

Incumbents take Rappahannock

Margaret R. "Peggy" Ralph easily won Tuesday's election for Rappahannock County Clerk of Court.

The incumbent claimed 76.9 percent of the returns with 1,989 of the votes cast, according to unofficial returns reported by the Virginia State Board of Elections.

Her next nearest challenger was Paul E. Hagstrom with 12.07 percent, 312 votes, followed by write-in candidate Lavonne Adkins with 10.95 percent. She received 283 votes.

"I am overwhelmed by the support," said Ralph Wednesday by phone from the Clerk's office. She was appointed to fill the term of longtime clerk Diane Bruce, who retired March 1. "Everyone that was with me last night was so confident, but I said, 'When the last vote is counted, I'll feel better.'

The support of the people of Rappahannock is just so very humbling, and I can't thank them enough."