

# Commissioner candidate forum 7 p.m. tonight

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campaigning," Enfield said. "I am learning that it is not always a lot of fun. I have had several campaign signs ripped up and taken."

Enfield said he graduated from Goodland High School in 1976, and went over to Burlington, where he trained as a mechanic at McArthur Implement. He was offered a job with Bellamy Farms, and about 1979 he had an opportunity to rent a farm of his own north of Ruleton.

Enfield continues to farm there, some irrigated land and some dry-land, growing wheat, corn, sunflowers, milo and millet.

Asked why he is running, Enfield said, "Mainly because I feel we need to make some major changes in the county and spend more money in the county.

"This might not make a lot of people happy, but I feel we need to spend more time on the roads and not on the equipment."

Enfield is a past exalted ruler of the Goodland Elks, and now is a trustee of the lodge. He said he served on the county Farm Bureau board for 12 years and was on the United Methodist Church board for a few years.

The father of two daughters, Lori, 27, and Lana, 24, is divorced, but said his ex-wife, Linda, is a good friend and has been campaigning for him.

Lori went to the Air Force for a few years, and is now in her third year teaching at a university in China.

Lana works for Team Expansion, a mission program out of Louisville, Ky.

"I like motorcycles," Enfield said. "I enjoy hunting, mainly pheasants. I enjoyed fishing until the lakes dried up."

Enfield said he will be at the candidate forum tonight, adding that he thinks it will be interesting to see what questions people ask. — Tom Betz

## Chuck Thomas

The county needs to keep the same leadership, says Chuck Thomas, an Edson area farmer who serves as District 1 county commissioner.

The county is heading in the right direction, he said, and has good department heads. It has been a pleasure working with them, he said, and they always come up with a lot of good ideas.

"I'd like to see the county keep

going in the same direction as the last four years," Thomas said. "We have gotten a lot done."

The county has added a system for baling trash at the transfer station to save space at the landfill, taken over responsibility for all trash pickup using a private contractor, and is working on road improvements. The county should keep the same leadership, Thomas said.

The county's biggest problems, Thomas said, include the drought the past seven years and the escalating costs, especially for oil and energy. The county has a declining population, he said, so it needs to keep the infrastructure up and taxes down. There have been good efforts in economic development, he said, and that needs to continue to give people a reason to move here and young people a reason to stay.

The Goodland Energy Center is a step in the right direction, Thomas said, but the city and county need to keep working together for economic development. The road improvement project is an example, he said, and that cooperation needs to continue into the future.

"When we finish the road improvement," Thomas said, "we

need to set up a maintenance system."

Thomas farms southeast of Edson, growing irrigated corn, alfalfa and soybeans. His wife Janet is a business owner, and they have three children, Adam, 28; Tristan, 24; and Tiffany, 18.

The family moved here 10 years ago from Wisconsin, where Thomas also farmed. — Sharon Corcoran

## Darin Neufeld

Darin Neufeld, part owner of the engineering firm Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, came to Sherman County in 1998 when the company began handling project for the City of Goodland and opened an office at Renner Field.

Neufeld graduated from Eastern Heights High School in Agra in 1988, and went to Kansas State University, where he earned an architectural engineering degree in 1993.

While going to school in Manhattan he met Jona, then a student at Emporia State University. She finished her teaching degree in 1993, and the couple married a few weeks after their graduations.

Neufeld received a commission in the Air Force, and the first duty

station was at Cheyenne, Wyo., as a civil engineer. His second duty station was at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, La.

When asked why he is running, Neufeld said, "Over the past couple of years it seems like a lot of people have stepped up to do positive things for the county. Goodland Energy Center and the sales tax are examples.

"This is my way of trying to help. I believe the commission needs a positive, proactive approach as to how they deal with the departments in the county."

Neufeld said he thinks the county may need an administrator some day, but the commission has to find the right person. He said it is hard under the current system to hire a person to be in charge of elected officials.

"I think there will be some changes in the elective process in the future," Neufeld said.

His wife taught in the schools in Cheyenne, and today teaches at North Elementary. She returned Friday from Seattle, where she had surgery to donate a kidney to Darin's college roommate. He said the couple has been close friends with since they met at K-State. The

roommate lives in Seattle, but grew up in Burlington, Colo.

