

Incumbent holds onto Republican nomination

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With all votes counted Friday morning, incumbent Commissioner Chuck Thomas still won the Republican nomination by 14 votes.

Of 18 provisional ballots, eight were not counted, and of the 10 that were, only one came from Commissioner District 1. It went to Larry Enfield, giving him a total of 85 votes.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure, Thomas and Register of Deeds Carol Armstrong made up the canvass board. Commissioner Mitch Tiede called to say he couldn't make it.

A total of 371 votes were cast in the commissioner race, and Thomas won the primary contest with 133 votes or 36 percent. Darin Neufeld was a close second with 119 votes or 32 percent. Enfield's 85 votes were

23 percent and former City Commissioner Curtis Hurd had 34 votes or 9 percent.

"The vote speaks for itself," Neufeld said Thursday. "I congratulate Thomas on winning."

"I think it is important to point out that nearly two-thirds of those who did vote wanted a change in direction."

Asked if he would consider asking for a recount, Neufeld said with the accuracy of the new voting machines, it would not be worth the effort or the money.

Neufeld said he has been asked if he would consider a write-in campaign for the general election in November.

"I have been asked about a write-in campaign by several people," Neufeld said Friday. "I told them I wanted to take a few weeks to think about it. I am not saying yes, but I am not saying no."

The last write-in campaign for commissioner was in 2000, when Tiede defeated incumbent Commissioner Kenny Davis for the District 2 seat. Tiede got 583 votes or 61 percent to Davis's 365, or 39 percent.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said Friday anyone who has filled out a declaration of candidacy could be a write-in candidate without any further notification.

Rumpel said there is no state law requiring any to declare they are going to be a write-in candidate before the November election. However, she did say in the case of Tiede, when he declared in October 2000, she had him fill out the candidate forms for the state.

She said any write-in candidate would be required to file the same campaign spending reports as party-nominated candidates.

Rumpel asked Neufeld and Thomas Fri-

day morning if either one had gone over the \$500 minimum spending.

Thomas said he had, and had called the state Governmental Ethics Commission to get the reporting form.

Rumpel said the state law requires the report to be filed within three days of when the candidate exceeds the \$500 spending minimum. Neufeld said he did not spend that much. Thomas said he sent the form to the state office in Topeka. Rumpel said the spending form should have been filed with her office first, and that she has not received a copy of the form from the state.

In the canvass, there were Democratic write-in votes for Enfield (1), Thomas (2), Joe Stringer (1) and Anthony Martin Jr. (1). Rumpel said these could not be counted. On election day, she said, there were several voters who were upset because they could

not vote in the commissioner race since they did not live in the district or were not registered as Republicans.

Rasure said after the idea of at-large voting came up at the candidate forum, he called the Kansas Association of Counties to see if such a change could be submitted to the state Legislature next year.

Rumpel said that is not an option under the present state law.

Rasure said he would be willing to try to get the state association to endorse the plan, but wants to be sure the other two commissioners agreed.

Thomas said he did, and suggested they ask Tiede at the next meeting and take a vote to put their support in the minutes.

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. today in the commission room on the main floor of the courthouse, 813 Broadway.

Slice of Life raises \$103,000

The 17th annual Slice of Life celebrity golf tournament raised \$103,862 for the Goodland Regional Medical Center, the county hospital board heard Monday night, July 24.

Brenda McCants, who organizes the annual fund raiser for the Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation, said this was the most the tournament and auction have raised.

Dale Shields, director of human resources at the medical center, said the hospital plans to provide new medical services, buy equipment and sponsor scholarships with the money.

"We haven't got any thing specific in mind," he said, "but will work with the hospital administration about what they need help with

and what is the most important."

The total raised was about \$60,000 last year, Shields said.

"Part of the increase is from the additional corporate sponsors," he said, "plus we did well auctioning the celebrities off to play on the teams. The people of northwest Kansas were very generous."

McCants said the dates for next year's event have been set for June 22 to 24, adding that it is later in June to allow more Broncos and Chiefs players to come.

