

Brodhead win in 17th District may face recount



Disputed victor William Brodhead puzzles over early 17th District returns

William M. Brodhead squeezed through Tuesday's primary and won the 17th Congressional District Democratic nomination by a narrow, 201 vote margin.

Brodhead edged out Patrick McDonald, who pulled a total of 17,048 votes. Brodhead had a total of 17,249 votes.

McDonald refused to concede defeat Wednesday. He said he would hold a staff meeting to decide whether to ask for a recount. "This result has to be investigated," McDonald said.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, Brodhead did not know if McDonald would demand a recount, but one Detroit Common Councilman said it looked like at least some Oakland County precinct results would be challenged. Said McDonald, "It looks like some real discrepancies appeared in Oakland County."

Other totals in the race include: Joseph Levin, 14,800 votes; Robert Fitzpatrick, 8,355; Kathleen Straus, 5,199; and Dennis Shrewsbury, 704.

The 17th District includes north-

west Detroit, Southfield, Lathrup Village, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Redford Township.

LEVIN (5,916) ran away from the field in Oakland County. Brodhead (3,364) and McDonald (3,105) were a close second and third. Straus garnered 2,300 votes and Fitzpatrick had 1,046. Shrewsbury finished with 287 votes.

McDonald carried Redford Township with 3,440. Brodhead received 2,482 Redford Township votes.

Kenneth Gallagher beat A. J. Goldenthal for the Republican nomination. Gallagher received 6,337 votes, while Goldenthal took only 3,735.

The Democratic nominee is favored to win the general election in November to fill the seat vacated by Democrat Martha Griffiths.

BRODHEAD, 32, has been a member of the Michigan House of Representatives since 1970 and was a practicing attorney.

Brodhead said the priorities for the next Congress should include

dealing with problems Watergate has revealed, enacting a national health care program, reform of the welfare system and solving the problems of crime, drug abuse and inflation.

Other priorities were to make government actions open to the public, put maximum limits on campaign spending and put time limitations on the primary and general elections.

McDONALD IS an attorney and adjunct professor of the University of Detroit law school.

McDonald advocated reform of "the chaotic welfare system."

"Under the present system," he said, "there is no guarantee that the benefits reach the children for which they are intended," he said.

McDonald also favors open meetings of government agencies.

Placing a limit on campaign spending, checking inflation, initiating a national health care plan and providing security for senior citizens were some of McDonald's other priorities.

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Kuthy edges Barry

County unification approved nearly 2-1

By SUSAN L. SILK
OAKLAND COUNTY — County voters, by almost a two-to-one majority, called for a unification of county government under an elected executive during the Tuesday primary election.

Democratic elected executive candidates Eugene W. Kuthy of

Orchard Lake and Daniel W. Barry of Union Lake waged a tight battle throughout the night—often no more than a couple of thousand votes separating them—for that party's nomination.

By the wee hours in the early morning, however, Kuthy was declared the victor by only 3,500 votes.

At final tally, Kuthy received 28,490 votes to Barry's 24,995. More than 50,000 Oakland County residents voted to streamline county government under a full-time administrator as recently allowed by state statute. Although voters cast 25,752 ballots against unified county government, none of the municipalities in the southeastern and central areas of the county defeated the proposition.

THE CLOSENESS of the race between Kuthy and Barry was one of few surprises among the county-wide ballot issues.

Democrats had feared, based on poll results made public recently, that Barry, a Republican drain commissioner for 15 years until his removal from office in 1971 on conflict of interest charges, would win on his name alone.

During the last days of the campaign, the Democrats announced that they have spent more than \$5,000 on publicizing and advertising on the county unification issue and the Kuthy race.

Between now and the Nov. 5 general election, Kuthy will be campaigning against Daniel T. Murphy (R-Sylvan Lake), chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and acting county manager.

Murphy ran unopposed in his elected county executive nomination race and received 25,735 Republican primary votes.

Two women top area court race

By CARL STODDARD
FARMINGTON — In a surprising turn of events, two women topped ten men in Tuesday's primary for the newly created 47th District Court judgeship in Farmington.

