

Update on local race filings

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The race for District #1 county commissioner has strong interest. In addition to incumbent commissioner Chuck Vette, three others have filed—Theodore Brewer, Gary Grimes and Bill Greeley.

Since it is a partisan office, only one winner for each party advances to the General Election as that party's nominee, Clark said. Since all four filing for commissioner are Republicans, only one will advance from the May 15 Primary. It was incorrect in last week's story that two would advance.

Voters in Chase County will be voting on the hospital district dissolution issue at the May Primary, when two hospital district board members will also be elected.

And, the Primary will also feature party nominations for U.S. President, U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Third District Republican Congressman Adrian Smith, whose district includes Chase County, will have a Republican Primary opponent in Bob Lingenfelter of Plainview, who filed last week. There is also Democrat Mark Sullivan of Doniphan running. Only one from each party will advance to November.

Another local race that has strong interest is that for the Imperial city council. Two more Imperial residents filed for the pair of open city council seats before last week's March 1 non-incumbent

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filing deadline.

Joe Weiss and Dan Thompson both filed for council on Feb. 29, according to County Clerk/Election Commissioner Debbie Clark.

They will join incumbent Sue Moore and Junior Reeder, who filed for council earlier for a total of four seeking the two council seats.

All four will advance directly to the General Election in November.

Here is the full slate of local filings received by the clerk's office as of the March 1 non-incumbent deadline.

- **County commissioner Dist. 1**—one seat open; incumbent is Chuck Vette. Filings—Vette, Theodore Brewer, Gary L. Grimes, Bill Greeley, all Republicans.
- **Upper Republican NRD Board**—incumbents are Michael Strand (#1), Kerry Bernhardt (#3), Thomas Gaschler (#5), Tom Terryberry (#7), Thomas Schroder (#9). Filings—Bernhardt, Gaschler, Terryberry, Schroder.
- **Chase Co. Hospital District Board**—two seats open; incumbents are William Bauerle and Vicky Heskett. Filings—Bauerle, Merrilyn Leibbrandt, Suzanne Kinner.
- **Wauneta-Palisade Schools board of education**—three seats open; incumbents are Stuart Bartels, Jon Anderjaska, John Jutten. Filings—Anderjaska.
- **Imperial city council**—two seats open; incumbents are Sue Moore and Doug Gaswick. Filings—Moore, Junior Reeder, Joe Weiss, Dan Thompson.
- **Chase County Schools board of education**—five seats open; incumbents are Thomas Gaschler, Charles Colton, Sheila Stromberger, Gregg Smith, Karl Meeske. Filings—Gaschler, Meeske, Stromberger, Smith, Willy O'Neil.
- **Imperial Airport Authority**—two seats open; incumbents are William Bauerle and Ken Schilke. Filings—Bauerle, Schilke.

Candidates for the Imperial Public Power District Board, Southwest Public Power District Board, Wauneta Village Board and Lamar Village Board have summer filing deadlines.

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