

Candidate says experience top quality

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Wallace, Thomas and Sherman counties.

"I have tried more than 70 jury trials, argued appeals before the Kansas Court of Appeals and Kansas Supreme Court," he said.

As court trustee, Showalter handles more than 1,000 domestic law cases each year, ranging from paternity to child support and maintenance collection.

He said about one-third of the cases the district judge hears are criminal, and the other two-thirds involve domestic issues and civil law.

"I believe that experience related to the job should be a critical factor," he said. "The experience I have I believe will give me some insight. I have been at this for 25 years, which is more than twice what the other two candidates have combined."

"This is my home. I feel I have a good record and am proud of what

I have done."

Showalter agrees that judges are insulated to a degree, but that is so they are able to make decisions on the evidence presented — the facts and the law — and need to keep the other factors out of the pending decision.

"The Legislature should make the laws," he said. "I do not agree with judicial activist who are substituting their opinion for the law. There is a real concern that the judiciary need

to understand their role and that judges are not to be creating law, but to be interpreting it."

Showalter said he has heard from a lot of people as he has been out campaigning door-to-door.

"I appreciate all the kind words from the people I have seen over the past 60 days," he said. "I think going door-to-door is kind of a new process for campaigning for district judge, but think it is important to give the people a choice."

City asks people to cut water use

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works director, hopes to use the water from Well No. 3 to water Chambers Park. That will relieve some pressure on the city system.

"We have gone to watering the parks at night to help conserve water," he added.

Hill said another problem with watering restrictions is if you tell people they cannot water except early in the morning or late in the evening, it increases the usage when the system is trying to recover from the day.

"Having people go to an odd-even rotation can help even that out," he said.

Other things people can do to help is watch for water leaks, either in the city system or those dripping faucets and running toilets at home.

"You would be amazed at the amount of water that is lost on a daily basis," he said.

Hill said the city crew is trying to find out where they are losing thousands of gallons per day at the Armstrong Addition. He said the city attorney is drafting an agreement to allow the crew to go onto property in the addition to try to find the leak.

Hill said normally a leak that size should bubble up to the surface, but has not shown up so far.

"We have some old water lines," he said, "and that does not help. If people spot a water leak, please give the city office a call at 890-4500."

Hill said he would review the city ordinance on water restrictions and talk to the commissioners about it at their meeting at 5 p.m. on Monday.

Judge candidate hails from Sherman County

Scott Showalter, a Republican candidate for district judge, has lived in Sherman County for more than 35 years, and says he feels his background should be a major factor in the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Showalter, who moved to Goodland in 1973, is running for the District 2 position in the 15th Judicial District, which covers seven counties in northwest Kansas. The district judge must live in Sherman County or move to Sherman County after winning the election under state law.

For the past 14 years, Showalter said, he has been a child support enforcement attorney for the State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. In June, he was

recognized with a certificate of achievement by outgoing Director of Child Support Enforcement Jim Robertson for his excellent work in child support work in the western part of the state.

Randy Barker, chief of litigation for the state child support enforcement program, and Renee Schremmer, child support enforcement program administrator, came to Goodland in June to present the certificate.

Barker said the program has collected over \$157 million this year, and that Showalter has had an increase of at least 7 percent in each year he has worked for the office.

Barker said Showalter's collections have been high, 94 percent for paternity cases and 78 percent

for health insurance for children, compared to state averages of 90 percent and 60 percent.

Schremmer said Scott has been a good advocate for the people the program serves.

Showalter said he was raised in Brewster before moving to Goodland in 1973. He graduated from Goodland High School in 1978, from Fort Hays State University with honors in 1981, and from the Washburn University Law School in 1984.

He served as Sherman County attorney from 1988 to 1997, and has been the trustee for the 15th Judicial District since 1996 dealing with child support enforcement cases.

He married Lichelle Goodheart in 1982. His son Jason is a Sherman County sheriff's deputy and his daughter Shannon is a senior at Fort Hays State. Showalter is a member of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

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