

Vote canvass finds one lost, pair of ties

The Decatur County commissioners canvassed the votes Friday morning, looking over all of the tallies to find one in Sherman Township for a Senate candidate that wasn't counted and two ties in the township races.

County Clerk Marilyn Horn, who serves as the county election officer, said one person in Sherman Township voted for Joseph Martin for United States senator. That vote wasn't added election night, meaning Mr. Martin ended up with 16 instead of 15 votes.

In Center Township, said Mrs. Horn, Ron McDougal and George Ruzicka, both Democrats tied with 17 votes each for trustee.

Mr. McDougal was the incumbent and then was beat in the primary. He then ran a write-in campaign for the general election.

In Dresden Township Linda Schroer and Greg Ritter, both write-ins, tied for the treasurer spot.

In both cases a coin will have to be flipped or something like that to break the tie.

In Cook Township, said Mrs. Horn, there wasn't anyone on the ballot for the trustee or the treasurer spots nor were there any write-ins. The current officers will have to write a letter to the commissioners with names of the people they recommend for the jobs and the commissioners will have to approve them.

There were several write-in candidates in unopposed races in the county.

Tiffany Farr, who ran on the Republican ticket in the primary race for register of deeds, received three votes. Preston Pratt received eight for county attorney while Justin Barrett received seven. Randy McHugh received seven for the sheriff's spot and Jay Tate nine.

Mrs. Horn said the canvass went well. The election night ran smoothly too, other than the fact that it was a long night.

For the township offices:

- Frances Bader, Democrat, won with 14 votes for trustee and Roger Shimek, Democrat, won with 15 votes for treasurer in Allison Township.
- Jeannie Gawith, Republican with 12 votes for trustee and Gary Gawith, Democrat, got 12 votes for treasurer of Alton Township.
- Stephen Brown, write-in, received three votes for trustee while Terry Lippelmann, write-in received three votes for treasurer in Bassetville Township.
- Colt Diederich, Democrat, won trustee with 20 votes while Jacob Weyeneth, write-in, received 11.
- Brendan Moore, Republican, received 14 votes for treasurer while Ron Diederich, Republican, write-in candidate received 23 to win in Beaver Township.
- Mr. Ruzicka and Mr. McDougal tied with 17 votes each for trustee in Center Township. Keri Bryan, Democrat, received 18 votes for the treasurer spot while Jody Robertson, Republican, won the spot with 20 votes.
- Merlin Anderson, Republican, received 14 votes for trustee in Custer Township and Lowell Holmberg, Republican, received 14 for treasurer.
- Gary Meitl, write-in, received

three votes for trustee in Dresden Township while Jill Reichert, write-in, won with four votes. Mrs. Schroer and Mr. Ritter tied with five votes each for treasurer.

- Jim Wesch, Republican, received 16 votes for Finley Township trustee and Amanda Grafel, Republican, received 18 for treasurer.
- John Gallentine, Democrat, received 22 for trustee in Garfield Township while Gwynn Ward, Republican, received 22 for treasurer.
- Joe Metcalf, Republican, received 16 votes for trustee in Harlan Township and Galen Lafferty, Republican, received 17 for treasurer.

• Roberta Petracek, Democrat, received 64 votes in Jennings Township for trustee while DuWayne Metz, Democrat, received 64 for treasurer.

• Dave Bose, Republican, received 24 votes for trustee of Liberty Township and Gerry Tally, Republican, received 26 for treasurer.

• Deb Marshall, Republican, received 46 votes for trustee in Lincoln Township to beat out David Stapp, Republican. Robbie Henningson, Republican, received 80 votes to become treasurer.

• Millard Kyte, Republican, received 25 votes to be trustee in Logan Township.

• Girard McKenna, Democrat, won trustee in Lyon Township with five votes and Lawrence Carter, Republican, won treasurer with six.

• Michael Coleman, Democrat, won trustee in Oberlin Township with 39 votes while Gene Morford, Democrat, won treasurer with 40.

• Tyler Witt, write-in, received four votes for treasurer in Olive Township.

• Kenneth Carter, Republican, received 20 votes for trustee in Pleasant Valley.

• Rick Hickert, Republican, got 15 votes for trustee in Prairie Dog Township and Betty Hickert, Republican, got 16.

