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Greene County Election Results

The unofficial results of the 2024 election in Greene County became available just before 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Pending write-in tallies and any remaining mail-in ballots, results are as follows.

Unofficial Federal Results for Greene County

Donald Trump was the front runner for the Presidential race in Greene County, receiving 3,210 votes. Kamala Harris received 1,599 votes.

Robert F. Kennedy had 34 votes with Chase Oliver receiving 24. There were seven write-in votes for the presidential race.

Zach Nunn took the United States Representative District Three nomination with 3,030 votes in Greene County. Lanon Baccam received 1,608 votes. There were 10 write in votes.

Unofficial State Results for Greene County

Jesse Green won the State Senator District 24 race in Greene County with 3,086 votes. Margaret Liston received 1,432 votes and there were five write in votes.

For State Representative District 47, Carter Nordman was the Greene County winner with 2,855 votes. Joe Shelly received 1,408 votes and there were five write ins.

Both Iowa Constitutional Amendment ballot measures were voted "yes" in Greene County, with Amendment One receiving 3,456 "yes" votes and 925 "no" votes. Amendment Two received 3,613 "yes" votes and 669 "no" votes.

Unofficial County Results for Greene County

Jack Williams, incumbent sheriff, received 2,797 votes with challenger Shane Monthei receiving 1,847 votes. There were eight write-in votes.

For the Greene County Board of Supervisors District 1 contest, Republican candidate Joe Gannon took the unofficial win with 2,774 votes. Democratic candidate Greg Ruth received 1,851 votes and there were five write-ins.

John Muir, Republican, won the Board of Supervisors District 4 race with 3,231 votes. Victoria Riley, Democrat, received 1,314 votes. There were five write-in votes.

In the District 5 race, Pete Bardole received 3,633 votes with 57 write-in votes for the position.

Billie Jo Hoskins was uncontested in the County Auditor race, receiving 3,826 votes. There were 19 write-in votes.

For the Dawson Township Trustee, two candidates were running for two positions, with Joe Doran and David Cunningham each receiving 62 votes, zero write-ins were submitted.

There were two candidates for two positions for the Franklin Township Trustee position. Thomas Wind received 64 votes and Chris Henning received 44, there were two write-in votes.

Douglas Carman received 120 votes and Ann Wenthold 77 for the Grant Township Trustee. There are two positions available.

Daniel Frederick received 47 votes and Jeff Hughes received 50 for the two spots in the Greenbrier Township Trustee race.

In the Highland Township Trustee race, Timothy Towers received 63 votes with Jane Borkowski receiving 55. There was one write-in.

Curt Eason received 103 votes and Tony Kendall 79 in the Jackson Township Trustee vote, with two positions open.

For the Junction Township Trustee, two positions were open. Ryan Higgins received 99 votes, Steve Fisher received 98 and there was one write-in vote.

Denton Wenger had 82 votes, Don Ferguson 67 and there were three write-in votes for the two positions for Kendrick Township Trustee.

There were 68 votes for Neal Hoyt and 61 for Allen Robson for the Scranton Township Trustee race, with two positions open.

Washington Township Trustee nominees for the two positions were Greg Jacobs with 84 votes, Neal Dollinger with 62, and four write-in votes.

Willow Township Trustee had two positions open, with Curt Emery receiving 67 votes, Shannon Obert with 49, and one write-in vote.

There were four positions open to vote for in the Greene County Hospital Trustee race. Douglas Hawn received 2,702 votes, Kim Madsen received 2,592 votes, Angela Jewett had 2,368 and James Schleisman had 2,324. There were 48

write-ins.

Voters could choose three candidates for the Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner. Jeff Pudenz had 2,370 votes, Fred Long received 2,341 votes and Susan Cort had 2,149. There were 28 write-in votes.

County Agricultural Extension Council had four candidates for four positions. Shari Minnehan received 2,388 votes, Scott Weber had 2,384, Wade Wuebker received 2,357 and Amber Kenan had 2,281 votes. There were 27 write-ins.

