

Coulson, Fende among winners in county races

News Herald **John Lasko**
 11-7-12 JLasko@News-Herald.com
 Twitter: JohnLNewsHerald

About 150,690 Lake County voters headed to the polls Tuesday to cast their ballot for the person whom they thought would be the best county prosecutor, treasurer, recorder and clerk of courts.

According to unofficial final returns from the Lake County Elections Board, incumbent Lake County Prosecutor Charles E. Coulson defeated Democratic challenger Werner G. Barthol, 55,869 to 42,458.



Coulson

"I'm very happy," Coulson said. "You don't get here by yourself, you get here because you have a lot of support and the best support I have is the staff in the Prosecutor's office."

The Concord Township Republican has been county prosecutor since 1995.

During the next four years, Coulson hopes to put more of an emphasis on a county-wide, team approach to fighting crime with all local police departments, the sheriff, crime lab and coroner, among others.

In the county treasurer's race, Lorraine M. Fende, D-Wil- lowick, defeated Bob Patterson, R-Concord Township, by an unofficial final vote of 53,614 to 46,753.



Fende

"I'm thrilled," Fende said. "I ran a clean campaign, so I felt good about the campaign I ran and I had a lot of positive feedback from people, so I was very encouraged."

For the last eight years Fende has been the state representative for the 62nd District. She'll take over the Treasurer's Office in September.

Fende plans on bringing the experiences she gained in Columbus back to Lake County to pursue the \$30 million in delinquent taxes currently owed to the county. She also plans on working with the Lake County prosecutor to go after repeat offenders, just to name a few.

In Recorder's race, Ann Radcliffe, D-Concord Township, defeated Jason Wuliger, R-Kirtland, 51,026 to 46,311, according to unofficial final returns.



Radcliffe

"It's just great," she said. "A lot of hard work paid off by getting the word out and experience really does matter in an office like this."

Once in office, some of the things Radcliffe would like to password-protect recorded documents online, implement a program to educate students throughout the county about the Recorder's Office, as well as "the practical, legal and historical significance of this very important function."

Incumbent Maureen Kelly, D-Mentor, was re-elected to another four-year term as clerk of courts. She defeated Republican challenger Emilee Teresczuk 55,220 to 42,512, according to unofficial final results.



Kelly

"It is really so humbling to be able to return to office after four years," Kelly said. "It's been a tough four years with budget cuts and having to reduce staff and still being able to get the job done."

The Mentor Democrat promises to work with judges to implement an electronic filing system of legal documents, update the county's Automated Title Processing System, or ATPS, to provide quick and efficient issuances of titles, among other things.

Incumbents Sheriff Dan Dunlap, Engineer James Gills and Coroner Dr. Lynn Smith all ran unopposed for their county offices.

News-Herald 11-7-12