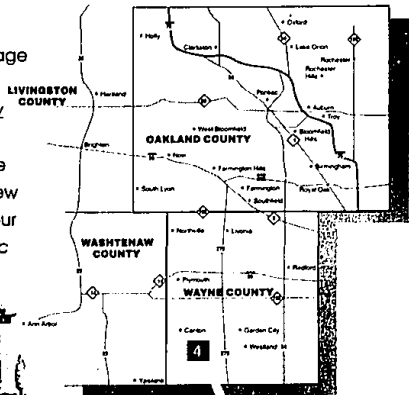


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Candidates show records and financial firepower

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Money — or the lack of it — is not the reason incumbent Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson lost his Republican primary race to political newcomer David Goreyca, according to financial statements filed last week.

Thompson, 59, outspent Goreyca, 34, by about \$100,000, according to post-election reports due in the county clerk's office Thursday. Thompson spent \$177,533, compared to Goreyca's \$76,779, according to the reports.

Furthermore, the incumbent prosecutor had a balance of \$3,777 to carry over into the general election campaign, while Goreyca carried a balance of \$3,782, the reports said. Unsuccessful candidates with left over cash have several choices, according to the county elections division. They can donate the money to charity, return it to contributors or use it for subsequent campaign expenses.

Steven Kaplan, the Democrat running against Goreyca in the Nov. 5 general election, raised \$106,713 and spent \$84,787, according to his statement.

All candidates who expected to spend \$1,000 or more were

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required to file financial statements. Here's a sampling of the information contained in reports for some of the other candidates.

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson of Waterford reported spending \$66,114 from July 22 through Aug. 26, with a carry-over balance of \$47,158. His Democratic opponent, Troy resident Edward Hamilton, listed no cash donations, but more than \$102,000 in in-kind contributions and a \$65 cash carryover.

Hamilton Friday acknowledged that his reporting was "unconventional" compared with other more traditional candidates — particularly when his preprimary report, filed July 26, indicated he raised and spent about \$2,000.

He reached the \$102,000 in-kind contributions figure by putting a dollar amount on things like cable TV infomercials. "I want people to know I'm very serious about this campaign," he said.

Sheriff John F. Nichols, raised nearly \$195,000 in the

Republican primary and spent \$231,950, according to his report. Matt Hogan, the Michigan State Police commander, who is the Democratic candidate raised \$36,218 and spent about \$22,865.

While each of the reports contained some interesting tidbits, those for Thompson, Goreyca and Kaplan drew the most attention because the prosecutor's race was — and remains — extremely high-profile. Some found it interesting, for example, that Thompson was uncharacteristically late in filing his finance statement. Being one day late cost his campaign \$25.

Goreyca and Kaplan each say a successful campaign could cost as much as \$175,000, as each candidate looks for the most successful way to reach voters. Kaplan has already held one post primary fund raiser, while Goreyca's first was scheduled for Thursday, the same day as their first joint appearance.

Despite being at a financial disadvantage — at least as far as carry over balances are concerned — Goreyca is confident he can raise money.

"Republicans know the Democrats have targeted the prosecutor's race," he said. "And they are rallying behind me."

AAUW readies for open house

The Birmingham Branch of AAUW is holding its annual kick-off coffee and open house from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 22055 W. 14 Mile Road and Lahser.

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There will also be schedules and plans for this year and the future. A major topic will be the 69th annual book sale which will be held again at the Birmingham Masonic Temple located between Quorton and Lone Pine on Woodward. The sale starts Saturday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 22, noon to 6 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 23, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

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