

Sheriff wins race by big vote

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partment, said he ran for sheriff because he wanted to see a change.

He was unopposed on the Democratic ballot, but said he was pleased with the voter turnout. He got 248 votes.

"I think it was a good turnout for the Democratic party because there was no opposed candidate," he said.

When asked if he was surprised at who won the Republican primary, Albers said he wasn't, but didn't comment on why.

"It was a good turnout for all three candidates on the Republican side and I'll be looking forward to running against Doug Whitson in the November general election," Albers said. "I hope that we have just as good or a better turnout in the general election."

Albers' campaign plans for the November election are to put out signs and go door-to-door to talk with voters.

"The voters of Sherman County will see me visit them door-to-door until the November election," he said.

In addition, Albers said he would look forward to meeting with any civic organizations to hear what they would like in a sheriff and to tell them what he would do if elected.

Filling up



Riley O'Harah, 7, was serious about winning Monday afternoon, as he and other kids played games with water on the front lawn of Goodland's Public Library. It marked the end of the library's summer reading program. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Daily News to change its mailings

Because of continuing problems with delivery of individual papers over long distances, *The Goodland Daily News* has decided to restructure out-of-area delivery with the aim of making it more reliable, more enjoyable and less expensive for our readers.

"Many readers in outlying states have told us that the papers come out of order, are delivered several on the same day or sometimes not at all," said Steve Haynes, president of *The News*. "Delays of more than a week are not uncommon. These circumstances are largely out of our control."

Starting next Monday, Aug. 7, *The News* will consolidate each week's papers into one package for mailing. Hopefully, the larger packages will move more quickly and more reliably.

The change affects all papers mailed outside of Sherman County except those in the Colby, Hays or Colorado Springs postal zones. Those are ZIP codes which begin with 676, 677 or 808. The packages will be mailed on Friday and should reach most readers by Monday, though delays will occur at greater distances.

"This also will allow us to cut the rate for out-of-state subscriptions to just \$75 per year from the present \$85 or \$90," Haynes said.

Clerk keeps here job in decisive primary win

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"I plan to do the best job possible for the residents of Sherman County," she said. In the upcoming term, Rumpel said that she would still like for people to feel comfortable coming to talk to her and her staff, and ask questions.

"I want people to feel like they can come in any time," she said "and ask questions or just feel like we are going to be there for them."

Rumpel, during her campaigning, cited her experience on the job as a reason that she should be re-elected. She has served as county clerk since 1983, when she was appointed after Velma Holste retired. She is going into 18 years as county clerk. Before she was appointed, she had worked in the office since March 1979 and was deputy clerk under Holste.

Asked if she was more anxious about the results because she was the chief election officer, and was in the office when the votes were counted, Rumpel replied she wasn't any more anxious than usual. Election time is always tough in the clerk's office, she said.

"We are so busy, and the phones are constantly ringing that it is always a really anxious time," she said.

Rumpel said that she is looking forward to a time when the county commissioners will hire a county administrator.



Janet Rumpel



Judy Siruta

ward to a time when the county commissioners will hire a county administrator.

The commission is discussing hiring one in the future. An administrator would help with some of the current secretarial work for the commission and would be in charge of duties such as gathering information for the commission.

"It would help lighten the load of work that we have to do now in the office," said Rumpel, "so that we can focus on the duties prescribed by law for a county clerk's office."

Rumpel and her husband Alan have two sons, Scott Rumpel, 26 and Brian Rumpel, 24. Both are Sherman County residents.

She is a graduate of Trego Community High School in WaKeeney and the Northwest Kansas Technical School with a degree in data processing and business and accounting.

"I will give this job my all," said Rumpel.

Veteran House member wins 121st District by 76 percent

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News

Though it was 11:45 p.m. on the night of a stressful primary election, Jim Morrison sounded chipper and the state lawmaker said he felt "real happy."

No one was too surprised to hear that.

The results were in, and the Colby optometrist had beaten Goodland farmer Harlan House in a Republican primary race for the 121st District seat in the state House of Representatives. It's a position Morrison has held for the past eight years.

Morrison earned 76 percent of the votes in the district and 53 percent in Goodland, House's hometown.

House got 856 votes across the district and Morrison had 2,676. In Goodland, the race ended with 600

votes for House and 668 for Morrison.

"I'm pleased that the district is confident in what I have been doing the last eight years," Morrison said late Tuesday night. "I do, in fact, listen to people and do the best I can to help the district have a play at the table."

House didn't sound as chipper from his home in Goodland, but he said he didn't regret running.

"The process is important," he said, "and I wanted to show other people that it's important to run for office."

House, who based his campaign platform on school, road and water issues, said there were other issues underlying the race and his campaign, but said he didn't feel it was appropriate to discuss them.

"It would cause more division," he said. "I think the people spoke, and I think we have to leave it there. I think

we better just leave it there."

