

Three vie for District 1 county commissioner

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"I hope I would be fair and give each side to present their case. I would use common sense to make the best choices for the county and its citizens."

He said he thinks his experience in business and construction would help him to make good decisions. Sometimes people want everything to be perfect, he added, and that is not possible.

Pettijohn said his campaigning efforts have included visiting with people, putting out yard signs and advertising.

He faces a three-way race with incumbent Republican Commissioner Chuck Thomas and Darin Neufeld, an engineer who lost the Republican primary by ?? votes and is running as a write in.

"I have always been registered as an independent," Pettijohn said.

He said he grew up north of Kanorado and went to high school there from 1952-1956. He was drafted and served in the Army from 1959 to 1962 in France. He remained in the Army Reserves until

1968 achieving the rank of sergeant first class. After returning home, he said, he spent a year on the farm.

In 1962, he went to work for Rasure Lumber Co. and in 1976 he started his own home improvement business. Rasure was run by Paul Rasure, father of Richard Rasure, and Glenn Vignery, father of Ron Vignery, he said.

Pettijohn, 69, has been married to his wife, Carol, for 40 years. They have two daughters, Danielle (Chris) Silsbee, who lives in Colby and works for Colby Community College, and Renee Pettijohn, who works for an otolaryngology clinic in Lawrence. They have a granddaughter, Brittany Silsbee.

Pettijohn has been a member of the Goodland Elks Lodge for many years and has served as junior warden for three years at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. At the church, he has been involved in many projects working on the buildings and grounds.

"I decided to get involved after 40 years," Pettijohn said of his campaign.

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and paying for fuel, parts and repairs.

There has also been a crew from Texas doing seismograph work the last three years, he said, and they have also been spending money here.

The energy center will bring more money in, he said, and hopefully that will motivate businesses to relocate here for cheaper energy. The center also has workers spending money in town, he said; it all helps the county.

"A journey of 1,000 miles starts with a first step," Thomas said, "and I think we took that first step with the energy center."

The city and county have things they can work together on, Thomas said, adding that he has talked to a couple of city commissioners about doing that. An editorial in *The Goodland Star-News*, he noted, said the city and county are a long way from working together.

"I talked to a couple of city commissioners," he said, "and they and we (the county) have no problem with working together. We feel it would be an advantage to both of us."

The joint road project was a good place to start, he said, and it looks like it is going to work out well. The

two commissions need to get together, he said, and make a priority list of things they can work on.

Thomas said he is the best candidate because he has experience, having been on the commission four years.

"I have no personal agendas," he said. "I'm doing it for the good of the county. I'm doing it for the taxpayers. I don't feel we should let personal feelings influence our decisions for the county. I try to make decisions for the taxpayers and not for personal reasons."

Thomas also feels he is needed to represent those who live in the county.

"Being a rural resident," he said, "I understand the needs of the rural residents. My roads get muddy like everyone else, yet we only have so much money to spend on them."

Thomas said he supports expansion of a pilot program started last year to spray the weeds on shoulders of county roads and expand the ditches.

"It will save on fuel, labor and wear on the county graders," he said. "I want to expand that."

Thomas, 57, farms southeast of Edson, growing irrigated corn, alfalfa and soybeans. His wife Janet is substitute postmaster at Edson, and they have three children, Adam, 28; Tristan, 24; and Tiffany, 18.

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the county, Neufeld said there is no single answer.

"There are a lot of little things that are tied together," he said. "We have to find a way to diversify our economy, and that means improving trust between the cities and the county and between the departments and the commissioners. That leads into the things about spending more money locally. All of that stems from doing a better job of looking into the future to move us forward."

Asked how to improve city-county cooperation other than roads, Neufeld said:

"In the short term I don't know all the laws, but I do believe the first one that pops out is the rural fire department setup. The city and county are all volunteer services, although the city does have one full-time person. Maybe there is a way to have more joint training and coordination of fire equipment.

