

# Residents vote on county officers

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publican Larry Witt. Evert received 453 votes to Witt's 204. District three includes Goodland Ward Two, Kanorado and Grant, Lincoln, Logan, Mcpherson, Smoky and Staline townships.

Ken Klemm was elected to the county commission from District 2. He was running unopposed. District 2 includes Wards One and Four along with Llanos, Shermanville and Voltaire townships.

For county positions, Janet Rumpel, got 2,136 votes for county clerk; April Hall, 2,293 votes for county treasurer; Billie Hoyt, 2,134 votes for register of deeds, and Brock Abbey, 2,161 votes for county attorney.

U.S. Rep. Tim Huelskamp of Fowler was re-elected. He was running unopposed. He got 2,160 votes from Sherman County. State Rep. Ward Cassidy was also unopposed, getting 2,193 votes from Sherman

County. Rick Billinger, who was defeated in the primary, got several write-in votes.

Judges Nancy Moritz, Steve Leben, Joseph Pierron, David Bruns, Gordon Atcheson, Karen Arnold-Burger and Richard green were retained.

The constitutional amendment passed with 54 percent of the vote. The change adds watercraft to the state constitution, allowing boats, jetskies and other watercraft to be taxed differently from other property, either to exempt them from property taxes or impose a specific tax on them. In Sherman County, 1,296 people voted in favor of it to 960 against.

Sherman County saw a 69.32 percent voter turnout, with more than 2,600 votes cast. County Election Officer Janet Rumpel said she had planned for a 70 percent turnout and nearly ran out of ballots. She had copied photocopied ballots on hand in case they were needed.

# Grinnell senator gets landslide victory

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got 308.

Sen. Ostmeyer, a two-term incumbent, and Sen. Schmidt, who was appointed after the resignation of 36th District Sen. Janice Lee in 2010, were thrown into the same district during the reapportionment process earlier this year. The 40th District was reduced from 17 counties to 13 1/2, but took in Hays and Ellis County, long considered to be a Democratic stronghold.

Sen. Ostmeyer is a farmer and rancher in Grinnell. After serving two terms in the state House of Representatives, he was elected to the Senate in 2004 and re-elected in 2008. He has served on the Natural Resources, Local Government Rules and Regulations and Energy and Environmental Policy committees.

Ostmeyer defeated Norton County Commissioner John Miller in the Republican primary election by a hefty margin, 64.4 percent to 35.5 percent, 7,396 votes to 4,078. He carried every county in the district, including Ellis County, new to the district this year - 995 to 554.

Sen. Schmidt, running unopposed in the Democratic Primary, received 1,623 votes.

Turnout was up across the district, as high as 75 percent in some counties. The district averaged 39.3 per-

cent voter turnout in the primary.

Sen. Schmidt grew up on a dairy farm north of Hays. He attended Thomas More Prep and the University of Kansas. He served in the Army Medical Service Corps and remained active in the Army Reserve after moving back to Hays to manage his family's dairy. He returned to active duty in 1994, serving in several postings before being assigned as a deputy commander of the Army Reserve Medical Command in Tampa, Fla. In 2009, he moved back to Kansas.

When he took over the 36th District two years ago, it included Phillips, Smith, Osborne, Mitchell, Ellis, Russell, Rush, Pawnee and Hodgeman counties, along with part of Jewell County.

# Goodland woman wins car at convention



Goodland resident Laura Wing won this Mercedes 300 at a Zija convention in Salt Lake City in late October. Wing is a salesperson for Zija, which markets nutritional drinks and skin care products. Wing and thousands of other salespeople attended the conference, where she got to tour the Zija factory and distribution center.

She said she only put in two entries for the car drawing while others put in dozens each. Wing said anyone interested in buying the products can check out her Facebook page or visit wellness4life.myzija.com.

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# Kiwanis Club plans Turkey Hoop Shoot on Tuesday

Kids in grades three through six are encouraged to get an adult partner and compete in the Goodland Kiwanis Turkey Hoop Shoot from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Registration and warmups will begin at 5:30. The competition will begin at 6 p.m. with awards given out after the competition has ended.

The winning hoop shoot pair in eight categories will get a free tur-

key (about 12-14 pounds) complements of the Goodland Walmart.

There is no cost to compete, and all participants get an ice cream certificate courtesy of the Goodland McDonald's.

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