

# At-large issue could be on ballot

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to show support. "The city and school boards are at-large and I think it would be good for the commissioners to be at-large since you represent the whole county."

Tiede said he had not heard much about the issue since last year.

Deeds said he felt Sherman County was more unique than the counties around, and did not see a reason to have the districts.

Tiede said he felt people wanted to be able to call "their" commissioner.

Rasure said they would have three to call.

Thomas said he had been asking people and that those he talked to wanted to keep the districts.

Tiede said he had not heard anything and did not see any reason to change.

Neufeld said a lot of what he had heard before what that without the districts all three commissioners could come from town. He said it could be that way now, but in many years there has only been one elected from town.

Tiede said the commissioners used to all be farmers.

Neufeld said in talking to people from other cities it used to be everyone felt like the county was a separate entity.

"Today the population outside the city limits is not that big," he said. "We have to think of ourselves as a single unit. If we start thinking as a whole it is the only way we can survive."

"People like the idea of being able to vote for everyone. It gives people who live in town a vote for all commissioners."

Rasure said he was probably the most accessible commissioner, and that people who talk to him would like to have a chance to vote at-large.

"People feel like they have three commissioners," he said. "This would be an opportunity for the people to say Yes or No. All this does is give the people a chance to vote on it."

Tiede asked if the at-large would still be partisan and if there would be primary elections.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the process would not change except that the nominees for the Republicans and Democrats would not have to live in a specific district. She said if there were two commission seats

open the two parties would select their top two candidates in the primary and then in the general election the two getting the top votes would be elected as commissioners.

Deeds said the old system was when the commissioners were in charge of the roads in their district, but that with the changes that is not true today.

Rumpel said she believed if they gave a test to voters a majority would not know which one is their commissioner.

Tiede said people sometimes don't know the difference between city and county commissioners.

"I get calls from people about things in the city and I have to tell them that is not something I handle," he said.

Rasure said he would like to see the bill proceed.

Tiede asked if this would cost the county anything.

Rumpel said no because it would be part of the November General Election.

"Let the people vote on it," said Chuck Wilkens of Wilkens Truck & Tractor who is a school board member and chairman of the Sherman County Economic Development

council.

"This does not require a special election," Deeds said. "This is the time to do it."

"You can never go wrong to allow the people to make a decision," said Cynthia Strnad, former county commissioner.

Thomas said people are concerned that with this their votes won't count.

Wilkins said he did not see how as a majority of the agriculture people live in town.

Deeds said he lives in town and was asking the commissioners to let the people vote on the issue. He said people can argue for or against the issue once it is on the ballot.

Neufeld said now each commissioner is elected by people in the city and the rural areas.

"This is not a city versus rural issue," Rasure said.

Tiede said it could be more people from the city being elected.

"It depends on who signs up to run," Strnad said.

"I am not in favor of it," Tiede said, "but will leave it up to the voters."

"I am not in favor," Thomas said.

## matters of record

**Sherman County Bastille**  
The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

**March 7:** — 11:17 a.m., Thomas Allen Scott, 21, of Olympia, Wash. Arrested by state trooper on a warrant from another jurisdiction. Court pending.

12:12 p.m., Kevin T. King, 23, of Pensacola, Fla. Arrested by state trooper for driving while suspended, first conviction and speeding. Court pending.

**March 8:** — 11:15 p.m., Benjamin Tyrel Winters, 23, of Grover, Texas. Arrested by state trooper for driving under influence, second conviction and transporting open container. Bond supplied.

**March 9:** — 5:26 a.m., Tina Marie Zwegardt, 34, of St. Francis. Arrested by Cheyenne County sheriff deputy for aggravated endangerment of a child and domestic battery. Court pending.

10 a.m., Michael Allen Archer, 29, of Fayetteville, Ark. Arrested by state trooper for driving while suspended, felony, unknown convictions. Court pending.

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1:21 p.m., David Scott Ferrin, 29, of Stratton, Colo. Arrested by Sherman County deputy for driving while suspended, felony, unknown conviction, invalid license plates and no insurance. Court pending.

6:23 p.m., Ross Ray McGuckin, 50, of Wichita. Arrested by Sherman County deputy for aggravated battery with intent to cause bodily harm. Court pending.

**March 10:** — 11:32 a.m., Nicholas James Gary, 21, of Goodland. Arrested by Sherman County deputy for failure to appear on warrant from Thomas County and driving while suspended, second conviction. Court pending.

**March 12:** — 1:32 p.m., Jerry DeWayne Blake, 47 of Goodland. Arrested by city police for criminal trespass. Court pending.