• Mike Ferguson, Democrat, got seven votes for trustee for Roosevelt Township while Terry Rush, Republican, got eight votes for treasurer.

• Paul Shields, Republican, received 18 votes for trustee in Sappa Township and Rod Bryan, Republican, 19 for treasurer.

• Larry Roe, Republican, got six votes for treasurer in Sherman Township.

• Monte Moore, write-in, received nine votes for trustee in Summit Township and Elaine Marcuson, Democrat, six votes for treasurer while Paul Tally, write-in, received eight.

Bringing in the corn



WHEN IT WAS still dry, a John Deere combine moved through a field six miles south of town last Tuesday, picking corn. Grain piles grew all last week as good weather kept harvesters in the fields. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Seven guesses gives Oberlin man a win

No one picked all eight winners in this week's Pigskin Pick-em Contest, and Gary Anderson of Oberlin was the only person who picked seven, winning himself first place and \$15 in scrip.

Four people picked six right and the tie-breaker was used to determine second and third place. Owen Wilson, Oberlin, was 28 points off the tie-breaker score, so got second place and \$10 in scrip. Third place and \$5 in scrip went to Mabel Zimmerman of Oberlin, who had 37 points off the tie-breaker. The others

picking six teams right were Travis Raile, Oberlin, and Cheri Kastens, Herndon.

Those people picking five winners were Mary Kinser, Jennings; Steve Vontz, McCook; Ivis Hanson and Valisha Raile, Oberlin; and Cody Jacobs, Dresden.

Four people guessing four right were Todd Ketterl, Norm Wendelin, Kimberly Solko, Oberlin; and Rodney Solko, McCook.

Ron Solko of Oberlin picked two. Contest rules are on Page 5B of

today's paper, along with an entry form. Forms also are available at the sponsoring businesses, Wagner Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac, and Cadillac of McCook, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, Ward Drug Store, Raye's Grocery, the LandMark Inn, Home Planning Center, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Farm Bureau Financial Services and *The Oberlin Herald* and the *Country Advocate*. Only official entry blanks will be accepted, no copies.

- This week's winners:
- Missouri over K-State, 41-24.
 - Central Missouri over Fort Hays, 24-21.
 - Pittsburg over Emporia, 52-7.
 - St. Marys over Sterling, 48-47, overtime.
 - Nebraska over University of Kansas, 45-35.
 - Omaha over Washburn University, 34-14.
 - Wesleyan over Bethany, 38-7.
 - Friends University over Bethel, 41-7.
 - Tie-breaker: Ottawa over Southwestern, 73-3.

City looks at applications for administrator

The Oberlin City Council went behind closed doors for an hour Friday to talk about applications the city has received for the administrator's job, vacant since Gary Shike left the post at the end of September.

The council called two 30-minute sessions to discuss nonelected personnel with the council members, mayor, city attorney and Nathan Eberline from the Kansas League of Municipalities, which is helping with the process.

The city received 10 applications, which were collected by Mr. Eberline. Mayor Joe Stanley said. He said the council wants to do at least five phone interviews with himself and a couple of council members on the call. He said they want to do those this week depending on everyone's schedule.

Hopefully, said Mayor Stanley, the phone interviews will narrow the applicants down to three or four and then those people will come here for an interview. He didn't say whether those would be in closed session or not. The council will have to make it's decision in open session, however.

An attorney general's opinion provided by the city attorney on closed meetings says "An executive session may be used to interview, discuss and consider applicants or prospective employees to protect privacy interests, but no binding action may be taken in executive session."

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Blue Cross to get bids for county

The Decatur County commissioners talked briefly with a representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield about health insurance for employees, and the company is preparing a quote for the group again.

Charlie Krull, a representative from the company, said he would need each employee to fill out a health profile to put together a quote. He said they put in a quote last year, and it was competitive, and he would like to try again this year.

Tim Stallman, road and bridge supervisor, said the crew is out putting up snow fence. The "icy bridge" signs are up on the concrete bridges, he said.

He said they are working on getting the mowing finished, but because the ditches are still pretty muddy, it is a challenge in some areas.

The commissioners held a 15-minute closed session for non-elected personnel with Ambulance Director Linda Manning. There was no action taken afterward.

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