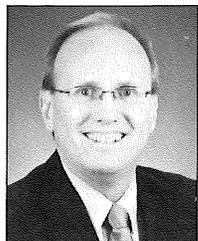


A new way to serve

O'Driscoll continues a long record of public service

By Nick Busse

Rep. Tim O'Driscoll (R-Sartell) was born into a family of public servants. His father, the Sartell police chief when O'Driscoll



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was growing up, taught him and his brothers the importance of civic duty.

“He really instilled in us a sense of commitment and community involvement, and continuing to make

the community successful,” O'Driscoll said. The way O'Driscoll chose to do that was to get involved in local government. He spent six years on the Sartell City Council, followed by four years as the mayor. He

has also been actively involved in veterans support programs like Beyond the Yellow Ribbon and the Central Minnesota Warrior to Citizen Initiative.

O'Driscoll's service in the House will be an extension of not only his previous public service, but of his private life as well.

As a corporate trainer, O'Driscoll helps people prepare for careers in real estate and insurance. As a lawmaker, he hopes to grow the state's business community in other ways.

“I plan on continuing to work on building a fair jobs base ... so that employers feel comfortable making an investment and getting out there with jobs,” he said.

O'Driscoll's district has a mix of urban and rural areas. One of his top priorities is keeping agriculture a viable industry in the state. He'd also like to see some reforms

DISTRICT 14A

Population (2009 est.): 46,912

Largest City: Sauk Rapids

Counties: Benton, Stearns

Top Concerns: Jobs, the budget, agriculture

relating to agriculture policy — specifically, a rollback of the Green Acres law.

O'Driscoll cites three criteria for a successful legislative session: a balanced budget without raising taxes; new policies to promote job growth in the state; and growth in the economy. He hopes that the Legislature will enact reforms this year that will make future legislative sessions easier.

“We will have built an opportunity for when we come back next session to be able to take advantage of the growth — if you will, the seeds that we've planted this session,” he said.