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Dems Sweep in Evesham
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Evesham - Democrats targeting local elections produced a clean sweep in Evesham on Tuesday, winning three races in a community once considered "Republican territory," State Democratic Chairman Joe Cryan said. Democrats defeated a 16-year incumbent to capture the mayor's office and added two Democrats to a town council that had a four-to-one GOP advantage.

Randy Brown was elected mayor while John McKenna and Chris Brown were elected to Evesham Town Council, all with decisive margins.

"A big win and a clean sweep for Democrats," said Chairman Cryan. "We had the best candidates who are on the right side of the issues but it was hard working Democrats who converted those advantages into victories."

Chairman Cryan said the team effort by the candidates and local Democrats, Democratic County Chairman Rick Perr and Burlington County Democrats and staff from the Democratic State Committee were key in the success.

Evesham is the largest community in Burlington County and the largest in the 8th Legislative District, where both parties will compete for three open legislative races this year.

The State Committee has partnered with local Democrats in five local elections so far this year that have produced victories in Flemington, South Toms River, Morris Township. Competing in heavily-Republican Lavalette, the Democrats came up short in an effort that will contribute to long term gains, according to Chairman Cryan.

The Democrats' heralded get-out-the-vote program had a high-tech addition in Evesham, where campaign workers used Blackberries to communicate with field workers to identify voters and get them to the polls.

"Maybe we'll have to call them 'Blueberries' instead of Blackberries since they were an effective tool for Democrats," said Chairman Cryan. "We'll compete anywhere and everywhere and we will use all the tools we can."

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