Morrison does not have a Democratic opponent for the November general election, so he is bound to once again fill the 121st District seat in the House.

"I am very effective at working with people to develop a consensus," Morrison said, "and I will continue working with issues concerning health care, education and communication."

An optometrist who practices only part time today, Morrison said northwest Kansas is getting "a full-time legislator."

But House said there is still work to do.

"I talked about \$6 wheat and \$90 cattle," he said. "Until we get those, our area is going to continue to lose population."

Senator retains his position with big win despite spending

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aware of and didn't pay for anything attacking Clark. In the end, campaign finance records show Clark spent thousands less than his challenger.

From his home in Oakley on Tuesday night, the senator said he was glad the race was over and that voters in the 15 counties of the 40th District weren't fooled by his opponent's rhetoric.

"The people weren't snowed by a sales pitch," said Sen. Clark, an Oakley photographer.

Clark said although Mangan and the groups that backed him, shoveled money into negative advertising, voters wouldn't buy it.

"There was thousands and thousands of dollars spent to either criticize me or some of the issues that I had supported," he said, "but people just kind of sat back and analyzed the issues and decided they were very content with their current representation and they didn't want Topeka to tell them how to think or what to do."

But Mangan said he ran a positive campaign.

"We weren't out to beat up on anybody," he said, adding that he doesn't think controversy over the negative mailings hurt his chances.

"I think you can always sit around and try to think of what went wrong," Mangan said. "I think we did virtually everything we thought we needed to do."

Sen. Clark and Mangan ran almost opposite campaigns as far as how they were financed, and the philosophies they were based on.

Clark can be dubbed a populist

maverick, while Mangan came across as more of a organization player.

While Clark says that the way to help family farmers is to control the large corporations that rule the agricultural market, Mangan maintains the only way to boost northwest Kansas' drooping economy is by working with the big businesses.

Clark's ideas attracted other rural lawmakers and during last year's session, they formed the Kansas Independent Family Farm Coalition and united against large corporations.

The Kansas Livestock Association, which had members and officials that opposed initiatives the coalition was working to pass, found its man in Mangan — a former association president.

Campaign finance records show members and associates of the association appear to have given Mangan about 68 percent of the \$64,010 he raised for his campaign.

The Kansas-National Education Association, the state's largest teachers' union, joined the effort and the two paid for mailings that said Clark had failed school districts and students by not seeking more state money for them.

While most contributions to Mangan's unusually large war chest came from outside the district, including one from Denver, Clark's

\$32,000 campaign — not including \$19,000 of his and his wife's money — was financed mostly from small contributions raised in the district, along with a few bundles from utility lobbyists.

Clark says if he wins the general election, there is a good chance he will be chairman of the Utilities Committee next year.

Mangan spent over \$54,000 on his campaign, and Clark spent about \$30,000 — though he said in the past few weeks he spent thousands rebutting "misleading" claims the livestock association and teachers made about his voting record.

Now that it's over, Mangan says he respects Clark.

"He's still our senator," he said. "I think we owe it to those people to show them respect, we still need to have communications there."

But, it's not over for Clark. He still faces Quinter Democrat Billie Flora in the November general election.

"I can't look past it," he said, "but it won't be near the campaign we just went through."

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Voters oust board members who fought evolution ideas

By David Miles

Associated Press Writer
TOPEKA — Sending a strong signal in the debate over how to teach about the origin of life, voters chose three candidates for the Kansas Board of Education who promised to back science standards with a greater emphasis on evolution.

Two incumbents and another candidate who support the state's current standards that play down the importance of evolution were defeated in Republican primaries Tuesday. The lone incumbent survivor, Steve Abrams, helped write the standards.

The elections pave the way for a potential reversal of the board's 6-4 vote last year that put the standards in place. In the Nov. 7 election, the four primary winners will face Democrats who also want to scrap the guidelines.

"I think it's a foregone conclusion that we get a new set of science standards in January," said Bill Wagon, a Topeka Democrat who voted against the standards.

Wagon did not have a contested primary but will face Patrick Hill, a Topeka Republican who supports the standards. Five of the 10 board seats will be filled in November.

The standards, which school districts do not have to follow, omit the big-bang theory of the universe's origin. They also provide the basis for statewide student assessment tests to be introduced next spring.

Critics argued that the move makes the state look backward, but proponents said it lets local school districts decide what to teach.

Linda Holloway, who supported the new standards as board chairwoman last year and spent thousands in her re-election campaign, lost Tuesday to Sue Gamble, 60 percent to 40 percent. Holloway said she was surprised and blamed her loss on weeks of criticism about the board's decision.

Incumbent Mary Douglass Brown was defeated by Carol Rupe, 52 percent to 48 percent, and moderate Bruce Wyatt beat conservative Brad Angell, 58 percent to 42 percent. Abrams defeated Roger Rankin, 62 to 38 percent.

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