county hasn't picked a Democratic presidential candidate since See DEMOCRATS, page 6

Fauquier County voter turnout exceeds 35%

By Coy Ferrell
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Of the 54,382 registered voters in Fauquier County, 19,164 – 35% -- had already cast an absentee ballot for the 2020 general election as of the morning of Oct. 26, including 12,388 in person and 6,776 by mail.

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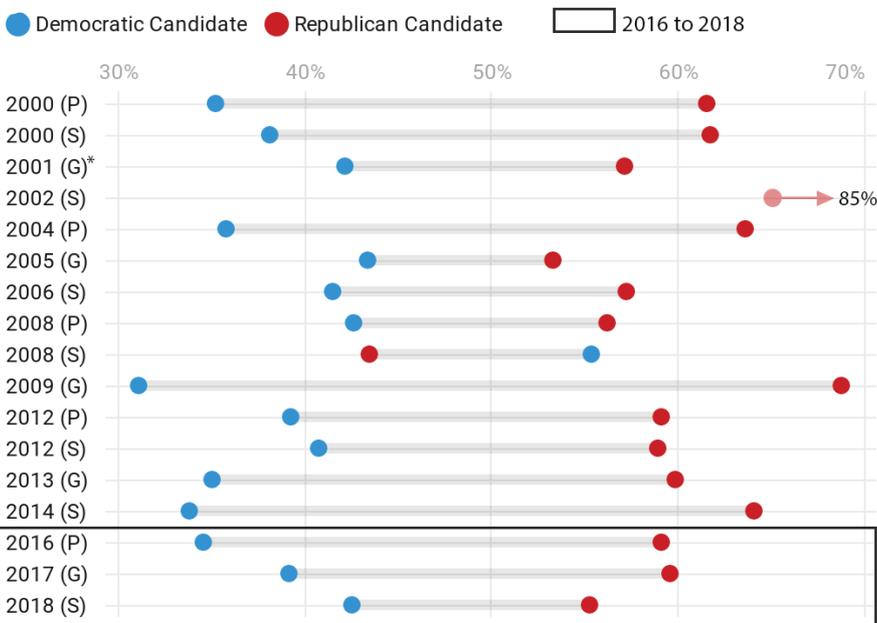


PHOTO BY DOUGLAS LEES

Rebecca Sheppard's Curve of Stones powers to victory in Saturday's featured International Gold Cup timber stake. Full report page 27.

Share of Fauquier County votes in statewide elections

Since 2000, in the years between presidential elections, the party that does not hold the presidency has gained vote share.



(P) denotes an election for U.S. president; (S) denotes an election for U.S. Senate; (G) denotes an election for Virginia governor
* There was no Democratic Party candidate for U.S. Senate in 2002.

New OB/GYN physician joins Fauquier Health

By Robin Earl
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Obstetrics and gynecology specialist Elise Diamond, M.D., MPH, left a young career in public health to go to medical school. Public health provided the 10,000-foot view, she said. "But I found that I wanted to work one-on-one with patients."

She must have had an inkling early on though; her master's thesis for her public health degree was on maternal health.

As a junior fellow chair of the D.C. section of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Diamond said that she has been an advocate for women's health issues. "As a society, we don't value women's health as



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. Elise Diamond will begin seeing patients at Fauquier Health OB/GYN on Nov. 1.

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SPORTS:

CONSTRUCTION OF FAUQUIER HIGH'S NEW MULTI-PURPOSE TURF FIELD IS UNDERWAY, PAGE 19.



Guide to the 2020 general election voting process

Election Day for the 2020 general election is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Voters will cast ballots for U.S. President, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives and for or against two proposed amendments to the Constitution of Virginia.

As in previous elections, the county's 20 polling places will be open on Election Day from 6 a.m.

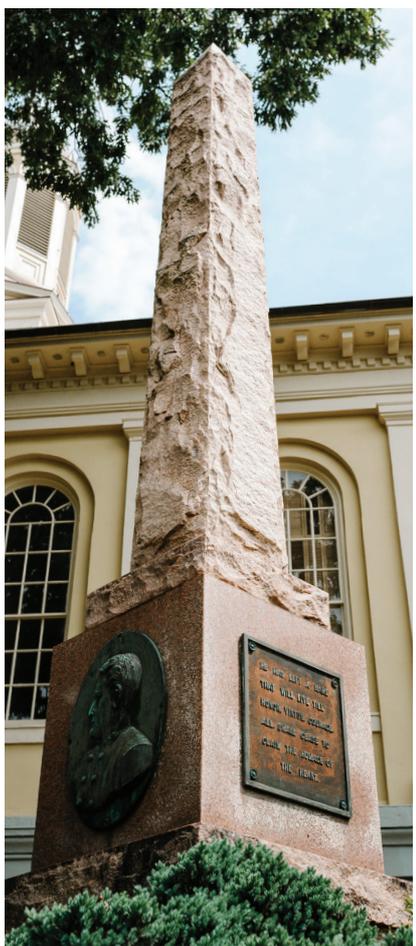
to 7 p.m. Registered voters wishing to cast a ballot on Election Day must bring an acceptable form of identification with them to their polling station.

This election will be the first election in Virginia in which eligible voters may cast an absentee ballot for any reason. Absentee balloting begins Friday, Sept. 18, and lasts through Saturday, Oct. 31. Ab-

sentee ballots may be cast either in person or by mail. Absentee ballots are not automatically mailed to each registered voter and must be requested.

Casting more than one ballot during any one election is both a state and federal felony.

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TIMES STAFF PHOTO/COY FERRELL
An obelisk honoring John Mosby was dedicated in 1920 beside the Warrenton courthouse.

With protests, legacy of the Gray Ghost gets grayer
See the special feature story on page 15.

Back in the game

After most summer sports were canceled, the county's Central Sports Complex in Warrenton opens in time for fall activities.

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Parents sound off on remote instruction

P.B. Smith Elementary School student Rozy Pierce, 10, and her mother, Rachel Pierce, of Warrenton, hold up signs in support of returning to in-person instruction during the Sept. 14 school board meeting.

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By Robin Earl
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Fauquier County School Board members heard from 24 parents and students Monday night about how the entirely remote instruction model is working out for their families. With a unified, adamant and at times angry voice, they expressed a clear message. "We are not OK. Open the schools."

They had their say during citizens

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