

Newcomer seeks to upset 40-year politician

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West Jefferson Mayor Dale Baldwin has been involved in local politics since 1967-

“In all that time I’ve just lost one election.”

Candidate Dale Hudler would like to see that number increase to two. Both anticipate a close race, and both candidates say they’ll stay involved even if they lose the race. Hudler is optimistic about his chances.

“I think the citizens are going to go out and vote for what they want to see done, so I’m very optimistic.”