

# Republican sweeps into the Senate

**By Tom Betz**  
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 The 40th District Senate seat will remain in the Republican ranks, and Rep. Ralph Ostmeier of Grinnell will be promoted, as he defeated Democrat Tim Peterson of Monument 2-1 in Tuesday's election.



Ostmeier

The district total with all 234 of the precincts reporting showed Ostmeier with 20,894 votes to 10,223 for Peterson, giving Ostmeier 67 percent to 33 percent for Peterson. At the beginning of the election season, it appeared that Sen. Stan Clark would be in good shape to retain his seat despite a primary challenge from young Dan Rasure of Goodland. However, when Clark died in an accident in a dust storm last May, it

threw the election wide open, and Ostmeier stepped up to face Rasure in the primary.

Peterson filed for the seat, he said, mostly because he felt it was important that there be a Democrat in the race. Peterson knew he was in an uphill race, and was hoping for an upset.

Ostmeier won the Republican primary, and the unofficial results from Tuesday's general election give him a 2-1 margin over Peterson.

Between the primary and Rasure and the general election, the candidates raised over \$102,407. In the primary, Rasure raised about \$67,749. Ostmeier raised a total of \$39,681 and received contributions from tobacco companies, Indian tribes in-

terested in extending gambling in Kansas and a number of political action committees. Peterson's contributions totalled \$13,894, with big checks coming from the Democratic Party, the Kansas National Education Association and a Topeka lawyer Kristine Polansky.

Ostmeier won all 18 counties in the district.

Gove County, Ostmeier's home, was the closest of the 18 with Peterson picking up 655 votes (45 percent) to 795 (55 percent) for Ostmeier. In the primary, Rasure had won Gove County.

Ostmeier won Peterson's home county, Logan, with 1,007 votes to 496 for Peterson.

Wichita, Scott and Norton counties had margins for Ostmeier in the 70 percent range.

Wichita had 741 votes (73 percent) for Ostmeier and 273 (27 per-

cent) for Peterson. Scott had 1,611 for Ostmeier (73 percent) to 585 (27 percent) for Peterson.

Norton had 1,859 for Ostmeier (74 percent) to 648 (26 percent) for Peterson.

Ostmeier won Cheyenne County with 1,144 votes to 478 for Peterson.

Sheridan was a little closer for Peterson, giving him 41 percent (558 votes) to 59 percent (799 votes) for Ostmeier.

Rooks went for Ostmeier, giving him 69 percent (1,804) to 41 percent (810) for Peterson. Trego gave Ostmeier the win with 58 percent (947) to 42 percent (685) for Peterson. Graham went to Ostmeier with 71 percent (971 votes) to 29 percent (403) for Peterson.

Ostmeier won Sherman County, which had gone big for Rasure in the primary, giving him 57 percent

(1,607) to 34 percent (972) for Peterson. About 9 percent of the Sherman voters decided to skip voting in the Senate race.

Ostmeier won Decatur with 67 percent (932) to 31 percent (425) for Peterson.

Rawlins gave Ostmeier a big win with 71 percent (1,203) to 29 percent (492) for Peterson.

Wallace was one of the wider margins for Ostmeier, giving him 79 percent (682) to 21 percent (183) for Peterson.

Ostmeier won in Thomas County with 64 percent (2,351) to 36 percent (1,332) for Peterson. Ostmeier won Lane County with 70 percent (678) to 30 percent (296) for Peterson.

Ostmeier won Ness County with 65 percent (585) to 35 percent (1,047) for Peterson.

## Senate Vote

Here are the unofficial results of the 40th District state Senate race:

**40th District Total**

- Tim Peterson, Monument 10,223 (33%)
- Ralph Ostmeier, Grinnell 20,894 (67%) with 234/234 precincts reporting

**Decatur County**

- Peterson ..... 425
- Ostmeier ..... 932

**Cheyenne County**

- Peterson ..... 478
- Ostmeier ..... 1144

**Rawlins County**

- Peterson ..... 492
- Ostmeier ..... 1203

**Norton County**

- Peterson ..... 648
- Ostmeier ..... 1859

**Sherman County**

- Peterson ..... 972
- Ostmeier ..... 1607

**Sheridan County**

- Peterson ..... 558
- Ostmeier ..... 799

**Logan County**

- Peterson ..... 496
- Ostmeier ..... 1007

**Wichita County**

- Peterson ..... 273
- Ostmeier ..... 741

**Thomas County**

- Peterson ..... 1,332
- Ostmeier ..... 2,351

**Scott County**

- Peterson ..... 585
- Ostmeier ..... 1611

**Rooks County**

- Peterson ..... 810
- Ostmeier ..... 1804

**Greeley County**

- Peterson ..... 233
- Ostmeier ..... 465

**Lane County**

- Peterson ..... 296
- Ostmeier ..... 678

**Trego County**

- Peterson ..... 685
- Ostmeier ..... 947

**Ness County**

- Peterson ..... 585
- Ostmeier ..... 1,047

**Gove County**

- Peterson ..... 655
- Ostmeier ..... 795

**Graham County**

- Peterson ..... 403
- Ostmeier ..... 971

**Wallace County**

- Peterson ..... 183
- Ostmeier ..... 682

## Sherman follows national trend

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cent of the precincts reporting. Bush had 58,994,526 (51 percent) to 55,312,030 (48 percent) for Kerry. With two states — New Mexico and Iowa — undecided Wednesday afternoon, Bush had 274 electoral votes to 252 for Kerry, with 270 electoral votes required to win.