Margaret Schaeffer ran first with 1,645 votes. Judith Holtz finished second with 1,379. The two women will face each other in the general election Nov. 5.

Ten other candidates finished as follows: John H. Burke, 575; Clair R. Carney, 931; William J. Dillon, 811; Gerald A. Freedman, 926; Frank B. Hill, 488; Richard Megerian, 245; Edward R. Reegan, 381; Kenneth E. Rosen, 123; Bruce Richard Saperstein, 169; and Lawrence F. Sklar, 223.

"I THINK it was very unusual that there were two women and ten men (in the race) and the women ran on top," Mrs. Schaeffer said. "I think perhaps it is a recognition of women's expanded role in society."

She added that she was "very appreciative of the voters' confidence" in her.

Mrs. Holtz could not be reached late Tuesday night for comment.

MRS. SCHAEFFER, 53, received both her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Michigan.

Currently a member of the Farmington Hills City Council, Mrs. Schaeffer was formerly a trustee on the Farmington Township Board. She is a member of the state Workmen's Compensation Appeal Board.

Mrs. Schaeffer also is one of the candidates who advocated establishment of a volunteer program for young people.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Ms. Holtz earned her

law degree from Wayne State University.

MS. HOLTZ has a five-point plan which she said would allow the court to be run more efficiently.

Ms. Holtz said the court should hear cases on a first come first serve basis, hold court at night and on Saturday, strictly enforce zoning and anti-blight ordinances, begin court promptly at 9 a.m., and attempt to secure funds for training of court employees and probation officers.

According to unofficial tallies, 7,876 of Farmington's and Farmington Hills' 31,789 registered voters cast ballots in the 47th District Judge primary election.

O'Brien, Coy named

FARMINGTON — There were no surprises in the primary race for the 24th Oakland County Commissioner district.

The two candidates in the race were running unopposed for their party's nomination.

With 90 percent of the votes in early Wednesday morning, William R. O'Brien, a Democrat from Novi, had 1,151 votes.

Lew L. Coy, a Republican from Wixom, had 1,270 votes.

The 24th District includes Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, Wixom, Lyon and South Lyon.

Coy, of 2942 Loon Drive, Wixom, is a three-term county commissioner. He is a retired Detroit fire-fighters captain.

O'Brien, of 41131 S. McMahon, Novi, was a precinct delegate in the 5th precinct and a councilman in Novi from 1969-73.

The men will face each other in the general election Nov. 5.



Long night's wait

Election night's rough all around. It's hard on a candidate and on his or her family, friends and supporters. But it's hard on others, too. Take the police, for example. Pull duty and traffic duty and then maybe guarding a candidate. It's a rough night for newspaper people, too. After all that running from poll to precinct headquarters, there's the long wait in the hotel hall — the long, long wait for a brief glimpse of the winner (or loser), a quick picture and a hurried question and that's all she write, folks.

Brotherton takes 64th

FARMINGTON — Wilbur V. "Sandy" Brotherton easily won the Republican nomination in the 64th State Representative district.

John Campbell, of Farmington, ran unopposed for the Democratic nomination. He received 4,309 votes.

Brotherton, 53, of Farmington, received 2,076 votes in an unofficial tally. He will face Campbell in November for the right to succeed retiring Rep. Raymond L. Baker (R-Farmington).

Unsuccessful candidates for the Republican nomination were Douglas Collins, 414 votes; William Ortman, 882 votes; and Markus Simon, 114 votes.

THE DISTRICT includes Farmington, Farmington Hills and the southwest section of Southfield.

About 2 a.m. Wednesday morning, as the last precinct tallies were coming in, Brotherton was asked if he was satisfied with the results of the election.

"I guess, if I was honest about it, it's going better than I hoped," Brotherton said. "I didn't have a good feel for what my strength was in the Hills (Farmington Hills). It's better than I expected."

Brotherton spent two years as a county commissioner, seven years as mayor of Farmington, and 14 years as a city councilman. He is the owner of Astro Tune-Up in Farmington.

Campbell, 38, was a precinct delegate from 1966-74.

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