

Six candidates vie for school board seats Tuesday

By Kathryn Burke
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Whittled down from eight to six in the primary election earlier this month, the remaining candidates for the Goodland School Board are all trying for one of the three seats up for grabs.

LeAnn Friedrichs, a deputy court clerk, said she's running on a platform of "responsible spending and academic excellence for grades K through 12."

She said she has worked at the high school as a secretary and bookkeeper and as an aide in special education. Friedrichs said she knows some of the issues facing teachers through her husband Dennis, a technology and physics teacher at the high school.

Friedrichs was born in Pratt and graduated from a school about 17 miles south of there in Coats. She attended three years at Emporia State University, majoring in business. She moved to Goodland in 1969 and has worked at several places, settling in a job as a trial court clerk for Sherman County the last 2 1/2 years.

The Friedrichses have five children, three from her previous marriage, Rob Bergin, a custom farmer and combiner in Limon, Colo.; Eric Bergin, manager of a tire store in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and Sandra Trachsel, who works with Trachsel A&B Accounting in Goodland. Her two step-children are Katy Friedrichs, a registered nurse at the University of Colorado Hospital in



Sederstrom



House



Short



Dr. Smith



Showalter



Friedrichs

Denver, and Carl Friedrichs, an army lieutenant stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. They have four grandchildren, Forrest, 15; Dillon, 12; and Kolt, 8, children of Sandy and Cleve Trachsel, and Bailey, 2, son of Carl and Carly Friedrichs.

"I would love to see every student, educator and parent excited about education," Friedrichs said.

Andrew House, a native of Goodland and a farmer, said he wants to get involved in things.

"I'm running for community involvement," he said.

House said you should vote for him because he doesn't have any conflicts of interest in the board and he has a reason to be there.

"I have kids in the school system," he said, "and a vested interest."

House and his wife Gennifer, also a Goodland native, have two children, Elizabeth, 8, and Drew, 7, both in Goodland schools. He went through the schools here, graduating from high school here in 1984.

After school, House went to Kansas State University, where he earned a degree in geography in

1991. He came back to town and has farmed ever since.

House has done some homework, sitting in on school board meetings to better understand how the board works.

Amy (House) Sederstrom is a housewife, farmer and part-time officer manager at Truck and Tractor Repair.

Sederstrom said she is running to ensure a brighter future for her children, Blaine, 5, and Nichole, 7.

"It's so vital to get a good start," she said. "Kids need a good start. If they get those basics down, it seems like everything comes easier."

She was born and raised in Goodland and lives with her husband Greg just south of town. Sederstrom is a distant cousin of one of her opponents, Andrew House.

After high school here, she went to the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, where she earned a degree in business administration and finance. When she moved back, she worked at a bank and then was a substitute teacher for three years.

"I've been in this district," she said. "I substitute taught in every

building in this district. You see a lot. That's good training to me."

Sederstrom has been through Leadership Sherman County, a course which teaches people how to be more involved in the community. She is an active member in the Sherman County Farm Bureau and a member of the site council for West Elementary.

Current board member **Dick Short**, president of Short and Son truck lines and Century Feeders, is the only candidate seeking re-election.

Short has been on the board since 1982. He was a math and business teacher in the high school from 1969 to 1973. All three of his children, Amy Hofer of Garden City, Angie and her husband Ben Labertow of Natoma, and Andy of Sublette, are teachers, and his wife, Sarah, teaches family and consumer science at the high school.

"I've been there a long time," he said. "I hope (the public) has trusted that I've tried to do the right thing for the kids and for Goodland. The right thing is not always the popular thing."

He thinks the board is at a point

where they need some experience, he said, and he hopes to be the one to stay on.

Short was born in Goodland, graduating from high school here in 1964. He went to Kansas Wesleyan College in Salina, where he earned a degree in business administration.

Short now runs Short and Son, a cattle and machine hauling line started in 1934 by his grandfather, C.E. Short. He went into partnership in the business with his father Gene in 1972.

The Shorts have two grandchildren, John, son of Amy and Mike, and Jase, the son of Angie and Ben.

Goodland native and sheriff's deputy **Jason Showalter** said he is looking to get involved with the community again through work on the school board.

"I want to give back to the community that has given to me for so many years," he said.

Showalter, 22, said he has been involved in the district as a student, graduating just four years ago in 2001. He worked for the schools for six years doing summer building maintenance.

In high school, he played basketball and ran track. Showalter also worked as a disc jockey at the radio station.

He was born in Topeka to Shelly and Scott Showalter. He father is a lawyer who works with court services here and is a private attorney. He moved to Goodland shortly after Jason was born.

After high school, Showalter at-

tended Kansas State University for two years, and he has transferred to Fort Hays State University, where he continues to pursue a degree in criminal justice.