"The next one that comes to mind is the law enforcement area. We already have a joint dispatch. I think there may be some cooperation now for early in the morning when there may not be a sheriff's deputy on duty.

"Then looking at some of the equipment both have in common. ... I am not sure we need all the equipment and maintenance costs for both the city and the county."

Why are you the best candidate?

"I always have and always will be willing to listen to everyone who has any kind of idea," Neufeld said. "I gather all the information from all sides before I make a decision. I hold myself accountable for the decisions I make and I hold those under me accountable.

"I have experience with city and

county government, but not from the elected position. I have eight years' experience here and five years with the federal government before that. I believe common sense is the final answer to about any problem."

Neufeld said people do not have to spell his name exactly to have it on the county when they go to write-in on the ballot. He said the key is that the election commission has to be able to determine the intent of the voter.

"I have been told by County Clerk Janet Rumpel that if someone writes in D.N., that would count," he said.

Asked for a final thought on the campaign, Neufeld said:

"I believe that through the primary and what I have heard in the last couple of weeks, people do want to see some things changed, and I believe I am a person that can bring about some of those changes to help our community move in the right direction."

Neufeld said he came to Sherman County in 1998 when his firm began handling projects for the City of Goodland and opened an office at Renner Field.

He 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. He served in the United States Air Force as an engineer for five years.

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

His wife teaches fifth grade at North Elementary. The Neufelds have three children, Tyler, 9; Austin, 6; and Megan 3.

Polls open at VFW 7-7 Vote Tuesday!

Trial date set in \$10,000 theft from races

A Goodland woman who had a long association with the Sherman County Stock Car Racing Association will face charges of felony theft for allegedly stealing around \$10,000 from the nonprofit group.

A trial is set for Kimberly Davis on Monday, Nov. 13, in District Court.

Davis had a preliminary hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 17, before Magistrate Judge John Cahoj. She was represented by Jeff Mason from Vignery and Mason, and Sherman County Attorney Bonnie Selby represented the state. Davis was charged with felony theft from July 3, 1999 to July 23, 2005.

Alex West, president of the stock car racing association, testified that he had been on the board from 2002. West said Davis was the secretary and took care of the bills and the paper work. At the races, he said, she and Patsy Gresty would handle

the gate receipts.

West said the first irregularity he found was that Davis had written checks for supplies before the 2005 season started amounting to \$400-500. West said he talked to her and her husband and they agreed that the money was not for supplies and that they would pay it back. He said Davis had not used the procedure of having two signatures on the checks.

About halfway through the 2005 racing season, West said, the amount of money collected for the gate was short about \$1,156. Selby asked West if he had asked Davis about it since she had access to the money. He said she indicated the money went to pay lap counters, ambulance and fire.

West said Davis handed over the checkbook to Gresty in June or July but did not resign as secretary.

West said he became concerned

that money may have been misused when Davis was treasurer before in 1999 to 2000.

Roberta Normandin testified that she had been a member of the association since 1999 and took over as secretary and treasurer after Davis first gave it up in November 2000. Normandin was secretary until November 2004. She said it had been hard to get the records for the association when she took over.

Mason asked Normandin if she knew that Davis had moved and that the boxes had been misplaced.

Gresty testified she had been on the board since 1997. She had been press secretary all those years. Gresty said she took over the checkbook in June or July 2005. She said she found that some checks had been written to Wal-Mart without two signatures.

After the race on July 23, she said, when she went to lock up the money

bag, it was not heavy enough.

Sherman County Sheriff's Deputy Burton Pinalto said he had been contacted by Alex West on Oct. 2, 2005. He testified that he went through the sign up sheets and figured how much money should have been collected at the gate.

Pinalto said he interviewed Davis on Tuesday, Jan. 17, but had not "mirandized" her, or read her rights.