She said this year's program was the same time as Broncos Fan Appreciation Day in Denver, and it made it tough for more of the players to be here.

She said the total brought in was \$150,607 before expenses. She said the Slice of Life has brought in over

\$500,000 to be used to purchase equipment and recruit doctors for the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Former Kansas City Chiefs player Larry Marshall was this year's honorary chairman, and McCants said that Scott Mcphail of DreamWorks animation would be chairman for next year.

Shields said the honorary chairman helps with some of the planning and media promotion of the event. He said Mcphail has been coming for a few years, and has been interested in the program.

"We felt comfortable in asking him to be our chairman for next year," Shields said, "and think he may be able to help us with more contacts in California."

Horsemanship clinic set for Colby

Colby Community College will hold a Natural Horsemanship Clinic on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 18-19, at the college farm east of Colby on U.S. 24.

One of the world's best natural horsemen, Pat Parelli, will conduct a round-pen demonstration from 6:30-9:30 p.m. that Friday. The clinic is free for Colby Community College students and 4-H members. A \$25 fee will be charged for others.

Ten participants will get to ride in the clinic from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and students will get first chance. A \$100 fee will be charged for the Saturday session for non-students.

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up with their owner's lack of skills and understanding, instead, he had to find a way to help people become savvy with horses.

He soon discovered he had a natural talent in finding the right words to explain what he understood about horses. So he turned his attention even more to helping people instead of training.

He began to give "lessons" but had no idea that one day he would be able to help people on a much larger scale.

Parelli Natural Horsemanship has become almost a revolution in horsemanship, attracting attention from all corners of the industry, including the respected riding school, the Cadre Noir of Saumur in France. Parelli says his system is a completely "non-denominational" horsemanship program embracing both English and Western styles, from dressage to team penning, polo to cutting, jumping to racing, rodeos, shows, or for recreation.

Being a student of horses and horsemanship, Parelli developed his own style of teaching and expanding these principles. He also became interested in showing reined cow horses and was successful in reining and cutting events with both horses and mules.

One of the greatest frustrations he experienced in training horses, he said, was handing them back to their owners. He found if the rider didn't have enough savvy, the horses would regress. After much soul searching, he finally decided he couldn't go on training horses to put

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Congressman drops in at fair



U. S. Rep. Jerry Moran talked to Sherman County farmer Alan Townsend at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair on Friday afternoon. The congressman arrived at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and spent about an hour at the fair talking with people and looking around.

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matters of record

Goodland Police

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

July 28 — 12:06 p.m., 500 Cattletrail, arrested Billy Roger Lott for transporting open container. Case referred to city attorney.

July 29 — 11:07 p.m., 507 1/2 Caldwell, arrested Adam L. Ford on a warrant. Case referred to county attorney.

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Robert W. Helman and Geraldine R. Helman of Carl Junction, Mo., trustees of the Robert W. Helman Trust, quit claim mineral deed to

Philip A. Helman of Pleasanton, Calif., and Stephen W. Helman of Carl Junction, Mo., Sec. 13, T6S R40W.

Robert W. Helman and Geraldine R. Helman of Car. Junction, Mo., trustees of the Robert W. Helman Trust, quit claim mineral deed to Philip A. Helman of Pleasanton, Calif., and Stephen W. Helman of Carl Junction, Mo., N/2 Sec. 18, T6S R39W.

Livengood Brothers Partnership to Thomas G. Livengood, Sec. 13,

T9S R42W.

Marvin R. Matthews and Elsie R. Matthews, trustees of Marvin R. Matthews Revocable Trust to Judith Diane Morris E85' Lots 5 and 6 and the S20' of the E85' of Lot 4, Block 31 including the vacated North and South alley in Beahm's Addition to the City of Goodland.

Dallas Rice of Arapahoe County, Colo., to Virgil Baumfalk and Jackie Baumfalk Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 19, CK&N Addition to the City of Goodland.

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