He started working for the sheriff's department in 2002 as a detention officer and dispatcher.

Dr. Gary Smith, veterinarian at Prairieland Animal Clinic, says he is interested in education.

"I'm running just to make sure that we have the best education, sports and extra curricular activities available," he said.

Smith said he has experience with schools through his father, Larry, who sat on a school board in Holly, Colo., for over 20 years and was board president for several years. His brother Glenn is superintendent in Burlington.

Smith was born and raised in Holly. He went to Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely for two years before attending Colorado State University to earn a doctorate in veterinarian medicine in 1993. He came straight to Goodland, where he started to work with Dr. Richard Whitmore, taking over his practice in 1999.

He and his wife Debbie have four children in school here, Tanner, a freshman in high school; Keegan, an eighth grader; Taylen, who is in third grade; and Kelbey, a first grader.

Smith is involved in the Kansas Kids Wrestling club, which Keegan, Taylen and Kelbey compete in.

Kanorado candidates' goals to keep city alive

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The biggest issue at this point, she said, is to get the city cleaned up and get some businesses in to attract people. There are a lot of empty homes that could be filled, she said; it's a nice, quiet town, usually.

Fahey said she understands that drawing people to Kanorado is an uphill battle with so few places to work. People have to drive back and forth to work, she said, and gas prices are high.

She said some ideas have been batted around. Some have been talking about a business that can be done on the Internet, Fahey said; also, a man bought property and was talking about bringing in a small motor repair shop. She hopes that works out because it is hard to get someone to service lawn mowers.

Fahey said she and Susan Adams, the city clerk, have talked about starting a thrift store or a second-hand store. Adams owns a building, Fahey said.

She said King's Cafe has been nice, drawing people from Goodland over to have dinner on Friday and Saturday nights. She's hoping to build on that growth.

In the future, she said, she would like to see a grant for low-income housing and a grant for a community building that anyone could use. She said she has helped with improving the town's park, which used to be a weed patch. Now, she said, the buffalo grass is coming back, and it has been watered and mowed, and trees have been planted.

She plans to plant two trees a year until there is plenty of shade. Kids will have a place to play, she said. Fahey said she is also trying to get a community garden planted. The city has some property that can be used, she said, and people could grow vegetables for whoever can use them.

Children could also have a

farmer's market to raise money to expand the garden next year. People can take extra stuff from their gardens to the community garden, she said; there are people who would benefit from it.

Fahey said the water grant had been talked about for 10 years, but no one had really followed through on trying to get it.

She said she filled out paperwork and talked on the phone for hours and worked at getting Darin Neufeld, an engineer with Evans, Bierly, Hutchinson and Associates in Goodland, excited about the project again. And she did a Low-Moderate-Income Survey that helped to get the Community Development Block Grant.

It took four years to make it happen, Fahey said, but Kanorado now has about \$1 million in grants and loans to replace the water lines.

Fahey is an emergency medical technician for Northwest Kansas Emergency Medical Services. She works in Goodland and is on call to drive the Kanorado ambulance. Her husband Mitch drives a semi truck for Sem Crude, a company based in Texas, in this area. Their adopted son Noah is 4.

Fahey said her family moved to Kanorado in 1971, when she was in high school. She moved away, but has been back 13 years.

Hernandez has been on the council about six months, filling an unexpired term. He said he is still learning and would like to get to know more and help as much as he can.

The roads need work, Hernandez said; they are in pretty bad shape, especially since it rained.

He also said it's important to unite the people in the small town and get them to work with each other and get along. People need to help each other, he said, but the way it is now, everybody wants to do their own deals and people communicate.

He said some people speak Span-

ish and don't know English well enough to communicate. It's important to get Spanish-speaking people together, he said, and get them involved.

"I try to get them to come to me," Hernandez said, "and I can help them."

He said the park needs to be fixed up more, because there are a lot of kids in town. They need a place to play, he said, so they won't be running in the street. It's a small town, and there's not much to do.

Hernandez has lived in Kanorado since 1985, having moved from Alice, Texas. He and his wife Dalia have three grown children and a 13-year-old daughter. He works on water wells for Schaal Drilling in Burlington.

Pettibone said the main issues are drainage of the roads, water and sewer, projects that are being worked on. The first things is to complete those, he said. The drain-

age hasn't been touched in 30 years, Pettibone said, and now work is being done on opening the culverts. It's causing some frustration, he said, but it has to be done; some day it will rain, and the town will need the culverts.

Growth is something the whole area is working on, he said, and is a challenge; the price of gas makes commuting tough.