"She doesn't want any attention," Neufeld said. "She doesn't feel like it was anything heroic. She and he both came through the surgery and are doing fine.

"He has been on dialysis, and when she decided to donate a kidney, she said if it was to happen it was the right thing to do. I am glad it turned out well for my wife and my friend."

In the years Neufeld has been in Sherman County, he has been active in the Goodland Rotary Club. He is a past president; a member of the Goodland Ambassadors, was in the third Leadership Sherman County class in 2000, and is a member of Sunflowers USA, which worked to erect the giant replica of a Van Gogh painting; a member of the board of trustees at Goodland Regional Medical Center; a member of the board of the First United Methodist Church; and a youth team coach for baseball, soccer, flag football and basketball.

The Neufelds have three children, Tyler, 9, Austin, 6, and Megan, 3. — Tom Betz

# County extends lease of mailing machine to save on supplies

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which he didn't think was necessary; to get new equipment, which he did not think was necessary; or resign the lease to save money.

Retzlaff said there were two options for the lease.

One was a straight five-year lease with a buyout at then end.

The second was a step-up lease that would be similar to what the county has been paying of \$368, but

would increase after the three years. He said the step-up lease would cover the supplies, similar to the lease the county signed three years ago.

"We will be back in three years to look at alternatives," Retzlaff said. "It is possible you could go up to 10 years without needing an upgrade to this machine, but then that could change quickly.

"I have no recommendation on the lease options. We have been

doing both straight and step-up depending on what the client wants. It is up to you, and what you feel comfortable with."

The commissioners asked Deputy Clerk Mary Ann Sneath about the machine, and if there were any problems.

Sneath said there were no major problems, and when there is a problem, the service people from Kearney come out and fix it.

She asked Retzlaff about upgrad-

ing the software to get a printout of monthly activity to separate the use by departments.

Retzlaff said it would take a new machine, and it costs \$30 a month for an online service to provide the information.

"With the step-up lease, it would be cheaper for the first three years," Rasure said, "but after 36 months we would be paying for other services, like ink."

"What is the lifetime of that ma-

chine?" Commissioner Mitch Tiede said.

"We don't know," Retzlaff said. "The model has been out for about four years, but don't have any problems with them. I expect another 10 years. They don't make them anymore."

"It would be an antique and we wouldn't get anything out of it,"

Tiede said. "What do you think Kevin? You are better on these than I am."

Rasure made a motion to go with the step-up lease at a cost of \$368 per month plus free supplies and rate protection. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Chuck Thomas joining Tiede in favor.

# matters of record

## Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**June 28** — 10:59 a.m., 716 E. Fifth, arrested Bradley Christopher Schibbelhut for disorderly conduct against Jack Alan Mayfield. Case referred to city attorney.

**June 29** — 7:38 a.m., 1301 Texas, arrested Dax Aron Webring for disorderly conduct and domestic battery of Stacie Lynn Webring. Case referred to city attorney.

4:15 p.m., 2510 Commerce, arrested Maria Garza for driving while suspended. Case referred to city attorney

**June 30** — 12:59 a.m., 316 E. Second, arrested Justin Tesmer for disorderly conduct and domestic battery against Dana Huthansel. Case referred to city attorney.

6:14 p.m., 124 E. First, arrested Delisa Allen for protective custody. Case referred to county attorney.

**July 1** — 7:50 a.m., East Fifth and Clark, Daniel Martinez reported criminal damage to property.

1:34 p.m., 507 Caldwell, Joseph Gilliland reported burglary and theft.

9:06 p.m., 2213 Enterprise, arrested Delores Cody for driving

under influence and transporting and open container. Case referred to city attorney.

**July 2** — 9:07 p.m., 810 Cherry, Cory Cummings reported a theft.

**July 3** — 8:42 p.m., 1499 W. 25th, (softball complex) report of criminal damage to city property, and Taylor Frazier reported deprivation of property.

**July 4** — 7:07 a.m., 118 E. 17th, Monica Ford reported criminal damage to property.

11:50 a.m., 110 Caldwell, Michelle Hartman reported criminal damage to property.

