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# Demos generally leading in most Lewis County races

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CHEHALIS — Promise of an exciting and hotly contested general election to come seemed to be promised in the results of the Tuesday primary election in Lewis County.

Local races for state and county offices almost universally saw Democrats leading the Republicans they will contest against in November, but not by large margins. An exception was Republican Joe Chytil's lead of more than 3,000 votes over leading Democrat Gary M. Odegaard for state senator from the 20th District.

For state representative, position No. 1, Elmer Jastad (D) had about 600 more votes than Warren Smith (R). Position No. 2, incumbent Hugh Kalich polled less than 300 votes more than did M. F. Folsom, Republican challenger.

In the first and second district races for county commissioner Democrats Thomas C. Hampson

and Curtis L. Back both outpolled Republicans Frank H. Thayer and Charles Rosbach, although Hampson's lead over Thayer was only 245 votes.

For the U.S. Senate seat, incumbent Magnuson picked up almost twice the votes than did Republican Jack Metcalf. Congresswoman Julia Butler Hansen failed to double the vote for her nearest Republican opponent, R. C. (Skip) McConkey, but she had a comfortable lead.

Martin J. Durkan led John J. O'Connell in a bid for Democratic candidate for governor, and the 5,565 votes cast in Lewis County for the two Democrats outweighed the 4,452 votes given to Gov. Dan Evans.

Seeking the lieutenant governor's post, John A. Cherberg led three Democratic contenders, and Art Fletcher topped three Republicans. Sec.

of State Ludlow Kramer came up with almost twice as many votes as all three Democratic candidates, who were led by John O. McKee.

Other Democrats leading in Lewis County are Robert O'Brien, state treasurer; Bob Graham, state auditor; Don Abel Jr., attorney general, and Jack Meyers, insurance commissioner. Opposing Republicans, the way local voters saw it, will be Edwin Alexander, Anne B. Sherman, Slade Gorton and Gerald Sullivan.

Incumbent Superintendent of Public Schools Louis Bruno has a five to one lead over both Birpatrick and W. B. Henry, and Bert Cole (D) commissioner of public lands, led all his Republican opponents by an equally wide margin.