

Rasure running for third term

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“My biggest frustration in eight years is that we raised taxes last year and I saw no need to do so,” he said. “We are talking about economic stability, and taxes play a role in that. It affects everyone in our community when we raise taxes.”

Considering the present economy, Rasure said he expects the budget collections to be difficult this year. He said an encouraging sign is that the sales tax figures are up about 10 to 20 percent in the first six months of the year.

“That is compared to the first six months of last year,” he said, “and we had a good last half of the year last year.”

He said the sales tax has increased as commissioners hoped when the road tax passed. Rasure said it is a bit too soon to talk about early retirement of the road bonds because not all of the projects are done, but the increase in tax collections is good news.

He said he was pleased the commissioners have been able to stretch the road project dollars and were able to get old U.S. 24 lined.

“I am glad we were able to respond to our citizens and get the road striped,” he said, “It was a bonus that it did not cost as much as we originally feared.”

Rasure said he was disappointed by the failure of the state Legislature to allow the citizens of Sherman County to vote on electing commissioners at-large.

“My frustration is that the other commissioners have said they want to let the people vote on this,” he said, “but they have taken that away from the voters.

“We can have our own opinions, and there appear to be enough people out there who want to explore the issues and have a right to vote. I feel it is not up to the commissioners to take that away.”

A bill to allow Sherman County voters to decide the at-large election was introduced in Topeka two years ago, and after being delayed last year, it appeared to be nearing approval when Commissioners Mitch Tiede and Chuck Thomas expressed reservations.

The bill was referred to a conference committee and was scraped in the last days of the session.

Rasure said he is proud of the county fair board and the home-owned carnival. He said it was great that the county was

able to put some money in a capital-improvement fund over the last three years, and that the money was available to help build the new carnival workshop and fair prize building.

“I think we have a remarkable facility with the fairgrounds, and cannot say enough about the wonderful volunteers who spend hours working to continue improving that area,” he said.

He wants to see the county continue to work with the city to more efficiently use the tax dollars as the costs continue to rise.

“The road project could not have been done without that cooperation,” he said, “as neither entity could have done much without working together.

“I would like to see more involvement by people in letting us as commissioners know what they

want and what they feel needs to be done.”

Rasure, the only business person who has served on the commission in recent years, said he thinks running a retail store (Rasure Lumber Do-It Center) makes him more accessible.

“I think it is important to hear from the people and their opinion,” he said, “no matter what they are saying. I am not sure that is always happening. That is why I attend so many meetings, to hear what people have to say and what is bothering them.”

Rasure was born in Sherman County, went to Kansas State University to get a business degree, and came back to take over the family lumber yard.

He and his wife Christie live west of Goodland. The business celebrated 60 years last year. Three years ago, the family purchased Golden Hardware of Colby, and he and his wife run both operations.

Woman running to unseat treasurer

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friendly atmosphere in the office and be willing to help anyone who has questions, she said.

The candidate has lived in Sherman County for 28 years. Her daughter Melissa just finished two years at Garden City Community College and plans on attending Colby Community College in the fall to become a veterinary technician. Schritter graduated from Golden Plains High School at Rexford in 1978 and from the Northwest Kansas Technical College in 1979 in cosmetology. She has also taken 16 hours of business courses from Colby.

Schritter said her mother, Myrtle Shaw, lives in Colby and her father died in 2006. She has two brothers, Richard Rowilson of Jennings and Ricky Rowilson

of Hays, and two sisters, Vickie Sulzman of Oakley and Pat Sharp of Dighton. Another sister died six years ago.

Schritter is a secretary for the Goodland First United Methodist Church and fills out insurance forms for Goodland Home Health. Before that, she had been a bus driver and a teacher aide for the Goodland School District as for 14 years. As an aide, she said, she worked one-on-one with handicapped or behavioral problem children.

She said she left the school district because she wanted a year-around job.

“I am willing and eager to take on what’s in front of me and be able to answer any tax questions,” Schritter said. “I think with abilities I can keep up the books and answers any community question.”

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August 5th

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DISTRICT JUDGE
REPUBLICAN

Position 2-Residing in Sherman County

VOTE

- Life-long resident of Northwest Kansas.
- Graduate of Goodland High School, Fort Hays State University and Washburn Law School.
- Successfully practiced law in Northwest Kansas for the past 25 years.
- Sherman County Attorney for 10 years. Current Kanorado Judge.
- Court Trustee for the 15th Judicial District for the past 14 years.

If elected I would provide a strong and dedicated voice for the people of the 15th Judicial District. With over 70 jury trials and numerous appellant court and Supreme Court appearances, I have the experience to handle the job in a fair an impartial way. My family has been residents of Northwest Kansas since homesteading in Thomas County in 1882. We have watched and helped this area grow for the past 126 years.

Please support and vote for me in the August 5th Republican Primary for District Judge, Position 2. This position is for the entire judicial district but the judge must reside in Sherman County. I have been a resident of Sherman County for the past 33 years.

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Frank Tabor for Sheriff

Dear Citizens of Sherman County,

My name is Frank Tabor and as many of you know, I am running as a Republican for Sheriff in Sherman County in the **Tuesday, Aug. 5 Primary Election.**

I would like to tell you a little about myself, as I am currently in Iraq and unable to answer your questions face to face.

This is a picture of Major Mutasa, the Chief of operations at the District Headquarters, He and I work side by side to train and assist the Iraq Police in their daily duties. I know the television news always shows you the bad aspects of what goes on in Iraq, but I can say from experience, there has been a great deal of progress made so far. I have enjoyed my time in Iraq, helping the military in various ways and helping to train the Iraqi Police. I hope to come home and do the same for my community.

For those of you who do not know, prior to my service in Iraq, I served with the Goodland Police Department for 3 years and worked in Texas as a Police Officer for 5 years. The time in Goodland gave me a strong sense of what our community values are and the concerns of our citizens. While I am not from Sherman County originally, I understand and share the concerns facing the residents. I believe I can address these matters as Sheriff.

Typically, prior to a primary run-off, there is a public candidates forum. Unfortunately, my duties in Iraq preclude me from being part of such an event at this time. I would like to apologize to all of the citizens of Sherman County for this unavoidable situation. I am, however, quite eager to answer any and all questions you may have, and will do so gladly through e-mail. Although I am currently serving in Iraq, I would assure you that if elected, I will be back in time to take office. Even if the current Sheriff loses in August and resigns, rest assured I will catch the first plane home to serve my community and the citizens of Sherman County. If I was able to be home at this time, I would certainly welcome a debate with the Sheriff on any issue he chooses.

I believe many changes are needed in the Sherman County Sheriff’s Office. The general manner in which business is conducted needs to be changed so it serves the community in a safe and practical way. I hope to be given the opportunity to make the needed changes to better assist you, the citizens of Sherman County. I have addressed some of the issues through the newspaper in addition to visiting door to door while I was on vacation. I believe my experience as a law enforcement officer in Texas and subsequently in Kansas, as well as my current training and experience in Iraq, gives me a unique advantage to improve the way the Sheriff’s Office serves the citizens of Sherman County.

Please feel free to e-mail me at frank.tabor@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns. I am eager to address all of your questions or concerns, and regret that I am not there to sit down with you face to face and answer them.

Please understand it may be a day or so before I respond. The internet service in Iraq is not as reliable as one would wish, but rest assured I will respond to you.

Thank you for your time and support. I ask for your vote on Tuesday, Aug. 5

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