

Kidwell will fill sheriff's opening

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Republican Jeff Kidwell has been elected to fill the remainder of former Campbell County Sheriff John Dunn's term.

Kidwell garnered 19,380 votes to defeat his Democratic competition, Dave Otto, who received 16,844 votes, according to unofficial results from the Campbell County Clerk's Office. Libertarian John G. Crum Jr., 25, of Highland Heights, a student at Northern Kentucky University, received 2,019 votes.

Dunn retired as sheriff on Aug. 1, and his four-year term ends in 2014.

Kidwell, 48, of Cold Spring said during his campaign that his law enforcement experience as an elected constable was relevant to the office. Kidwell served subpoenas and other court documents as a constable for 17 years. He owns Star Computers in Newport and is chairman of the Campbell County Republican Party's executive committee.

Otto, 62, of Fort Thomas ran on a platform of seeking federal and state grants for the office and cross-training sheriff's office employees. He spent 26 years as a Campbell County commissioner until 2010 and owns Otto Printing in Dayton.

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