Kansas Republican Sen. Sam Brownback easily won re-election over Democrat Lee Jones. Brownback led 69 percent (772,549) to 27 percent (305,927) for Jones. Sherman County supported Brownback 2,197 to 392 for Jones.

Congressman Jerry Moran swept past his Libertarian opponent, Jack Warner, with 91 percent (234,995) of the vote to 9 percent (23,995) for Warner. Sherman County gave Brownback 87 percent (2,421) of the votes to 7 percent (193) for Warner.

State Representative Jim Morri-

son (R-Colby) had no trouble with his re-election, winning the 121st District with 92 percent (8,207) to 8 percent (741) for Libertarian Dannis Robison. Sherman County supported Morrison with 2,383 votes to 204 or Robison.

Democratic County Commissioner Mitch Tiede, who was unopposed in District 2, received 839 votes. Republican County Commissioner Kevin Rasure, who ran unopposed in District 1, received 655.

The high vote total of the county went to Iris Scheopner, who was unopposed for county treasurer, with 2,437 votes. Rumpel, who was unopposed for re-election as clerk, had 2,403 votes. Register of Deeds Carol Armstrong received 2,398.

There were many write-in votes in the county attorney race, where Republican Bonnie Selby was unopposed. She received 1,974 votes. The write-ins were to be counted

and certified as part of the canvass by county commissioners at 8 a.m. today.

Steve Duell was elected as a Grant Township trustee with 43 votes and Neil Schritter was elected Grant treasurer with 41. Joan Lohr was elected as a Logan Township trustee with 127 votes. Joyce S. Purvis was elected a McPherson Township Trustee with 25 and Marie T. Moore was elected McPherson treasurer with 25 votes. Betty J. Schields was elected Voltaire Township trustee and Keith Coon was elected Voltaire treasurer.

Sherman County voted to re-elect District Judges Glenn S. Schiffner and Jack L. Burr. Schiffner received 2,083 votes and Burr had 2,250.

All the state judges were retained, though in Sherman County 726 voters did not bother to turn over the ballot and vote on the judges. About 23 percent of those voting voted NO on all of the judges.

## Horses need new paint

**HORSES, from Page 1**

this won't be. The idea, she said, is just to get a lot of people involved. Hopefully, she said, it will benefit both organizations, by getting people into the center who have not been and by sparking interest in the carnival.

Goodwin said she doesn't know how long it will take to paint the horses, but she wants to start this winter. She's waiting for artists to volunteer.

There are 22 horses, she said; as many as possible will be painted this winter and then be displayed in the gallery before the carnival next summer. It may take several winters to get them all done, she added.

Goodwin wants groups to submit a plan, a color scheme and summary or sketch of the design, so the carnival board can get the paints and supplies they'll need. She said she is going to take the

project one day at a time, and the first few organizations involved may work by trial and error.

But she is willing to work with groups on what they want to do with the horses. And she's willing to make the center available when needed.

"I'm willing to work with the organizations," she said, "whether they want to come in during the day, evening or weekends."

Jim Wedermeyer, a member of the carnival board, prepared stands to hold the horses up, so volunteers can paint on all sides at once.

Goodwin said she is sending letters to civic organizations, church groups, youth groups and others who may be interested in helping.

"I really hope people get really creative," Goodwin said. "I think it would make our carousel really unique."

"It will just be for fun, and we'll all gain a fresh-looking merry-go-round."

# Sherman County votes cast in 2004 General Election

ABSTRACT OF VOTES CAST NOVEMBER 2, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION

SHERMAN COUNTY NAMES OF CANDIDATES	BUSH & CHEENEY				KERRY & EDWARDS				NADER & CAMERON				PEPPER & CLYMER				HARRIS & CAMPBELL				SAMUEL & BROWNBACK				LEE & JONES				GEORGE & COOK				STEVEN & ROSILE				JERRY & MORAN				JACK & WARNER				RALPH & OSTMEYER				TIM & PETERSON				JIM & MORRISON				DANNIS & ROBISON				MITCH & TIEDE				KEVIN & RASURE				JANET & RUMPEL				IRIS & SCHEOPNER				CAROL & ARMSTRONG				BONNIE & SELBY				KEVIN & BUTTS				JOHN & MCCOOL			
	President and Vice-President	United States Senator	U S Rep 1st Dist	STATE SENATOR 40TH DIST	STATE REP 121ST DIST	COUNTY COMMISS	COUNTY COMMISS	COUNTY CLERK	COUNTY TREAS	REG OF DEEDS	COUNTY ATTY	SHERIFF																																																																																
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WARD THREE	225	49	3	0	2	224	38	1	7	250	18	167	97	245	19	0	0	237	249	242	203	196	69																																																																					
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