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Iron County supports Romney

■ Mercer's Lambert, Schroepfer win only contested local election

By JON HAWLEY
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HURLEY — Wisconsin winner Mitt Romney also carried Iron County, Iron County Clerk Mike Saari reported Tuesday.

Tuesday's county ballots included numerous local races, only one of which was contested, in addition to the Democratic and Republican national primaries. President Barack Obama ran unopposed in the Democratic ballot, receiving 306 votes, with 15 for uninstructed delegation and one write-in.

Romney, former Massachusetts governor, was the top GOP vote-getter in Iron County, with 383 votes. He was followed by former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, 343; Texas Rep. Ron Paul, 126; and former House Speaker and Georgia Rep. Newt Gingrich, 50.

Former candidates Jon Huntsman and Michele Bachmann received seven and four votes respectively. Uninstructed delegation received six votes and there were two write-ins.

In Mercer, three people ran for two town supervisor seats. Both incumbents won, with Charles Schroepfer getting 278 votes and James Lambert get-

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Terry Finco, left, signs in as she prepares to cast her vote in Tuesday's election in Montreal, Wis. Observing are Barb Valle, center, and Bobbi Bergquist. The presidential primary dominated Tuesday's election in Wisconsin, but there were several other state and local contests on the ballot.

Romney sweeps Wisconsin, Maryland, DC

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Mitt Romney tightened his grip on the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday night, sweeping primaries in Wisconsin, Maryland and Washington, D.C., with time left over to swap charges with President Barack Obama.

"Four more years?" Romney asked sarcastically of the president as supporters cheered in Milwaukee.

He said Obama was "a little out of touch" after spending four years surrounded by the trappings of power and had presided over near-record job losses as well as increases in poverty, home foreclosures, government debt and gasoline prices. In Washington, Obama said things could be worse — and he predict-

ed they would be if Romney and the Republicans got their way.

The victories enabled Romney to pad his already-wide delegate lead over Republican rival Rick Santorum, who flashed defiance in the face of pressure to abandon his own candidacy in the name of party unity.

Wisconsin was the marquee contest of the night, the only place of the three on the ballot where Santorum mounted a significant effort. Romney's victory there marked his fourth in little more than a month in a belt of industrial states that also included Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois.

Returns from 15 percent of the state's precincts showed Romney with 43 percent of

the vote to 38 percent for Santorum, 11 percent for Ron Paul and 6 percent for Newt Gingrich.

Returns from 25 percent of Maryland's precincts showed Romney with 48 percent of the vote to 30 percent for Santorum, 11 percent for Gingrich and 9 percent for Ron Paul.

With 43 percent precincts counted in Washington, Romney had 68 percent of the vote to 13 percent for Paul and 11 percent for Gingrich. Santorum was not on the ballot.

"We won 'em all," Romney declared, a former Massachusetts governor now the nominee-in-waiting for a party eager to reclaim

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Wash-out repairs continue on M-64

BERGLAND — M-64 near Bergland remained closed to traffic Tuesday because a beaver dam damaged a culvert on the Upper Peninsula highway.

Michigan Department of Transportation communications representative James Lake said officials planned to reopen the highway around 6 p.m. (EDT) on Thursday.

MDOT and Ontonagon County Road Commission employees decided Tuesday afternoon to replace the 24-inch culvert. Lake said materials had been ordered for the culvert replacement and the work would likely begin around noon today.

The 24-inch concrete culvert became plugged and broke because of the beaver dam, causing one lane of the roadway to wash out.

The beaver dam combined with rising water levels from spring run-off to force the closure of M-64, about five miles north of Bergland.

The stretch of highway between Bergland and Silver City was closed, with the official detour route on M-28, U.S. 45 and M-64, west of Ontonagon.

—Ralph Ansam

Zak, Ironwood's first female mayor, remembered fondly

By JON HAWLEY
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Decade after decade, Anita Zak asked the city of Ironwood, "How can I help?"

Zak, Ironwood's first female mayor, passed away March 27 in Hurley. A unique public servant, her family and colleagues describe Zak's long legacy as one of hard work, dedication and love.

"She loved dealing with people," her son, Tim Zak, said Tuesday.

Zak worked for the city of Ironwood longer than many people have been alive. She began as a city clerk in 1979, retiring in 2000 after twice serving as acting city manager. She was city manager first in 1982 for six months and then for 10 months over 1985 to 1986. It didn't take long for her to get restless, and on Nov. 7, 2001, she was the top vote-getter out of the candidates for city commission, making her the mayor. She served with Cliff Koivisto, Rose Haukkala, Jim Peterson and Jim Lorenson (current-

ly president of Gogebic Community College).

"She was an absolute joy to work with," Lorenson said Tuesday, adding Ironwood citizens were "blessed" to have someone as experienced and hard-working as Zak on the commission.

Lorenson said he and Zak had occasional disagreements, but she didn't take things personally and didn't hold grudges.

"Even though she'd disagree with you, she'd go and have a cup of coffee with you," he said.

Keith Johnson, currently director for Ironwood's Michigan Works office, was city manager during Zak's term. He also worked with her while she was a

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Wildcat Falls supported in special Sunday event

By RALPH ANSAM
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WATERSMEET — About 100 people gathered Sunday off County Line Lake Road for a hike to Wildcat Falls, which could become private property in a U.S. Forest Service land swap.

Wildcat Falls, northwest of Watersmeet, is included in a parcel the Ottawa National Forest that could become private property in a U.S. Forest Service land swap.

Sunday's event was billed as a

last chance to see the waterfalls.

Rod Sharka, a member of the Partners in Forestry group that helped organize Sunday's hike, said people expressed "serious dissatisfaction" during the day with the Ottawa's decision to

proceed with the Delich land exchange project.

Sharka noted the Forest Service parcels considered for trading include old-growth hemlock and cedar forests, rock outcrops and Scott and Howe Creek, as well as the waterfalls on the creek.

Sharka said the crowd for Sunday's event included not only local residents, but many people who traveled from as far away as Houghton-Hancock, Marquette and Iron River.

Partners in Forestry is a woodland owners organization dedicated to sustainable forestry practices. Other groups represented Sunday were the North-

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