

Six vying for three seats on City Commission

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Five men and one woman are vying for the three seats open on the City Commission in Tuesday's election.

Voters will vote for three, with the top two candidates winning four-year terms and the third-place finisher two years.

Citizens can vote in advance at the Sherman County Clerk's office until noon Monday.

On Tuesday, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

The election ballot includes candidates for the Goodland School Board and for Kanorado mayor and council.

Sherman County residents of the Brewster School District will vote at the Brewster City Hall.

There is a statewide constitutional amendment defining marriage on the ballot which was referred by the legislature.

The candidates for the city commission are:

- Annette Fairbanks, owner of Teeters Abstract and Title Co.
- Josh Dechant, an ag loan officer at Bankwest.
- Gary Farris, owner of Farris Manufacturing.
- John Garcia, an incumbent commissioner who owns Garcia's Home Furnishing and Appliance.



Wood



Farris



Garcia



Fairbanks



Dechant



Golden

missioner who owns Garcia's Home Furnishing and Appliance.

• Brent Wood, a financial advisor for AIG.

• John Golden, a former commissioner and owner of Golden Wheat Ranch.

Each candidate was asked why they should be the one people choose:

Brent Wood — "I feel like I can bring a lot of ideas about economic growth. I can help change the attitude of the city departments to work with the people.

"I feel I can better inform the public about what the city is doing to let people know what is happening and that their money is being spent wisely. I believe we can improve the quality of life and attractiveness by cleaning up the city."

Wood was born in Fort Scott and graduated from high school in

Russell in 1981. He came to Goodland in 1997 to get closer to his family.

Wood joined Sun America Securities since 1992. Today the firm is part of the AIG advisor group, which bought the company in 1998.

Wood and his wife Jennifer have five children, Kathy, 14, Matthew, 6, Lucas, 5, Andrew, 3, and David, 2.

Gary Farris — "I have pretty good common sense, and I would be responsible with the taxpayers dollars. I guess I'm saying I'm frugal when it comes to spending money. I want to see our town stay alive."

Farris was born in Goodland in 1949 and raised at Edson, where he graduated from high school in 1968.

He is married to Nancy, a counselor at the Goodland High School. They have a daughter at home,

Laramie, 8, and his son Dan graduated from high school in 2003. A daughter from a previous marriage, Heidi, lives in Tulsa.

Farris' family has been here for many years and his mother, Florence, was the postmaster at Edson for 41 years.

John Garcia — "I bring a vast knowledge and experience from the business perspective that can be beneficial to the city government in a positive manner to help restore the things we have lost over the last 10 years. I have knowledge of how things work with two years' experience, and want to do the best for the people I represent and to draw more people and businesses to the community."

Born in Edinburg, Texas, in 1951, he graduated from Ulysses high school in 1969. He came to

Goodland in 1974, and opened Garcia's Home Furnishing and Appliance in 1993.

His wife Nora is an aide for the Goodland School District and works at the store.

They have two grown daughters, both living in Kansas City, Kansas, Bernice Moore and Ivel Boyle.

Annette Fairbanks — "I've lived in this community for over 25 years. We have raised our children here, own a home and a business. We love the community and I feel it is a great opportunity if I am elected to step up and be a leader."

She was born and raised in Kansas City but has lived in Goodland since 1978.

Fairbanks said she met her husband Jerry at Kansas State University and they raised three children, David, Christi and Stephanie, in Goodland. Her husband is senior trust officer and general counsel for First National Bank.

Josh Dechant — "I am young and think I have some fresh ideas to help the community. There are some positive things happening, and I think we can run with those and make the city a good stopping point."

Dechant was born in Hays, but grew up in Thornton, Colo. He graduated from Colorado State

University in 1999 and moved to Goodland that summer. He married Koren in April of 2000. She is now a mom and the 4-H horse project leader. The couple has two children, Hannah 2 1/2 years, and Caleb 10 months.

John Golden — "Because I've always had an interest in the community and I would like to see the quality of life improve," he said, "and I believe that can be done by having an effective city manager form of government."

Golden was born in Goodland in 1932 and graduated from high school in 1950. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1954 and then served in the Army in Germany from 1955 to 1957.

He served three terms in the state House of Representatives in the early 60s, and was a Sherman County commissioner from 1977-1984. He served three terms as a city commissioner in the 1990s.

His wife Marcia has been active in the Carnegie Arts Center and Sunflowers U.S.A. Inc., which promoted the giant Van Gogh painting. They have three grown children, Margaret Bowker, who lives in Shawnee; Gennifer House of Goodland; and Richard Golden, Olathe.

Body found northwest of town

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or two. He said some of the forensic examination will be done in Manhattan and some will be done at the KBI lab in Topeka.

Butts said the remains were at the top of a hill in a wheat stubble field west of Century Feeders, and did not appear to have been buried.