3 p.m., Eduardo Garcia, 32, of Minneapolis, Minn. Arrested by state trooper for operating vehicle without valid license, speeding, no seat belt, no insurance. Court pending.

# City workers praised for handling outage

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Sunflower had knocked out a breaker at Menlo, and that there are some sagging lines east of town that need to be addressed. He said it sounds like Sunflower could do the work and charge the city or the city could do the work with Sunflower's help.

Commissioners Annette Fairbanks and John Garcia agreed the city crews had done a great job of handling the power outage on Sunday and should be complimented for their efforts.

The commission met at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday because there were not at least three commissioners available to hold the regular meeting on Monday. City Clerk Mary Volk had set a special meeting for Tuesday with three commissioners present so votes could be taken.

Because Mayor Rick Billinger and vice-mayor Dave Daniels were both missing Dechant filled in and called the meeting to order.

Hill said he had asked Linda

Holton, curator of the High Plains Museum to postpone their presentation until all five commissioners could be present.

Holton and board members Larry Keirns and Jerry Fairbanks had been at the county commission meeting Tuesday morning to discuss a plan to possibly purchase the Antique Auction building at 17th and Main rather than building a new museum.

Holton and museum board members are expected to discuss the plans with the city commission at the next meeting on Monday, April 7.

In other business the commission:

- Approved reappointment of Larry White and Gary Ginther to the building appeals board for three-year terms.

- Approved reappointment of Max Alderman, Jerry Fairbanks and Dave Branda to the High Plains Museum board for three-year terms.

- Accepted the low bid from High Plains Office Supply of \$2,499 on a copier for the police department.

Chief Ray Smee said the bids from High Plains and Topside Office Products were on an identical machine, and that Topside's bid was \$3,349. He said the first bids were rejected because they were so far apart and not for the same type of copier.

Dechant asked about a maintenance contract and Smee said it was not part of the bid, but both places had said one was available for about \$25 a month.

- Accepted the bid from Brandon Terry to do the mowing of nuisances for the city this summer at a price of \$20.50 per hour. Steve Criswell, building inspector, said he had send out eight request for bids and had published the contract opening to let everyone know it was available.

Dechant asked if the change to the \$1 million liability policy was included.

Criswell said it was included in the bidding details.

Annette Fairbanks asked how the price compared to last year.

Criswell said it was about \$15 an

hour last year, and that Terry indicated the cost of fuel was the main reason for the higher bid.

Garcia asked if Terry had done a good job last year.

Criswell said he had done a good job, and he did not have many complaints on his work.

- Heard from Hill he has been working on the pigeon problems. He said he hasn't got that solved yet, but is working on some alternatives.

"I may come up with a solution," Hill said.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

## Gun & Coin Show!

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## SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

**Saturday**

**9 a.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball NIT Tournament: Second Round

23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Nationwide Series Qualifying Nashville, Tenn.

**10 a.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Teams TBA

**12 p.m.** 7/11 CBS 2008 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round (Teams TBA)

23/29 ESPN2 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Teams TBA

3/9 NBC PGA Tournament WGC-CA Championship: Third Round from Doral Golf Resort.

**1 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN NASCAR Nationwide Series Pepsi 300 from Nashville Superspeedway

**2 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Teams TBA from TBA

30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Spring Training Colorado Rockies at Arizona Diamondbacks.

**2:15 p.m.** 7/11 CBS 2008 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round (Teams TBA)

**4 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN Horse Racing Lane's End Stakes from Florence, Ky

**4:30 p.m.** 7/11 CBS 2008 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round (Teams TBA)

**6 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Teams TBA from TBA

**6:30 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN NCAA Wrestling Championship Final from St. Louis, Mo.

99/39 WGN NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Chicago Bulls from The United Center

**6:45 p.m.** 7/11 CBS 2008 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round (Teams TBA)

**8 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Teams TBA from TBA

30/27 FXSP ATP Tennis Masters Series 2008 Pacific Life Open: Men's Semifinal.

**Sunday**

**10 a.m.** 7/11 CBS 2008 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round (Teams TBA)

23/29 ESPN2 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Teams TBA from TBA

**11 a.m.** 4/6 ABC NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Dallas Mavericks.

22/28 ESPN PBA Bowling 2008 Geico Classic

**12 p.m.** 60/79 UNIV F'tbol Liga Mexicana Santos Laguna Guerreros vs UNAM Pumas desde Universitario

**12:30 p.m.** 7/11 CBS 2008 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round (Teams TBA)

22/28 ESPN NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Teams TBA

**1 p.m.** 30/27 FXSP ATP Tennis Masters Series 2008 Pacific Life Open: Women's Final.

8/8 NBC PGA Tournament WGC-CA Championship: Final Round from Doral Golf Resort,

**2 p.m.** 99/39 WGN MLB Spring Training Kansas City Royals at Chicago White Sox.

**3 p.m.** 7/11 CBS 2008 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round (Teams TBA)

30/27 FXSP ATP Tennis Masters Series 2008 Pacific Life Open: Men's Final.

