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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Republicans Andersen and Wittrock win Carroll County races

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The Republican candidates of Carroll County won across the board in the county elections Tuesday night.

Challenger Republican Mike Andersen won Carroll County Board of Supervisor District 2 seat, defeating Democrat incumbent Dean Schettler. Andersen won 5,453 votes to Schettler's 2,554 votes.

The election will bring

an end to Schettler's service on the Board of Supervisors, a position he's held for eight years.

Andersen said he's "super excited" about his victory on Tuesday night, securing 68.04 percent of the votes.

"I did not think that there



Ashten Wittrock



Mike Andersen

would be that big of a gap but obviously some people wanted some changes," Andersen said. "[I'm] very proud of the people that turned out to vote and appreciate everyone that did vote."

Andersen said hopes to learn the process and un-

derstand why everything works the way it does, with the goal of running a more fiscal budget.

"Either way, I always say you have to vote to have a voice or complain about what's going on," Andersen said. "And I appreciate every single person that helped me between the yard signs, the support of the campaign, the kind words, letters and obviously, my family, so there has been a learning curve and it was an awesome experience

and I appreciate everyone that voted."

For the Carroll County Recorder race, Republican incumbent Ashten Wittrock won with 5,651 votes to Democratic challenger Susie Boles' 2,460 votes.

Wittrock will serve another term as the County Recorder, with local voters first electing her in 2018.

Wittrock said she feels humbled by all of the support she's received since the beginning of her campaign.

Wittrock won with 69.65 percent of the votes.

"The support Carroll County has given me through the election, it's just been something that I can't even explain," Wittrock said. "It's just been wonderful."

Going into her second term, Wittrock said she's looking forward to indexing the records her office digitized.

"I hope to be able to continue to give back to the com-

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TREE OF LOVE

HOSPICE CEREMONY HONORS LOVED ONES



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Those attending St. Anthony Tree of Love had an opportunity to place ornaments in honor of loved ones.

Butterfly ornaments decorate trees in SARH atrium

Times Herald staff

St. Anthony Hospice Chaplain Angelo Luis, leading the reflection for hospice's annual Tree of Love ceremony, said this is a way

of "keeping our connection to those who have passed away."

"You are not alone," Luis said to the dozens of people attending the service of prayer, reflection and music

in the St. Anthony Regional Hospital atrium on Sunday, Nov. 6. "Today, as names are called, you will begin to remember (loved ones). It is as if they have arrived to celebrate, too. They are the featured guests. Their spirit is felt. Memories of them emerge. It is a nice feeling. Yet there is also a feeling of longing. We want them to be back in our lives."

Tree of Love features a different style ornament every year that can be placed on one of three trees in the

atrium.

This year's ornament features a butterfly, and the meaning is that "butterflies appear when angels are near," according to a flyer for the service.

The flyer says, "Holidays can be a hard time for people. It is our hope that the Tree of Love ceremony can bring some light into the holiday season that is just around the corner. 'Love is like a butterfly, beautiful and

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Windy Halbur and daughter Paula Smith place a butterfly ornament on a Tree of Love.



Craig Murphy of Fort Dodge participates in hanging ornaments for loved ones during the Tree of Love ceremony.

EDUCATION

Committee recommends no removal of CHS library book "Sold"

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The first of 10 challenged Carroll High School library books is recommended to remain on the shelves by a committee made up of educators, students and community members.

The reconsideration committee of eight members met Monday night to discuss and review the book "Sold" by Patricia McCormick, which tells the story of a young girl from Nepal who is sold into sexual slavery in India.

"Sold" is also used as a part of the 10th grade English cur-

riculum at CHS, particularly in literature circles where students select a book from a list and complete a group project related to the book after reading. "Sold" is listed on the syllabus for the course, and the syllabus must be signed by a parent, but complainants have said parents were not informed about the content of the books.

Complainants who submitted the reconsideration request form for "Sold" said they were unaware the book was used in curriculum. "Sold" is challenged specifically as a

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POLITICS

Carroll County added momentum to Iowa Red Wave

Carroll native Halbur remains in uncalled race for state auditor

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Gov. Kim Reynolds and U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, and a slate of statewide Republican candidates, Tuesday commanded a huge swath of the state, including the Carroll area, in a commanding election night performance.

In short, Carroll County factored in what is widely being described as a Red Wave in Iowa, a big night for Republicans.

Carroll native Todd Hal-

bur, a 55-year-old 1985 Carroll High School remains in a race still too close to call for state auditor. Halbur, a Republican now living in Clive, challenged Democratic State Auditor Rob Sand. Sand held a lead of about 3,000 votes with some outstanding votes still to be tallied, and neither candidate has claimed victory or conceded as of press time.

Reynolds defeated Democrat Deidre DeJear statewide with 58 percent of the vote, DeJear received 40 percent of the vote. Libertarian candidate Rick Stewart pulled in 2 percent of the vote. In Carroll County Reynolds won 76 percent of the vote.

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