"I think it was northwest of where we searched over a year ago," Butts said. "I think we got within a half mile of the body.

"I feel like it is McClelland, but can't say that for certain until I receive the positive identification from Finnegan."

Butts said he had called McClelland's mother, Jan McClelland, and told her the remains had been found, but that he did not have positive identification.

"I told her we felt it might be Jimmy," Butts said, "and she told

me that in her heart she feels it is him. I am sorry it turned out this way, but I hope this will give the family some closure."

Butts said pieces of clothing found with the remains matched the description of what McClelland was wearing the night he went missing.

Sherman County sheriff's deputies got a call about 5:30 p.m. Nov. 24, 2003, on an argument at the home of Mark Peden, 6940 County Road 19, about 3 1/2 miles north of Goodland. On the phone, Marci Peden told dispatchers her husband was in an argument with a man holding a knife. She said her husband had a shotgun.

McClelland, 5920 County Road 14, allegedly the man with a knife in the argument, reportedly ran from the scene. He had been missing since.

Many rumors circulated after McClelland's disappearance. Some

had him found dead in the creek bed near Kanorado. Others said McClelland, a railroad track worker, had checked into a treatment center, hitched a ride to Denver or caught a train headed west.

Deputies searched around Peden's house that night until about 3 a.m., and they went back out again the next day with dogs and a plane.

The site where the bones were found is about three miles west southwest of Peden's, in the general direction of the tracks.

A couple of weeks later, 17 volunteers and eight deputies walked, rode and flew a seven-mile section of Beaver Creek southwest of Peden's shop, hoping to find clues to the disappearance.

The area searched was to the east and south of where the remains were found Wednesday, and searchers walked a portion of the same field below the hill.

City clean-up starts Saturday

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Each of the teams will be assigned a truck and they will follow to help pick up the junk, he said.

"You can get a lot done with volunteers," Clouse said.

This weekend, he said, they are picking up construction debris, including concrete, wood, sheet rock and other similar items.

The clean-up group is planning two more Saturday campaigns, one on April 16 for tree limbs and metal trash, and one on April 23 to clean up the highway entrances to town.

Clouse said he hasn't been bombarded with calls about the project, but he has seen some evidence of community support.

"I really don't know what to anticipate," he said. "I think it's got people kind of in the mind set of cleaning up."

He hopes a spring clean up can become an annual event.

"It's an effort to build pride in the community,"

he said.

Although some have worried that cleaning things up will increase their property taxes, County Assessor Terry Ballard assured county commissioners taxes won't be affected.

He told commissioners that it would take more than a coat of paint or new roof to cause someone's property taxes to increase.

"We consider things like painting and new roof are maintenance items," Ballard said. "We do not consider fencing, landscaping, sidewalks or a driveway in determining the value of the property.

"If the person adds a storage shed or patio, that is different, and would probably increase the value and the property taxes."

Businesses, organizations and families can join in by forming teams of five to six persons. Clouse said people can call him at 899-3641, Arlo Hansen at 890-6692 or Christie Rasure at 890-7149. About six teams will be needed on each date, he said, and participants should be 12 and older.



Clouse

Money stolen from area hospitals

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would have taken them back to I-70.

WaKeeney police have a suspect, Police Chief Terry Eberle said, but are not able to prove anything yet.

Eberle said he wasn't sure whether just one person committed the burglaries or whether there were more. Since it happened over the weekend while offices were closed, it is hard to determine when each hospital was broken into. The burglary was dis-

covered Monday morning, he said.

Eberle said he thinks the thief or thieves went west, but it's hard to be sure without a more definite timeline of when they burglaries happened.

In Colorado, Burlington police said there was no evidence of robbery at the Burlington hospital or any west of there, but the thieves may have done some work farther east. The Hays hospital had a similar break in, Eberle said, in January.

High School Principal Harvey

Swager told the school board Monday that someone had entered the school over the spring break, stealing money from the office but doing no damage.

Goodland Police Chief Ray Smee said they don't have any good leads yet, but believe burglaries at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall last week and at hospitals in the area are related.

"We're leaning that way," Smee said. "We're just trying to develop some leads."



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The couple moved to Goodland because of its ideal location between Denver and Russell.

They felt that Goodland was a nice community to raise their 2 "soon to be 3 children."

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FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION

For the Freda Nelson Estate

MONDAY, APRIL 4

STARTING TIME 10:00 a.m. MDT.

Location: From the intersection of the I-70 & Hwy 24 interchange at Kanorado Kansas, 3 miles north on road 3 to road 67, then 1 mile east to sale site. Signs will be posted.

This is an absolute auction of equipment for the Nelson Estate. We might run 2 auction rings part of the day so please plan accordingly. This sale consists of a large inventory of equipment from over 100 years of the Nelson family living on the home place. Lunch served by Renner Lunch Wagon.

