

Brannon Wins in 5th, Poteat Out in Avery

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There will be two candidates for the 5th District US Congress seat from Watauga County on the November ballot, that with the sweep of Josh Brannon in the second primary yesterday. In very low turnout, Joshua Brannon of Vilas won the nomination by taking the vote in eight of the 12 counties in the district. Brannon even won Gardenia Henley's home county of Forsyth, the largest population in the 5th district. Brannon will now face Republican incumbent Virginia Foxx in the Fifth District Congressional race in November. Final results will be official after the canvass is held on Tuesday, July 22. Unofficial State Board of Elections results, Brannon secured 2,746 votes to Henley's 1438—almost 66 percent of votes in the the district that includes Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Rowan, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties. One-stop early voting begins for General Election on Thursday, Oct. 23, and ends on Saturday, Nov. 1. General Election Day will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 4th.

And in a battle of incumbents, Faye Lacey defeated Avery Commission chair Kenny Poteat in the run-off for the fall ballot for the Avery County Commission. Lacy won 797 to 458 in unofficial balloting and will be on the fall ballot with no Democratic opposition.