

## **Chase County to have new commissioner; Ricketts, Sasse advance in state races**

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### **The Imperial Republican**

Voters in Chase County's 2nd District decided in Tuesday's Primary Election it was time for a new commissioner.

Challenger Dave Hogsett prevailed over four-term commissioner Jodi Thompson 203-125.

Since both ran on the Republican ticket and there are no Democratic challengers, Hogsett is assured of the job unless someone mounts a write-in campaign for the General Election in November.

In the race for the 44th District legislative seat, Dan Hughes of Venango won 40.7 percent of the vote with 3,406 votes. He will face Steve Stroup of Benkelman in the General Election, who finished second with 2,914 votes. Dennis Berry of McCook pulled 2,051 votes.

In nonpartisan legislative races, only the top two candidates advance to the General Election. Both Hughes and Stroup will be battling for the 2,051 votes won by Berry.

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### State races

This year's state races provided for great political theater with a U.S. Senate seat up for grabs along with the major state offices up for election.

In the five-man Republican Senate race, Midland University President Ben Sasse, who's backed by the Tea Party, won 49 percent of the vote. Banker Sid Dinsdale finished second with 22 percent of the vote while Shane Osborn took 21 percent of the vote.

Sasse will face Democrat Dave Domina in November's General. Domina claimed 67 percent of the Democratic vote.

In the race for governor, businessman Pete Ricketts of Omaha narrowly defeated Attorney General Jon Bruning by a mere 2,171-vote margin.

Ricketts will now face Democrat Chuck Hassebrook in November. Hassebrook, the former executive director of the Center for Rural Affairs and a former University of Nebraska regent, ran unopposed.

In the attorney general race, Lincoln attorney Doug Peterson won the four-man race. He has served as a county prosecutor and assistant attorney general.

He will face Fremont attorney Janet Stewart who won the Democratic race with 72 percent of the parties vote.

In the state treasurer race, Republican incumbent Don Stenberg advanced to the General with 85 percent of the vote and will face Democrat Michael O'Hara who ran unopposed on the Democratic ticket.

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Republican Charlie Janssen won the primary race for state auditor and will face Democrat Amanda McGill, who ran unopposed.

Secretary of State John Gale ran unopposed. The Democrats did not run a candidate. A libertarian candidate for the office pulled just 481 votes and won't be a factor in the General Election.

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## 2014 Chase County Primary Election Unofficial Results

<b>PARTISAN TICKET</b>	Champ./ Lamar	Imp. East	Imp. West	Imp. Rural	Wau.	Early	Total
<b>UNITED STATES SENATE</b>							
<b>Republican</b>							
Clifton R. Johnson	1	2	3	1	2	1	10
Shane Osborn	22	21	20	9	23	21	116
Sid Dinsdale	16	28	96	22	15	35	212
Ben Sasse	73	61	112	61	91	45	443
Bart McLeay	7	5	6	4	3	4	29
<b>Democrat</b>							
Larry Marvin	4	9	14	10	8	5	50
Dave Domina	5	10	8	7	5	9	44
<b>U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES-DIST. 3</b>							
<b>Republican</b>							
Tom Brewer	19	27	35	19	30	18	148
Adrian Smith	96	94	196	79	105	83	653
<b>Democrat</b>							
Mark Sullivan	8	18	23	15	14	14	92
<b>GOVERNOR</b>							
<b>Republican</b>							
Tom Carlson	7	1	2	3	8	1	22
Beau McCoy	34	40	50	30	40	29	223
Jon Bruning	35	33	89	30	42	32	261
Mike Foley	16	9	26	9	6	7	73
Pete Ricketts	24	34	72	24	33	35	222
Bryan Slone	4	2	3	2	9	0	20
<b>Democrat</b>							
Chuck Hassebrook	7	18	21	15	12	14	87
<b>Libertarian</b>							
Mark G. Elworth Jr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>							
<b>Republican</b>							
John A. Gale	96	108	187	80	116	83	670
<b>Libertarian</b>							
Ben Backus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS</b>							
<b>Republican</b>							
Charlie Janssen	35	37	74	41	56	31	274
Larry Anderson	43	55	85	23	47	34	287
<b>Democrat</b>							
Amanda McGill	9	20	22	15	13	13	92
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>							
<b>Republican</b>							
Doug Peterson	21	29	58	15	30	26	179
Pete Pirsch	19	10	24	10	17	12	92
Brian Buescher	44	38	76	34	41	22	255
Mike Hilgers	15	29	39	23	41	30	177
<b>Democrat</b>							
Janet Stewart	5	14	16	11	13	7	66
Allan J. Eureka	5	4	8	6	2	3	28
<b>STATE TREASURER</b>							
<b>Republican</b>							
Don Stenberg	85	102	167	77	112	81	624
Christopher Costello	22	11	45	12	19	17	126
<b>Democrat</b>							
Michael J. O'Hara	8	18	22	16	13	13	90
<b>Libertarian</b>							
Michael Knebel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>NONPARTISAN TICKET</b>							
<b>CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONER-DIST. #2</b>							
<b>Republican</b>							
Jodi K. Thompson	45	13	44	9	0	14	125
David W. Hogsett	56	11	110	6	0	20	203
<b>MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE-DIST. #44</b>							
Dan Hughes	109	92	205	92	88	89	675
Dennis Berry	4	17	7	4	11	10	53
Steve Stroup	22	37	65	23	59	25	231
<b>STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION-DISTRICT 7</b>							
Molly O'Holleran	53	73	128	59	75	47	435
Robin R. Stevens	35	39	75	29	49	30	257
Total Registered Voters							2529
Voters							139 147 286 125 162 125 984
Percentage of Voters Participating							0.3891

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