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Obama takes state but not Vermilion County; local races set

Barack Obama took Illinois by a nearly two-to-one margin but he failed to carry Vermilion County.

In primary voting Tuesday, Hillary Clinton, with 47.8 percent of the vote, narrowly beat Obama, who received 46.9 percent.

Statewide, Obama received 64 percent of votes cast, compared to Clinton's 31 percent.

Despite Obama's success in Illinois, Clinton came out on top of the national contest, carrying states such as New York, New Jersey and California.

In the count for delegates, Clinton's showing on Super Tuesday gave her a narrow lead over Obama. She has 845 delegates while Obama has 765. To claim the nomination, 2,025 delegates are required.

On the Republican side, John McCain took Vermilion County, the state and the nation.

Locally, the frontrunner got 35.7 percent of the vote, followed by Mike Huckabee with 29.2 percent. Mitt Romney came in a close third with 28.2 percent.

Statewide, McCain garnered 47 percent of the vote. Romney came in second with 29 percent and Huckabee third with 17 percent.

McCain currently has 613 delegates of the 1,191 needed to be the party's nominee. Romney is a distant second with 269 and Huckabee trails with 190.

In local races, incumbent Shane Cultra of Onarga handily defeated challenger David Tomlinson to be the Republican candidate for 105th District State Representative. Cultra received 75.5 percent of the vote, with Tomlinson receiving 24.5 percent.

Danville attorney defeated two challengers to become

See RACES on other side

Local election judges favor new screens instead of booths

Roy Dugle of Hoopeston votes at St. Anthony Parish Hall, using a new screen instead of the old booths.

Those who like the sanctity of the old curtained voting booths would have been disappointed Tuesday.

Instead of the booths, local voters used a new method of casting secret ballots. U-shaped corrugated plastic sheets donned tables at St. Anthony Parish Hall, allowing voters to sit down in privacy to vote.

The new method drew rave reviews from election judges, who complained that the booths, which were old, often did not work properly and were heavy and cumbersome, requiring them to be hauled to polling places by truck.

Screens fit inside the vote tabulating machines and can be set up quickly, without a lot of manpower.

Additionally, with booths, voters had to sometimes wait to be able to vote. With several screens placed around the hall, voters were able to cast their ballots without waiting.

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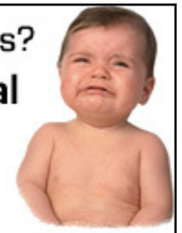

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Briefly

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Races continued from other side

the Democrat candidate for Vermilion County State's Attorney.

Brown received 37.3 percent of the vote, followed by William Donahue with 31.7 percent and Derek Girton with 31 percent.

Brown will face Republican candidate Randy Brinegar on Nov. 4. Brinegar ran unopposed.

Some candidates saw no competition in the primary but will face challengers in the election.

In Vermilion County, circuit clerk, candidates will be Republican Dennis Gardner and Democrat Darla Cruppenink, both new to the race. For auditor, incumbent Democrat Linda Lucas Anstey is being challenged by Republican Stephen W. Green.

For District 1 of the Vermilion County Board, incumbent Chris Leigh, a Republican, is being challenged by Democrat Travis Taylor.

Other county officials will run unopposed in November, including Coroner Peggy Johnson and Recorder Barbara Young.

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Police News

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Combs, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was released on $120 cash bond.

Weather

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