

Ashe races: Long-time Ashe politician upset

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Long-time Ashe politician, West Jefferson's incumbent mayor Dale Baldwin (146 votes) lost the race to Christmas tree farmer Dale Hudler (184 votes).

Mayor for ten years, Baldwin is a former councilman. In his 40+ years of Ashe political service, this is the second election he's lost.

Also in West Jefferson, council campaigns proved successful for Brett T. Summey (152 votes) and Tom Hartman (160 votes). Unsuccessful candidates included Bob McCoy (139 votes), Grant Price (138 votes) and Donnie Miller (49 votes).

There weren't any surprises in Lansing's uncontested race. Jason Ring received 11 votes in his unopposed mayoral campaign. Dot Shoupe (14 votes) and John Michael Powers (13 votes) will fill aldermen slots and Israel Church (11 votes) will take on an unexpired term that ends in 2009.

Jefferson's race was an incumbent's game. Dana Tugman (197 votes) continues service as Jefferson mayor with 197 votes. L.F. "Junior" Anderson Jr. (109 votes) and Charles Caudill (129 votes), both incumbents, defeated newcomer Gwen Ashley (100 votes).

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