**5 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Teams TBA from TBA

**6 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Washington Wizards from Verizon Center

**7:30 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Teams TBA from TBA

**Monday**

**2 p.m.** 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Spring Training Colorado Rockies at Milwaukee Brewers

**5 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball NIT Tournament: Second Round

23/29 ESPN2 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Teams TBA from TBA

**7 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball NIT Tournament: Second Round

23/29 ESPN2 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Teams TBA from TBA

**7 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball NIT Tournament: Quarterfinals

23/29 ESPN2 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Teams TBA from TBA

**7 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball NIT Tournament: Quarterfinals

23/29 ESPN2 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Teams TBA from TBA

**4 a.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 MLB Baseball Japan Opening 2008 Oakland Athletics at Boston Red Sox

**Tuesday**

**2 p.m.** 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Spring Training Chicago White Sox at Colorado Rockies

**5 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball NIT Tournament: Quarterfinals

23/29 ESPN2 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Teams TBA from TBA

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**4 a.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 MLB Baseball Japan Opening 2008 Boston Red Sox at Oakland Athletics

**Wednesday**

**2 p.m.** 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Spring Training Arizona Diamondbacks at Colorado Rockies

**5 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Boston Celtics from TD Banknorth Garden

23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball NIT Tournament: Quarterfinals

**7:30 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN High School Basketball 2008 McDonald's All-American Game East vs West from Milwaukee, Wis.

**Thursday**

**11 a.m.** 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball Spring Training New York Mets at Atlanta Braves

**1 p.m.** 99/39 WGN MLB Spring Training Milwaukee Brewers at Chicago Cubs from Wrigley Field

**5 p.m.** 7/11 CBS 2008 NCAA Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinals (Teams TBA)

**6 p.m.** 28/40 TNT NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Detroit Pistons from The Palace of Auburn Hills

**7:30 p.m.** 7/11 CBS 2008 NCAA Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinals (Teams TBA)

**8:30 p.m.** 28/40 TNT NBA Basketball Portland Trail Blazers at Golden State Warriors from Oracle Arena in Oakland

**Friday**

**5 p.m.** 7/11 CBS 2008 NCAA Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinals (Teams TBA)

23/29 ESPN2 IndyCar Racing Season Preview

**7 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 Friday Night Fights Kassim Ouma vs Cornelius Bundrage.

**7:30 p.m.** 7/11 CBS 2008 NCAA Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinals (Teams TBA)

**8:05 p.m.** 99/39 WGN MLB Spring Training Seattle Mariners at Chicago Cubs from Wrigley Field

## Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- Pequod co-owner, in "Moby Dick"
- Top scores
- Seance sound
- Plant life
- Wash gently against
- 12/24 or 12/31
- Dish served on the half shell
- Big racket
- Put-down artist
- Lindsay of "Mean Girls"
- relief
- Tick off
- "Finito!"
- Big Brother's creator
- Most cunning
- Model of excellence
- Hammer end
- Poker payoff
- Palm reader, e.g.
- KP pile
- Hoopster Bryant
- Tolkien creature
- Mystery writer John Dickson
- Show as similar
- Make tougher
- Least adorned
- Mimicries
- Bench rider
- Hi- graphics
- Beauty lover
- Swabby
- Candy unit
- River spanner, perhaps
- Ballpark fig.
- Continental cash
- Respected one
- Ouija board word
- Abounding with coral

**End Games**

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**DOWN**

- GI rank
- Pipe bend
- Mauna
- Witty Bombeck
- Utility payment, for some
- Ho-hum
- Lighten
- Spun like a football
- Beach shade
- Fruity German bread
- Plant with fiery blossoms
- For the birds?
- Tubular pasta
- Hubbell in the Hall
- Abuses an Rx
- Gem State capital
- Eve of "Our Miss Brooks"
- Valentine's Day couple
- Fish tales
- Musical talent
- Reject cruelly
- Beyond pudgy
- Reveal setups
- "The Sweetest Taboo" singer
- Word on an air pump
- Cassis-flavored aperitif
- Animal, in dialect
- Toiled away
- " gratia artis"
- Tulip planting
- Monk's home
- " porridge ho ..."
- Milquetoast
- Beginning on
- Steam up
- Regret bitterly
- Banned pesticide
- "No kidding!"
- Make a flub

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