There was one vacancy to fill for the County Agricultural Extension Council and Julia Glawe received 3,052 votes with 22 write-ins.

The Greene County Unincorporated Area Public Measure IM was unofficially downvoted, with 877 "no" votes and 519 "yes" votes.

Unofficial Judicial Results

In a yes / no vote for Supreme Court Justice David May, there were 1,770 "yes" votes and 1,211 "no" votes.

Court of Appeals Judge votes were as follows:

Tyler Buller: 1,708 yes; 1,108 no.

Mary Elizabeth Chicchelly: 1,701 yes; 1,093 no.

Samuel Langholz: 1,608 yes; 1,153 no.

Mary Ellen Tabor: 1,748 yes; 1,054 no.

District 2B Judge Derek Johnson received 1,750 yes votes and 1,012 no votes.

District 2B Judge Adria Kester had 1,738 yes votes, 1,051 no votes.

District 2B Judge Kurt John

Stoebe had 1,664 yes votes and 1,058 no votes.

District 2B Associate Judge Kathryn E. Austin received 1,676 yes votes, 1,020 no's.

District 2B Associate Judge Hans Becker saw 1,600 yes's and 1,065 no votes.

District 2B Associate Judge Ashley Beisch had 1,715 yes votes and 1,003 no votes.

District 2B Associate Judge Paul G. Crawford had 1,657 yes votes and 1,037 no votes.

District 2B Associate Judge Joseph B. McCarville received 1,594 yes votes, 1,221 no votes.

District 2B Associate Judge Hunter Thorpe had 1,686 yes votes and 996 no votes.

Unofficial Greene County Results Summary:

President and Vice President: Donald J. Trump and JD Vance

U.S. Representative - District 3: Zach Nunn

State Senator - District 24: Jesse Green

State Representative - District 47: Carter Nordman

Constitutional Amendment 1: Yes

Constitutional Amendment 2: Yes

County Board of Supervisors - District 1: Joe Gannon

County Board of Supervisors - District 4: John Muir

County Board of Supervisors - District 4: Pete Bardole

County Auditor: Billie Jo Hoskins

County Sheriff: Jack Williams



Greene County Activities

Compiled by Mike Bierl, Greene County Veterans Affairs

6:30 - 11 a.m. - Hy-Vee Veteran Appreciation Breakfast at the VFW Building (109 N Chestnut St, Jefferson)

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Home State Bank is honoring veterans with a free lunch at Bett and Bevs (808 N Vine St, Jefferson)

12:30 p.m. - Greene County High School, Veterans Day Program with Desert Reception following

1 p.m. - Ice Cream Social at the VFW Building

1:30 p.m. - Bingo will be held at the VFW Building

1:30 p.m. - Paton- Churdan High School, Veterans Day Program

5 - 7 p.m. - Churdan American Legion Post No 198 Soup Supper at Legion Hall (500 Fitzpatrick St., Churdan)



Greene County Treasurer's Office Fully Staffed

Greene County treasurer Kaitlyn Mechaelsen shared good news for county residents at the board of supervisors meeting Oct. 28.

Her office is once again fully staffed, allowing them to provide walk-in service for driver's license renewals four days a week, effective Nov. 1. Appointments will be required for Tuesdays.

Mechaelsen recommends persons make an appointment for CDL testing, and if a specific time is desired.

The treasurer's office will continue to collect a \$10 surcharge from out-of-county customers, she said.

County attorney Thomas Laehn recommended and the supervisors approved hiring Kaitlyn DiMaria as fulltime assistant county attorney, effective Jan. 2, at a starting salary of \$95,000 annually.

DiMaria holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Albion College in Albion, MI, and a master's degree in public administration and a juris doctorate degree from Drake University.

She currently works in private practice in Des Moines.

Laehn told the supervisors there is "statewide crisis" in finding attorneys in rural Iowa, and noted there are currently 36 openings for assistance county attorneys across the state.

