

Republicans vote in new County Sheriff in Tuesday's primary

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were scattered throughout the county, and were not enough to sway these races, however they could potentially affect the results of precinct committee races.

Despite dropping out of the race for District Court Judge several weeks ago, Colby lawyer Todd Stramel received 454 votes from Sherman County. His total, 1,532, was still dwarfed by incumbent Glenn Schiffner, who received 3,726 votes. The sole candidate for the other District Court Judge position, Scott Showalter received 1,180 votes in Sherman County.

Ron Schilling won the precinct committee seat for Llanos Township with 13 votes over Todd Quenzer, who had four votes. Joe Scheopner won Logan Township committee seat with 29 votes over John Topliff, 27, and Dennis Bentzinger, 15. Gary Winter won Stateline Township com-

mitteeman with 18 votes over Scott Hooker, 16 votes. J. Ronald Vignery won Ward Four committee seat with 194 votes over Kendall Gittinger, 90 votes. Jeffery Mason won Ward One committee seat with 168 votes over Michael Bretz, 116 votes.

Marsha Schilling won the precinct committee seat for Llanos Township with 14 votes over Bronwyn Quenzer, who received three votes. Carol Jean Topliff won Logan Township committee seat with 31 votes over Iris Scheopner, 30 votes, and Dorothy Bentzinger, 10 votes. Judith Vignery won Ward Four committee seat with 161 votes over Rosanne Koggie, 110 votes. Roberta Bretz won Ward One committee seat with 110 votes over Jeanette Ruddell, 97 votes, and Lois Cossman, 67 votes.

There were many uncontested races in both parties. On the Republican side, County Clerk Janet Rumpel received 1,074

votes; Treasurer April Hall received 1,188; Register of Deeds Billie Hoyt received 1,119; and Larry Witt received 198 votes for Commissioner District 3.

William Gattshall received nine votes for Grant Township committee seat; Warren Sweat, six votes for Iowa Township committee seat; Harlan House, 72 votes for Itasca Township committee seat; Ben Duell, 18 votes for Lincoln Township committee seat; Elmer Purvis, 14 votes for McPherson Township committee seat; Eric Bergquist, 13 votes for Smoky Township committee seat; Allen Quenzer, 17 votes for Union Township committee seat; David Schields, 65 votes for Voltaire Township committee seat; Travis Witman, 145 votes for Ward Three committee seat; Chad DeJong, 114 votes for Ward Two committee seat; and Leonard Owens Jr., 16 votes for Washington Township committee seat.

Dianne Gattshall received 10 votes for

Grant Township committee seat; Cora House, 71 votes for Itasca Township committee seat; Joyce Purvis, 14 votes for McPherson Township committee seat; Karen Hooker, 28 votes for Stateline Township committee seat; Doris Quenzer, 17 votes for Union committee seat; Betty Jean Schields, 64 votes for Voltaire Township committee seat; Dawn Jolly, 142 votes for Ward Three committee seat; Lisa DeJong, 106 votes for Ward Two committee seat; and Sondra Owens, 16 votes for Washington Township committee seat. Carolyn Paul received 14 votes for McPherson Township Treasurer.

County Clerk and Election Officer Janet Rumpel said the candidate for Smoky Township committee seat, Connie Bergquist, was put in Shermanville on the ballots. She received several votes, but those are invalid. Rumpel said that upon checking, she found the name was entered

into the computer system correctly and that she is not sure how the switch occurred.

Rumpel said she spoke to the Secretary of State's office, who told her that since Bergquist was running unopposed in Smoky Township, Rumpel can send a letter to the Sherman County Republican Committee, who can appoint Bergquist as precinct committee seat.

In the Democratic Primary, Steve Evert received 29 votes for Commissioner District 3; Allen Schmidt received 88 votes for Kansas Senate.

Sherman County had 40 percent voter turnout, with 1,538 ballots cast out of 3,829 registered voters. Secretary of State Kris Kobach had predicted that, statewide, about 18 percent of those eligible would cast a ballot this election in Kansas.

There were 337 advance ballots.

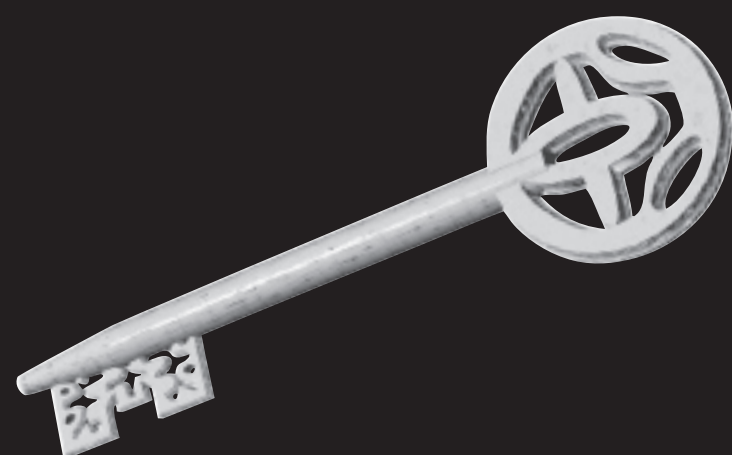
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