

Old-fashioned soda shop opens

Timothy Isham (right photo), co-owner of the Vault Creamery, mixed a hand-made soda for a customer while his wife Amy (above, right), who owns the shop with him, took an order from Taryn Bedore of Goodland Monday afternoon. The old-fashioned ice cream and soda shop opened Saturday morning and stayed busy all day, at some points having a line of people from the counter to the door.

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Commissioner faces competition in primary

Tiede wants to serve another four-year term

By Sharon Corcoran

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A life-long Sherman County resident who has served on the county commission for eight years says he still has more to do, seeing projects to completion and helping the county through some tough economic times.

Mitch Tiede, Democrat incumbent in the District 2 race, faces competition in the primary from Dee Miller. He says he'd like to serve one more four-year term.

"We've gotten a lot of things started I'd like to see to the finish," he said, "for example, construction on Road 14 in front of Northern Sun and the energy center."

Tiede said in the eight years he has served as commissioner, he has established good relationships with the county department heads. They do a good job, he said, and stay within their budgets.

He is especially proud of the central dispatch operation, he said. That department used to have a lot of turnover, he said, but since Crissy Conger became the director, that has changed.

Tiede said he enjoys being a commissioner, but he also sees the county facing some challenges.

The county will have some problems, he said, as a result of the high cost of fuel, steel and freight. It's

hard to keep the same services, he said, without raising taxes. Of course, no one wants that, he said, but with costs going up, the only other alternative is to look at ways to cut.

In the 2009 budget, he said, the county will probably have to cut the road and bridge department, cut down on some of the sand and gravel hauling. Some counties have considered a four-day work week, he said, which road and bridge is already doing. They have so much to do just to get ready, he said, that it just makes sense to work a longer day and get more done.

"But in the other departments," Tiede said, "I don't see it saving much."

The cost of fuel is cutting into the sheriff's budget, he said, adding that he doesn't want the solution to be cutting back on their driving around the county.

"If they're not out there and visible," he said, "it opens the way for trouble."

Rural fire departments, he said, with the county so dry, may get a lot of calls, and that will affect their budget. And it's costing the county more and more for fuel to spray for noxious weeds.

County employees have been going to a lot of out-of-town meetings, he said, and they may have to cut back on that.

Having a baler at the transfer station is helping cut costs, he said. Since the county got that, there hasn't been any need to haul any trash to Garden City. It cost a lot, he said, but it will eventually pay for itself.

Tiede has been a soil conservation contractor with Tiede Terracing, which he describes as a one-man, one-machine operation, since 1999, and worked with his father, Wilbur Tiede, before. Tiede said his job helps him as a commissioner, allowing him to see what is going on around the county and in other counties.

"I'm out and about throughout the county," he said. "I'm on about all the roads at one time or another. And in surrounding counties, I see how they're taking care of the roads."

Tiede said he has been blamed for the at-large voting bill not passing in the Legislature but wants to be clear that he didn't prevent it from being passed.

"The people who have talked to me have said they'd like to keep the districts," he said, "so I kind of changed my mind, but I think it needs to come down to the vote of the people."

"I had asked the Legislature some questions. I don't understand why we can't keep the districts through the primary and then everyone votes in the general election. No one was able to give me an answer. But it was the Legislature that chose to use the bill number to pass something else."



Mitch Tiede



Dee Miller

Retired federal employee seeks District 2 spot

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Dee Miller, 68, is running in the Democratic primary Tuesday against incumbent Mitch Tiede for the District 2 county commissioner seat, which includes Ward 1 in Goodland, the north part of Ward 4 and Voltaire, Shermanville and Llanos townships.

"I had thought about running for lots of years, but it wouldn't have been good if (his wife) Shelby was still treasurer," Miller said.

Miller's wife retired as Sherman County treasurer in 2005.

He said the county will be hit hard by the high cost of motor fuel, and he hopes it continues to drop in price. It will be a big challenge to keep the county in its budget, he said.

"We need to look at our priorities closely and look at what could be cut," he said. "We may need to run our equipment for another year."

Sherman County has an agricultural base, he said and it's hard to

diversify that base.

Being a retired federal worker gives him more time to look at things he said.

Miller said he would like to see more diversity in the ages of the commissioners. Having a younger person would be great.

"Everyone has a little different perspective," he said.

Miller thinks the county's economic development effort needs to have "a broader brush stroke, involving more things."

"Everyone needs to be involved in economic development," he said. "We know we need to provide jobs for young people to stay. We need to work together. We need efforts on a lot of things like Penney's."

"With the current economic times, businesses are not expanding."

Miller said he grew up on a farm south of Ruleton and graduated from Goodland High School in 1958. He spent three years in the army, two in Germany during the time between the Korean War and

Vietnam. After that, he worked for the county road and bridge department for two or three years, and then was a mechanic Finley Motor Co., working on air conditioning, windshields and doing front-end alignment.

In 1967, a job for the Federal Aviation Administration opened in Goodland in flight service, which at that time checked aviation weather for pilots, received flight plans and set up search and rescue if a plane went down. He retired in 1990 after 25 years.

"I still do a little farming," he said.

The couple has been married 46 years. The former Shelby Hunt said she grew up on a farm north of Goodland, on the county line. The couple had a son, who is dead. Shelby was an only child. Dee said he only has one sister left who lives in Enid, Okla.

Miller said of the candidate forum sponsored by the Sherman County Farm Bureau on Monday, July 21, "It was a good opportunity for everyone to say their piece. Maybe folks got some of their questions answered."

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District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court. All ages are at the time of the ticket.

June 2: Octavio R. Jimenez, 36,

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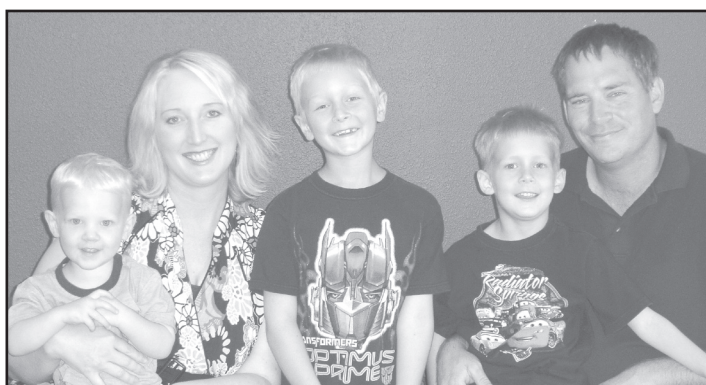
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correction

A story about tickets for the Pro Bull Rider event on Page 1 of the Tuesday, July 29, edition of *The Goodland Star-News* reported incorrectly that VIP tickets included a barbecue. The barbecue is for

Platinum and Gold sponsors, who were invited by special tickets. This was a reporting error.

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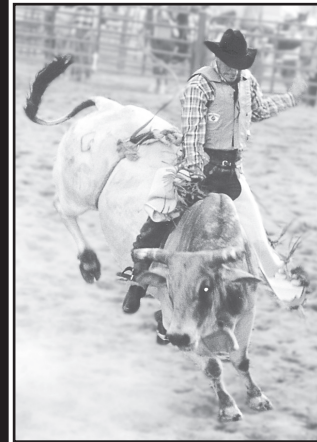
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