

# Candidates respond

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technology consulting services for a Fortune 500 company, been a project manager and-sales consultant in the construction industry, and now is superintendent at the Breton Elevator for Frontier Ag. He feels his biggest strength is his desire to be involved in the future of our children and community.

He sees the district's strengths as being the students, administration, faculty and staff as reflected in the scores and results of state tests. He sees the district as an academic leader and as progressive in the areas of technology, English as a Second Language, and other programs. Other strengths include good facilities that are well-maintained and a good location.

He sees money as a big challenge and hopes to see some of the cuts offset by grant money and fund raising. Another challenge he sees is recruitment of teachers and staff. He said he believes that district jobs should be filled by district residents whenever possible.

He said his vision for the future includes continuing to raise achievement with up-to-date facilities and technology. He feels the district should be a model of excellence ... so that it does not become a small district that has faded away and is sending our children to a "big" school.

"I want to be sure and thank my family for all of their support: My wife, Penny (Rogers), my two step-children, Cole and Jordan Christens, and our 3-year old son Landen," he said. "I am very open to talk with anyone about any issues that we will share as residents of the district.

"I would be glad to answer all questions ... and I also ask for any input that you may have on district issues. I do not have any reasons for running for the school board other than the future of our school and our children's futures."

**Brandi Wark, Rexford,** has been lived in the district most of her life, other than attending college and beginning her career before marrying Ryan Wark and returning to Rexford. She said some of her strengths include an associate's degree in applied science. She is a registered nurse. She was raised in here and has a student in school, so she feel she sees the challenges facing students and schools in rural areas.

Wark said she feels the district is luck enrollment continues to increase. It has strong and professional teachers and staff and a high level of parent and community involvement and support. As with most rural schools, she said, the biggest challenge we are facing is budget. Also, she said, it's difficult to offer a broad curriculum to meet state guidelines and

student needs.

Her vision for the next five to 10 years is that she would like to see Golden Plains continue to update curriculum and continue to improve the quality of education. She said she would like to see a strong hand on the budget.

"As a parent and a taxpayer," she said, "I think this is a great school. I am proud to send my children to school here. I also think it is great that we have so many candidates running.... It shows we have a lot of people in the community, like myself, who want to be involved and better district."

**Desiree Wark, Rexford,** said that she would like to see Golden Plains continue to strive for quality education. Each and every student is different and the district needs to continue to meet the students' goals individually, she said. She would like to be sure everything is done to give students the best education possible.

"I am a parent and I would like to do everything possible to continue to make this a wonderful place to learn and grow," she said.

## Public Notice

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### Annual Report of Smith Township

Thomas County, Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of Smith Township, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2008.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Name of Funds	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2008	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2008	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31, 2008
General	22,973	28,330	28,288	23,015	
Road Fund	315	0	0	315	
Employee Benefit	651	0	0	651	
General Fund	3,328	0	3,328	0	
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
Totals	27,267	28,330	31,616	23,981	0
Total Cash Balance for all Funds				23,981	
Total Cash Balance for Township				23,981	
Does the Total Cash Balance "for all Funds" equal to "for Township"?				No	

I certify that this financial report is a correct summary of all money received and expended as well as all unpaid bills for the township during the year ending December 31, 2008.

Date: 2-10-2009

*Mona J. Anderson*  
Township Treasurer

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## Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

CitiFinancial, Inc. Plaintiff,

vs.

Joseph F. Lobato, et al., Defendants.

Case No. 08CV46 Court No. Title to Real Estate Involved Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

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Thomas County Sheriff

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC AS ATTORNEYS FOR CitiFinancial, Inc. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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