Mason objected to any information being presented from that interview since she was not read her rights, and Judge Cahoj agreed.

Selby told the judge she thought the state had met the its burden of proof and asked that the case be turned over to the district judge for trial.

Mason, in his statement, said the checks improperly written for \$551.82 were not done in the intention of permanently depriving the association of its money.

Leoti man wins 10th Edelbrock scholarship

Jordon Biel of Leoti has won the 10th annual Edelbrock Automotive Department Scholarship at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Biel is in the fourth block of the Automotive Technology program and will finish in December.

Curtis Goodwin, automotive instructor at the college, said the Edelbrock Scholarship was started in 1996 after the Power Tour sponsored by *Hot Rod*

magazine stopped in Goodland and people toured and used the school's shops.

Goodwin said Vic Edelbrock, president of the California high-performance automotive engine parts company, was impressed with the students and automotive program. His father, Vic Edelbrock Sr., was born in a small farming community near Wichita in 1913, he said, and establishing the scholarship was a way for the Edelbrock family to do something for his home state and encourage young mechanics.

Biel won a three-day trip to Los Angeles for him and his parents,

where he toured the Edelbrock Corp. and meet with the owner.

Biel said the warehouse was exciting because he saw the Edelbrock car and hot rod collection.

"This was an opportunity of a lifetime and I will always remember the experience," he said.

Vic's Garage is located in the front 10,000 square feet of the automotive company's 65,000 square foot distribution center and is home for the Edelbrock collection of street rods, street machines, race cars and memorabilia from over 67 years in the automotive industry.

Goodwin said the scholarship process includes a written application and a video interview for finalists. He said the interviews are judged by people from outside the college, and the final five are sent to Edelbrock in California for their decision.

"This has been a great program for our school," Goodwin said. "It is great that they have continued to give the scholarship for 10 years, and we hope they keep doing it for

our students."

Goodwin said the Power Tour came through Goodland for about three years, but recently the route has gone farther south.

"If they every decide to come back through here, we would be excited to have them stop in Good-

land," he said.

The scholarship paid Biel's tuition, books, shirts and tools for the entire program. Goodwin said the value of the scholarship has grown over the years and he believes it is now worth over \$6,000.



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1989 JD 8960 Tractor, 8,371 Eng. Hrs., 30.5L32 Tires, Duals, 3-pt., 4-WD

1989 John Deere 4955 Tractor, Front Wheel Asst., 3-pt.

1998 JD 9610 Combine, 1,828 Eng. Hrs., 1,262 Sep. Hrs., Duals, Bin Extension; 1990 JD 930 Grain Platform

Sunflower 30' Disc Drill, 10 in. Spacing

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1983 Peterbilt Truck, Cat Engine, 13-speed; 1979 Timpte 42' Grain Hopper

TRACTORS: 1978 JD 8630, Duals, 3-pt., 4-WD; Dingleman 14 ft. Dozer for JD 8630; 1978 JD 4840, 9,440 Eng. Hrs., Duals, 3-pt., Recent Overhaul; 1973 JD 4630, 10,320 Eng. Hrs., Duals, 3-pt.; 1969 IHC 1066, 3-pt., 2-hyd.; 1964 JD 4020, 3-pt., 2-hyd.; Yanmar, 16½ HP Diesel, Ft. Wheel Assist, Rotovator.