Assistant county attorney Laura Snider is running for Iowa House in District 28 (West Des Moines). Laehn said if she wins, he will cover her caseload until DiMaria is "up to speed." If Snider loses

her election bid, the county attorney's office will be "a bit overstuffed," he said, but that it's better to be proactive. He has already announced his plans to vacate the county attorney position during the 2026 election cycle.

The supervisors approved the 2025 health insurance renewal, with individual premiums decreased by five percent. Additionally, the county will increase its contribution to employee HSAs (health savings account) from \$1,000 to \$1,400 for single plans and from \$2,000 to \$2,800 for employee/spouse, employee/child(ren), and family plans.

Wade Weiss, acting as county weed commissioner, presented his annual report. The only noxious weed that's a problem in the county is Canadian thistle. He said the weed situation has improved with spraying in both the spring and the fall.

The board approved having new photographs taken and updating the banners that hang on light poles on the inside of the courthouse square. The City of Jefferson takes care of banners on the outside of the square. Supervisor Pete Bardole suggested photos could be used to update the county website as well.

The board approved hiring Cynthia Thurman as full-time PRN EMT for Greene County Ambulance, effective Oct. 13. Her annual pay will be \$37,000.

Courtesy www.greenecountynewsonline.com

All The Right Notes: Three Greene County Rams Vocalists Earn All-State Nominations

By Dustin Teays

The Greene County Rams will have representation at the 78th annual Iowa High School Music Association All-State Music Festival later this month in Ames.

The All-State Music Festival is held each year at the Hilton Coliseum at Iowa State University in Ames. It is a culmination of the many hours of hard work by Iowa's student instrumental and vocal musicians who earn nominations through a competitive audition process.

This year, the Rams had three selected to sing in the festival: senior Hailey Carman, an alto; senior Daniele Madsen, a soprano; and junior Carter Petterson, a tenor. While the nominations are impressive, the road to getting one is also an important part of the process.

"The process starts in early August by attending an All-State camp and getting a head start on the music, so it's nice to have some achieve the goal, but in the big picture, the process is the important thing, as seven singers worked so hard for several weeks preparing for the audition, and all improved their singing ability, their mu-



Greene County Rams vocalists, from left Daniele Madsen, Hailey Carman and Carter Petterson earned All-State nominations and will sing at the All-State Music Festival this year.

-Courtesy of Greene County Vocal Music Facebook

sicianship and their work ethic. I love the process because of the improvement I see in the students," Greene County High School Vocal Director Dave Huepel said.

Those who received the nominations to participate this year know just how difficult it can be to receive a nomination, especially when hundreds of students are auditioning all across Iowa.

"I am ecstatic to be a part of the All-State Choir this year. My group and I put in a lot

of hard work and to be able to hear the pieces performed in a large group setting will be a great experience and reward. We know how hard it is to be selected, so it is really an honor," senior Hailey Carman said.

"Throughout my high school years, I've been learning new things about music and enjoying my All-State experiences overall. I've made so many new friends and learned so many tips and tricks on how to become a better musician. I feel so grateful for this opportunity to perform in Ames at the All-State Music Festival. I've been working for this so long, and I am overjoyed to represent Greene County High School," senior Daniele Madsen added.

The festival isn't just a place for vocalists though, as some

of Iowa's best student instrumentalists are selected to play during the festival. For Greene County, Darian Davis was selected as an alternate for tuba.

"Darian started working in early August, practicing by himself for up to four hours a day, five days a week. He has transformed as a musician over the past ten weeks - starting as a highly competent high school player and becoming a professional," Greene County High School Band Director Wes Anderson said. "I am incredibly proud of all the students who auditioned. We had four freshmen audition for the first time in a very long time. To me, the All-State Band audition process teaches work ethic, grit, music theory, and grace under pressure."

The three mentioned vocalists received All-State nomi-

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~~ Senior Vocalist Hailey Carman