

Candidates are circling for November elections

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LANCASTER—While election day may still be more than seven months away, candidates for local and state-wide office are starting the process of securing party nominations and taking the necessary steps to get on the ballots in time for the November 3 election.

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In Lancaster County, District 1 and 5 seats on both the board of supervisors and school board will be up for election. The supervisor seats are currently held by F.W. Jenkins and Wally Beauchamp. According to Lancaster County voter registrar Peggy Harding, Jenkins and Beauchamp have already filed for re-election and have been certified as the Republican candidates for their respective seats.

Lancaster school board seats in Districts 1 and 5, now held by Carl Failmezger and William Smith, also are due election.

In Northumberland, board of supervisor and school board seats in Districts 2 and 3 will be up for election. Currently filling the supervisor seats are Richard Haynie and James Long. The school board members are Dean Sumner and Myrtle Phillips.

Nonparty-affiliated individuals wishing to run for supervisor or school board, both four-year terms, are required to fill out candidacy forms available at sbe.virginia.gov, or at county registrar offices. In Lancaster, call Harding at 462-5277. In Northumberland, call voter registrar Kathy Goddard at 580-4655.

Nonparty candidates must present a petition signed by no less than 125 eligible voters from their district. The deadline for all candidates to file is June 9. Candidates running for office as a member of a major party must be certified no later than June 15.

In Virginia House of Delegates District 99, incumbent Democrat Del. Albert Pollard's seat also will be up for election in November. Del. Pollard has announced his intention to seek re-election.

Catherine Crabill of Irvington has declared her candidacy for the Republican nomination for the District 99 election. A Republican candidate will be selected at the Legislative District Convention May 16 at the A.T. Johnson Human Services Building in Montross.

Candidates for Virginia governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general from both major parties have also been announced. Vying for the Democratic

Party gubernatorial nomination are R. Creigh Deeds, Terry R. McAuliffe and Brian J. Moran. The presumptive Republican nominee is Bob McDonnell, who resigned his post as Virginia Attorney General to seek the governorship.

Seeking nomination as lieutenant governor are Democrats John I. Bowerbank, A. Michael Signer and Jody M. Wagner, and Republicans Bill Bolling and Patrick Muldoon.

Seeking the office of attorney general are Democrat Steve Shannon and Republicans John Brownlee, Sen. Ken Cuccinelli and Dave Foster.

Nominations for statewide office will be decided in the Virginia Democratic Primary June 9 and at the Republican Party Convention May 29-30 in the Richmond Convention Center.