

No surprises in contested countywide primaries

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It's official. Oakland County voters will choose between Democrat Elizabeth Howe and Republican L. Brooks Patterson in November for the county's highest office.

They are running to become only the second county executive in Oakland's history. Daniel Murphy is retiring due to poor health.

As expected, Howe, a former director of the Michigan Department of Labor, soundly defeated Phillip Marcuse, a clerk in Judge John O'Brien's circuit courtroom, by a 3-to-1 margin in Tuesday's Democratic primary. She collected 29,474 votes to Marcuse's 9,923.

Meanwhile, Patterson, the former Oakland County prosecutor, racked up 90,000 votes in the unopposed Republican primary.

The Howe-Marcuse match-up was notable only for the battle of the sexes it generated. (See related story, Page 7A). "Certainly women were energized by this," she said, of her victory. "But often men were the first ones to come up to me — and their concern was genuine."

Howe spent a relaxed election night, but early Wednesday said: "We're at it today. We're addressing invitations to my first fund-raiser."

In the campaign, Howe said she'll stress her managerial experience, particularly fiscal responsibility,

and ideas to curb urban sprawl. Patterson said, "I'll be talking about the programs I have to get Oakland County to the 21st century."

Two-term Sheriff John Nichols was out sick Wednesday after racking up 81 percent of the votes over his opponent Paul Molin, a police equipment salesman from Beverly Hills.

His chief of staff, Major Carl Matheny, said Nichols' philosophy in the primary was "not to charge ahead too strongly." His opponent "had no background in police work at all. He had never even seen the jail," Matheny said.

Nichols will face Democrat Seymour Hundley Jr. of Troy in November who received 33,687 votes in his unopposed primary. "He'll pick things up and spend some money on the general election," Matheny predicted.

Longtime drain commissioner George Kuhn also won an easy victory over Rick Patterson of Rochester Hills, collecting nearly 65 percent of the Republican votes.

Kuhn attributed his opponent's votes to people who mixed him up with L. Brooks. "I attended every political function to which I was invited. I never once saw my opponent," Kuhn said.

Democrat M. Kay Brady, vice president of development and marketing for CoTop Optical, will try to

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Elizabeth Howe



Easy winner: Sheriff John Nichols is expected to step up his campaign to win re-election now that the primary is over.



Now hear this: Drain commissioner George Kuhn says he's ready to debate general election opponent M. Kay Brady.

unseat Kuhn in November and then do away with the office.

Brady is committed to the elimination of the office of drain commissioner within two years. She advocates the office's merger with the department of public works and the road commission under the county executive.

Her vote total was 33,868 in the unopposed Democratic primary.

Kuhn also advocates the merger with public works. The difference is, "I'm for the elected public works commissioner. You have more accountability."

"Just going into the polls, two people complained to me. I went

back to my office and got people going on it. We are more responsive as elected officials."

He said he is willing to debate Brady on the issue.

In November, county voters also will elect:

- Prosecutor — Incumbent Richard Thompson, R-Clarkston vs. Steven Kaplan, D-Southfield
- Clerk/Register of Deeds — Incumbent Lynn Allen, R-Waterford vs. Martha Blom, D-Orchard Lake
- Treasurer — Incumbent C. Hugh Dohany, R-Novi Township vs. Thomas Werth, D-Rochester

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