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JD 4640, 18.4 x 38 duals, 3pt, 3hyds, Quad, 9935 hrs, looks & runs great; IH 1586, 18.4 x 38 singles, 3pt, 6822 hrs W/1000 hrs on major; 1986 Ford TW 35, 18.4 x 42 duals, 3pt, all weights, 7351 hrs; 1979 Case 1570, 18.4 x 38 duals, 3pt, powershift 6664 hrs; Case 2390, 18.4 x 38 duals, 3pt, powershift, 8127 hrs W/500 hrs on major; JD 4630, 18.4 x 38 duals, powershift, 3pt, 4216hrs; IH 826, 18.4 x 34 singles, 2 pt. W/GB 800 loader, 8956 hrs; 1944 Farmall H runs ; MF 750 combine, Perkins diesel, 24' header & 13' header W/PU attachment, only 1200 hrs; New Idea model 701 2 row corn picker; Hesston 6650 swather, 16' head, crimper, 2854 hrs; MF model 655 draper swather, 18' head; 1979 Chevy C-30 1 ton dually, 454, auto, flatbed; 1969 Chevy C-50 tandem, 350, 4 & 2 trans, 18' box W/twin cyl hoist, 9:00 rubber, 32,100 miles; 1970 Chevy C-50, single axle, 350, 4&2, 16' box & hoist, 35,100 miles; 1985 GMC PU, 305, auto; 1972 Chevy Caprice, 4dr, auto, big block 402, only 74,100 miles; MF 44 - 4 row 36' corn head; JD 13' head W/PU attachment; 14' grain box on GN 3 axle trailer W/ elect pump for hoist

EQUIPMENT

Caldwell 650bu grain cart W/hyd fold auger & gate; Krause 2426 - 26' tandem disc; Krause 4907A - 25' tandem disc; Krause 2815 - 20' Chisel; JD 610 field conditioner W/harrows, new sweeps; 2-Brillion 12' roller packers; Brillion 12' single roller packer; Orthman 8 row inner-row ripper; JD 400 - 30' rotary hoe; Nobel 40' 3 row spring tooth W/harrows; IH model 510 - 13' X 10' disc drill, pull type; 4-8' IH 150 - 12' hoe drills; MF 880 - 8 bottom land plow; 8 row ditcher; 8 row IH 185 planter W/markers; 11 Shank NH3 bar; Case 4 bottom land plow; 20' tool bar W/lift assist wheel; IH 8 section pull rotary hoe; 4 sections

Nobel tine harrows; Dempster 14' hoe drills; 4 section JD drag harrow; 10' 3pt disc; 6 Section JD drag springtooth; 20+ tool bars of all sizes; IH 3 section rod weeder; JD 2 section rod weeder; 2-12' 1-15' oneways; Several 3pt chisels

CATTLE & HAY EQUIPMENT

2-Gehl model BU610 hay wagons; Gehl model TR 600 silage cutter W/2 row corn head & windrow pickup attachment; Farmhand - Feed Hand on trailer; JD - 112 Chuck Wagon; JD 410 grain wagon W/Wisconsin motor; Haybuster 256 round bale feeder; JD Feed wagon on trailer; Inland auto bale stacker; Peerless roller mill on trailer; MF model 15 grinder; Oliver spreader on trailer; Small shop built grain cart; Hog feeders

SHOP & MISC ITEMS

Restored 1966 JD 112 garden tractor W/front blade, roto tiller, new paint, like new; 1000 gal propane tank on trailer; 500 gal propane tank on trailer; 1000 & 500 gal water tanks on trailers; Several fuel tanks on trailers; 5 mobile home axles; 2 - PU box trailers; 50' mobile home frame; 15 + 2 & 4 wheel trailers; Fertilizer spreader cart; Hay Hand loader; JD Hay buck; Small 3pt sprayer; Versatile sprayer W/500 gal tank, 60' spray boom; Irrigation motors, 2-534, 6cyl Chevy, GMC V-8, GMC V-6 needs work; Tail water pump W/Chevy 292 engine; 2 Beet diggers; Hesston 6 row beet topper; Versatile 8' x 50' auger, needs work; Trailer load of good used tires; Twin cyl. Box hoist; Shop equipment include a trailer full of wrenches, welders, drill press, air compressor.

We will have several trailer loads of misc. shanks, clamps, iron, belts, the usual items collected over the years.

ANTIQUES

IH 1 ton truck model 6 speed SPEC, Chassis # X33004T; Horse drawn planters, cultivators, discs, plows; Ant. disc drills; Listers & cultivators; Dump Rake

TERMS: Cash or check day of sale with proper ID. All items must be removed within 60 days. For more information contact Homestead Realty, 1023 Main, Goodland, KS.

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