



Mark Petterson/The Republican

Several hundred children and their parents participated in a Spooky Stroll Saturday afternoon at the New Strawn City Lake. Individuals in hazmat suits handed out candy at one of the stations. New Strawn Community Improvement Association sponsored the event.

Marshall

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Mother Nature and foes both foreign and domestic.

After trailing Bollier early, the incomplete and unofficial results showed Marshall with an advantage of more than 115,000 votes. He held an insurmountable 53% to 43% lead in what turned out to be the most expensive political campaign in Kansas history.

The late-night tally: Marshall, 619,153; Bollier, 502,606; and Libertarian candidate Jason Buckley, 57,532, or 5% of the 1.17 million votes counted statewide.

Bollier, a state senator from Mission Hills in Johnson County, entered a difficult race against Marshall in a red state carried with ease four years ago by Trump. The president won the state again in 2020.

National implications of Kansas' contest for U.S. Senate attracted an estimated \$40 million in dark money spending and pushed \$30 million into campaign coffers of Marshall and Bollier. However, Bollier shockingly generated four times the funding corralled by Marshall, who is from Great Bend.

Around 10 p.m., Bollier called Marshall to concede the race.

"Of course," Bollier said, "this wasn't the finale we hoped for. But at time of deep national cynicism, when faith in our democratic institutions hangs by a thread, I consider it a sacred, patriotic duty to accept tonight's outcome. I invite

my supporters to join me in acknowledging our new senator and to celebrate the freedom we had to make our case in this campaign."

She also said her finest moment wasn't defined by what was accomplished, but how it was done.

"There is no substitute for honesty and integrity, and these values fueled our race until the end. No matter how deceptive the avalanche of attacks became, we remained motivated by the solution — not the fight. This is what enables me to cross the finish line with no regrets, a sense of peace, and a well of pride."

Marshall never wavered from his support for Trump, and leaned into endorsements from Roberts, U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran and former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole. Bollier vowed during the campaign to be an independent senator who respected ideas from Republican and Democratic colleagues.

Gov. Laura Kelly also recognized Marshall's victory by pledging her administration's support in advocating for Kansas.

LaTurner

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single parent who's working a full-time job while taking online classes to make it through their college degree.

"It's alive here tonight, and I want you to know that I'm going to go to Washington, D.C., and make sure we keep it alive for future generations."

Kansas Republicans re-

turned three delegates to the U.S. House, including LaTurner.

Former Lt. Gov. Tracey Mann, a Republican from Salina, defeated Democrat Kali Barnett, a music teacher from Garden City, by a 70-30 margin in the sprawling 1st District that covers much of the western two-thirds of the state. Republican Rep. Ron Estes defeated Democrat Laura Lombard, a business development consultant, in the Wichita-area 4th District by a 65-35 margin.

The state's lone Democratic delegate, Sharice Davids, won her second term representing the Kansas City-area 3rd District by defeating Cerner executive Amanda Adkins. Davids won by a 54-44 margin.

Gov. Brownback appointed LaTurner to fill a seat in the Kansas Senate when LaTurner was just 24 years old, then later appointed him to the treasurer post. LaTurner won election for the office in 2018, and defeated embattled incumbent Rep. Steve Watkins in the Republican primary in August.



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