Pettibone is a land surveyor, operating North Wind Surveys. He and his wife Sally have two daughters, Cody, a senior at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and Britany, who works at Unruh Family Chiropractic, takes classes over the Internet and attends Heritage College in Denver. She's in the massage therapy program and goes to classes in Denver every Saturday.

Pettibone was born and raised in Kanorado and left from 1978-85. He started the survey business the following year.

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR MARCH 30- APRIL 5

Wednesday - Friday - No school; Spring break

Monday - Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center seminar, "We The People" for grades freshmen through seniors.

Tuesday - Junior high Math meet at Tribune 2:30 p.m.; Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center seminar, "Anthology Deadline" for all the grades.

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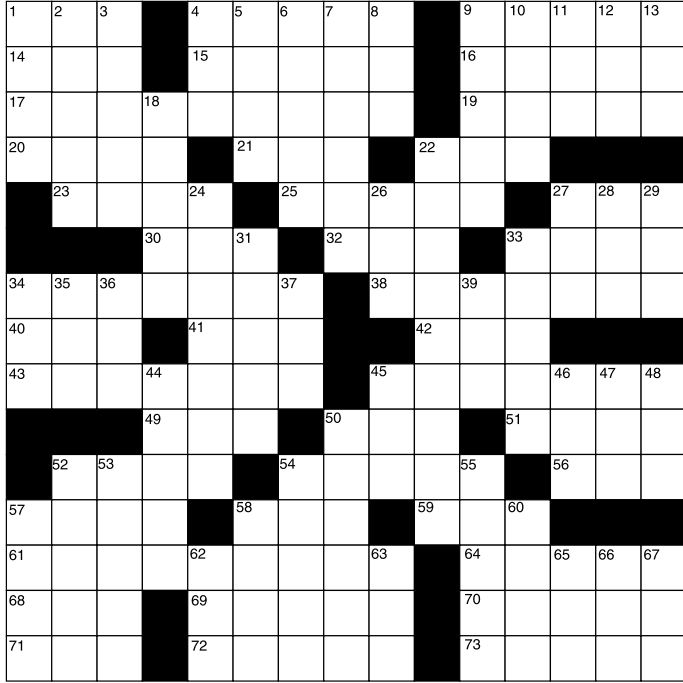


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4. Stubble
9. Arise
14. Gershwin
15. Made public
16. Adder
17. Person skilled in anecdotes
19. Greek "Z"
20. Village People hit
21. Blue
22. With it
23. Talk back
25. Slaw, for one
27. Punching tool
30. ___ Jima
32. Ad ___
33. Strip
34. Type of dirt
38. Policy for establishing and developing a national homeland for Jews in Palestine
40. Your consciousness of your own identity
41. Bravo!
42. Digit
43. Cracked
45. "Survivor" location
49. Hot color
50. Tell a relatively small lie
51. Czar
52. In bed
54. Deceitfulness
56. Licensed practical nurse
57. Bowed stringed instrument
58. Buddhism
59. "Three Faces of ___," movie
61. Cream
64. Volcano
68. Drive
69. On the water
70. A white salt
71. Deviating from the familiar
72. Exert one's authority
73. Very small

CLUES DOWN

1. Aired
2. Jams
3. Genus of tropical plants
4. Container
5. Stumbles upon
6. Regions
7. 8th century system
8. Roosevelt
9. Keep from happening
10. Doormat
11. Primate
12. Small cask or barrel
13. Division of geological time
18. Green region of desert
22. Fit for habitation
24. Pounced
26. ___ Taylor, megastar
27. Caliph
28. No longer is
29. Memory, abbr.
31. Anointed
33. Nose
34. Time unit
35. Exclamation: Yuck!
36. Snake
37. Conducted
39. Possess
44. Shampoo brand
45. 7
46. Sign language
47. Cutting tool
48. Vessel
50. Stack
52. Intended
53. In a way, condemned
54. Long-necked birds
55. Happening
57. Reject
58. Tubular pasta in short pieces
60. Lake ___, one of the Great
62. A general truth
63. Small amount
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66. Female swan
67. Test the quality of something CW053510



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Bunny big hit with kids

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had a sectioned-off area to search to make the hunt as fair as possible.

Although the age cutoff was 10, some older brothers and sisters were on hand to cheer on the younger kids and help carry away the loot.

Everyone had a chance to meet a floppy-eared friend, the Easter Bunny. The bunny offered a basket full of whistles, games and eggs to late comers. Parents and kids surrounded the bunny for the treats and posed for pictures.

The egg hunt had been without a sponsor this year as the regular organizers, members of the Goodland Lions Club, decided to take a year off. Volunteers from Wal-Mart, S&T and KLOE, KKCI and KWGB radio stepped in to sponsor the event. Employees from each were on hand Saturday to help out.

After the hunt was over, some

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