IMPLEMENTS & HEADERS: Ford 1441 38' Disc; Miller 18' Offset Disc; Old Kewanee Disc; Buffalo Cultivator, 8-row, 30"; Krause Cultivator, 8-row, 30"; Acura-Trac Guide; Buffalo Scout Guide; JD 9300 40' Hoe Drill; Crustbuster 32' Hoe Drill; (2) JD LZ-8-12 Hoe Drills; 1992 Sunflower 9-5's Sweep PLOW w/Pickers; 1996 Sunflower 42' Fallow King w/Pickers; Flex King 48' Rodweeder; Calkins 42' Rodweeder; (2) BluJet 9-shank Ripper w/NH₃; IHC 5-18 Rollover PLOW; Massey Ferguson 8-18 Pull-type PLOW; Noble 38' Harrow; JD 20' Rotary Hoe, 3-pt.; Yetter 20' Rotary Hoe, 3-pt.; Orthman Bean Rod, 10-row, 30", Hyd; (2) Beline Granular Applicators; Blumhardt Sprayer, 60', 3-pt.w/Foam Marker; JD 590 Draper Swather, 36"; IHC 15' Oneway; Noble Sweep w/Pickers, 3-6' Blades; 15' Flail Stalk Chopper; Westfield Auger, 10" x 71' PTO w/Swing-away Hopper; Gravity Wagon w/Electric Auger for seed; Flex King 32' NH₃ Chisel; 1993 JD 893 8-Row Cornhead; JD 853A 8-Row Rowhead; JD 215 15' Header w/12' Pick-up Attachment.

TRAILERS: J.D. Skiles 6000 Gal. Fertilizer Trailer; Bumper-pull 18' Flatbed Trailer; Gooseneck 18' Flatbed Trailer; Gooseneck 16' Flatbed Trailer; Header Trailer; 1978 16' Diamond Stock Trailer.

VEHICLES: 1972 Freightliner, Cabover; 1976 Chevy 3/4 Ton Pickup, 2-wheel Drive, 350 Eng.; 1975 IHC 4300 Truck, 20' Steel Box, Twin Screw.

MISCELLANEOUS: 82 EZ-On 90 Loader; 12' Brillion Packer; Gleaner Model "C" Combine (junk); Heavy Duty Waldon Hitch; Homemade Drill Hitch; Several 2¼ inch Toolbars; Perkins 354T Irr. Engine; (2) Ford 534 Irr. Engines; Ford 428 Irr. Engine; (2) GMC 702 Irr. Engines; Hog Panels, 20 or more; Sioux Valve Grinder; Cabinet with Asst. Tools for Sioux Grinder; Tumble Bug Bale Mover; Trailer items - Misc. Shop Tools.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Uncovered
5. Secret
10. Radiotelegraphic signals
14. Phil ____, former CIA
15. Ancient Greek
16. Stock purchase plan
17. See 59 across
20. Backwardnesses
21. Debilitated
22. Not just "play"
23. Description
25. Ropes
29. As the crow flies
33. Purgatives
34. Be in pain
35. Type of copier
36. Most unusual
38. American state
41. Shoshonean
42. Cicatrix
44. Weather and wind
45. Bourgeois
48. Bryophytes
49. Paddles
50. Mythological bird
51. Alter
54. Continually complaining
59. Coincides with 17 across
62. Buffalo
63. Grape
64. Hebrew calendar month
65. Program
66. Cubes
67. Rail

CLUES DOWN

1. Italian seaport
2. Developed
3. ____ Strauss, jeans maker
4. Showing
5. Playoff
6. Polish river
7. Ancient Olympic Site
8. Own (Scottish)
9. Kilocalorie, abbr.
10. Determine
11. Arthur __, Wimbledon champion
12. Worked the soil
13. Nimble
18. Other side
19. Selfish person
23. More timid
24. Inquiry
25. Alarm
26. Winged
27. More sensitive
28. Center
29. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman
30. Linda ____, actress
31. Geology
32. Hairstyle
37. Despot
39. Shorebird
40. No longer is
43. Central nervous system, (abbr.)
46. Ballroom dances
47. Pilgrim's journey
48. Robert ____, American revolutionary
50. European river
51. Kwa
52. Belonging to me
53. Enough (archaic)
54. Invests in little enterprises
55. Expression of relief
56. Unemployed
57. Algonquian tribe
58. Type genus of the Hylidae
60. Radioactivity unit
61. ____ fi (abbr.)

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