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ELECTION RESULTS	
Brady School Board (Three Elected)	
Mary Ellen Mann.....	212
Lisa Diehl.....	208
Matt Hatch.....	195
Tracey Porter.....	175
Bryan Franzen.....	143
Other write-ins.....	16
Brady Village Board (Two Elected)	
Steve Hill.....	27
Jack Mann.....	9

Village write-ins yet to be certified.

A malfunction with the counting machine made for a rocky election night in Lincoln County last week.

Election commissioner and clerk Rebecca Rossell said electronic ballot counting came to a halt before polls even closed on Nov. 2 because the counting machine was not working properly.

But since write-in candidates in both the Brady school board and village board races forced Brady's ballots to be hand counted, Rossell said the time waiting for repair was not wasted.

In the school board race, challenger Matt Hatch defeated incumbent Tracey Porter by 10 votes to take one of three seats up for election.

Incumbents Lisa Diehl and Mary Ellen Mann retained their seats as the top two vote-getters.

Declared write-in Bryan Franzen received 143 votes.

Rossell said write-in candidates tend to have a more difficult time getting elected than those whose names appear on the ballot.

Those elected to the school board will serve four-year terms.

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In the village board race, two seats were open.

Neither Joe May nor Bill Gengenbach filed for re-election and no residents filed to have their names on the ballot.

Steve Hild did, however, file as a certified write-in and he received 27 votes, the most of all write-ins.

Rossell said besides Hild, 25 other names were

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