12:08 p.m., 208 W. Ninth, report of disorderly conduct and sexual batter of a juvenile. Case referred to county attorney.

4:11 p.m., 2160 Commerce, Teresa Hoppe reported theft of car.

**July 7** — 10:30 a.m., arrested Marshall Carson on two warrants as the Sherman County Bastille.

**July 8** — 8:32 a.m., 1308 Wyoming, Stacy Thornburg reported criminal damage to property.

11:29 a.m., 513 Walnut, Danny Archer reported criminal damage to property.

6:22 p.m., 722 W. 13th, John Harkins reported criminal damage to property.

7:12 p.m., 727 W. Ninth, report of child in need of care. Case referred to juvenile services.

**July 9** — 9:46 a.m., 210 Aspen, Lynn Ihrig reported criminal damage to property.

**July 10** — 8:50 p.m., 1102 Syracuse, Ronald Clark reported criminal damage to property.

12:07 p.m., 2160 Commerce, Wal-Mart reported a theft.

**July 11** — 12:00 p.m., 204 W. 11th, Randy Lee reported a theft

**July 13** — 9:14 a.m., 403 E. 17th, Kear's Party Mix reported a bur-

glary and theft.

**July 14** — 1:20 p.m., 300 Grand, arrested Kenny Barrera on a warrant. Case referred to Thomas County.

**July 15** — 2:30 p.m., 320 W. 11th, arrested Wendy Huthansel for criminal trespass, disorderly conduct against Travis Foster, and obstructing legal process. Case referred to city attorney.

8:21 a.m., 304 W. 11th, Maria Hernandez reported criminal damage to property.

## Sunflower Contest

### RULES

- Write down as many words (at least 3 letters) that you can think of using the word "Nutrient"
- Do not use proper names
- Bring your completed list to The Goodland Star-News office at 1205 Main or at our booth at the Fair by 12:00 p.m. by Monday, August 14th

*Winner will be announced in the Friday, August 18th edition*

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Auto delivery
11. Youngsters
15. Inciter
16. Orderly
17. Argon
18. Not bright
19. Island near Zanzibar
20. Bavarian Motor Works
22. Between south and southeast
23. Hindquarters
24. Bleats
26. Questions
29. Cash drawer
30. Duck valued for its down
32. Box, (abbr.)
34. Herbaceous plant
35. Volume measurement
36. Assistance
38. Bird genus
40. Doctor
41. Bert \_\_, Oz Lion
43. A Russian river
44. Lead
46. Fruit of the blackthorn
47. Tap affectionately
48. Magnesium
50. Swiss river
52. Patti Hearst's captors
53. Scads
55. Despot
57. Mussolini's daughter
60. Sensitive
61. Cradle of empirical science
63. Coal-black
65. Master of Sacred Theology
66. Point of convergence of light
67. Morsel
68. Lincoln's state
69. Visual representation (var)
70. Large tubular pasta
74. Has two wheels
75. Pratfall prop

### CLUES DOWN

1. Scurried sideways
2. Postal delivery by plane
3. Radon
4. Specific gravity
5. Type of railroad track
6. Congressmen (abbr.)
7. Seaport in Finland
8. Runs at low power
9. After B
10. Trauma center
11. Unable to move or resist motion
12. Autobiography
13. Intellectual sustenance
14. Clinched to hold papers together
19. Personal computer
21. Small bundle
25. \_\_ of approval (pl.)
27. 1000 calories (abbr.)
28. Bacterial throat inflammation
31. Mideast monetary units
33. Grandmothers
37. Wild dog of of central and SE Asia
39. Cloys with overabundance
42. Interpret written language
44. The largest ocean
45. Launcher
48. Gin with dry vermouth
49. Elf
51. Bitterness
54. \_\_ Angeles
56. Laughing
58. Genie
59. Sicilian volcano
62. Aluminum
64. 13 to 19
67. Bleat
70. A radio bandwidth
71. Louisiana
72. Syrian pound
73. Exclamation, "All Right!"

The crossword puzzle brought to you by:

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The public testing of the vote tabulation equipment to be used in the Primary Election will be held in the Commissioner's Room of the Sherman County Courthouse at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2006 in accordance with K.S.A. 25-4610.

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