

# Don't decide solely on one's name

Recently there has been mention of the problems generated by having another Kennedy, Clinton or Bush in national politics. Phrases such as 'dynasty', royalty, etc. have been bantered about, but let's stop right there and analyze this. Do we really want to ignore someone's attempts to become involved in politics just because of their name? To be sure, Caroline Kennedy and Chelsea Clinton lack hands on political experience. Jeb Bush might be a great president, just because his brother came up short doesn't mean he would as well.

I'm not supporting Caroline Kennedy to fill Hillary Clinton's vacated Senate seat, but I do think she deserves consideration based on her abilities. One would say she has no political experience, which is true, but lack of experience does not mean lack of interest. George W. had political experience and look where that has gotten us.

The senior George Bush was a leader in promoting volunteerism,

which has been a commitment of Ms. Kennedy (married to Edwin Schlossberg). She is an attorney, member of several boards and serves in various capacities on several committees. Volunteerism should not be discounted as valuable experience. In addition she has never denied her dedication to her role as wife and mother.

Chelsea Clinton, although never elected to a political office has probably met more foreign leaders than many vice presidential candidates. She probably also is more aware of those dignitaries and the individual obstacles their countries face.

Should she be named to fill her mother's term? I don't know, but let's not discount her solely on her name.

And if Jeb Bush decides to run in 2012 only time will reveal

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his strengths and weaknesses and his chance to win, but there again let's not disqualify him because of his family's

"reign". He deserves a chance to enter based on his abilities.

What's in a name? Each of us carries our family name individually and we live in a country where any citizen of age is eligible to run for office. In the vacated seat in NY, the recipient will have to be reelected in two years. If history is an accurate indicator it is questionable that Congress will accomplish much in two years so whether we have a Kennedy, Clinton or Joe the Plumber, it probably won't matter much.

As my husband, Jack, says, "Probably the person who wants to be in politics is exactly the person we shouldn't have in office!!" Regardless of the name.

# Pick-Em contest: three tie for third spot

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her winning technique!

Tying for third place with 106 winners were Doug Ray, Norton; Randy Springer and Evelyn Springer, Hoisington.

Eric Farber, Norton and Jared Foley, Wichita, each had 105 winners to tie for sixth.

Four fans tied for eighth with 104 correct choices. They are Matthew Berneking, Salina; last year's champion David Riemann, Norton; Barbara Springer, Hoisington and Jim Springer, Long Island.

Mary Ann Hager, Norton, also a previous overall champion, placed twelfth by picking 103 winners during the season.

Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif. and Sandy Husted, Norton, each picked 101 correctly to tie for thirteenth.

Three more fans, Jacob Green, Norton; Andy Moore, Hoisington and Nancy Moore, Hoisington, tied for fifteenth with 100 wins each.

The other top placers were: Tim Moore, Hoisington, 99; Bob Moore, Hoisington; Georgie Rorabaugh, Norton, 98 each; Tom Baumann, Norton; Anastasia Foley, Norton; Jennifer Wahlmeier, Norton, 97 each; Erin Foley, Lawrence; Fig Millan, Norton; Jeris Norman, Norton, 96 each; Kenney Leiker, Hays; Baylee Miller, Norton, 94 each;

Douglas Daniels, Norton; Nathan Morse, Norton, 93 each; Rick Green, Norton; Dale Shearer, Edmond, 92 each; Kolean McMullen, Norton, 91; Janiece Walter, Norton, 90; Dorothy Shearer, Edmond, 89; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Dalton Miller, Norton, 88 each; Linda Matson, Norton, 87; Tom Davis, Norton; Deanna Gallentine, Norton; Charlotte Stephenson, Norton; Naedean Whitney, Norton, 86 each; Dustan Daniels, Norton, 85; Brenda Husted, Almena, 84; Regina Beikman, Norton, 83; Tiffney Yeager, Norton, 82; Lynn Nelson, Norton, 80; Ann Becker, Lenora; Gary Matson, Norton,

79 each; Carol Voss, Norton, 78; Sady Keilig, Norton; Wilma Wiseman, Norton, 76 each; Luke Keilig, Norton; Deb Thiele, Norton; Sandi Winchell, Almena, 75 each; Kristy Keilig, Norton, 74; Virginia Carlton, Norton; Lacy Keilig, Norton; Lawrence Wiseman, Norton, 73 each; LeRoy Newell, Norton; Rosalie Schulze, Norton; Donna Nelson, Lenora, 71 each; Bob Beadle, Norton; Brody McDowell, Hill City, 70 each.

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# Almena: Many helped sponsor the party

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# Director: three bids received

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they would provide the tableware and servers. The 4-H students are able to serve the dinner for a suggested donation of \$100. She has received bids from Adventures, American Legion and Phat Boy BBQ. She will have all bids ready for consideration at the meeting.

The professional study team of the *We Have Jobs Campaign* reviewed the survey instrument from the Docking Institute. They suggested changes and the revised survey is currently under consideration by the entire *We Have Jobs Campaign* committee. The surveying was expected to begin this month. Ms. Becker sent a letter to Janis Monier requesting a specific list of the businesses that have been contacted and a timetable for completion of the project.

Ms. Becker wrote a grant application for the Moffet Station project. The Small Communities Improvement Program is designed to help communities of less than 5,000 people accomplish projects that improve their quality of life by matching the grant with volunteer labor.

Woods and Starr Associates of Hays developed the required architect report and cost estimate for the grant. If awarded, the grant would pay for the materials needed to renovate the interior and would require volunteer labor to complete the project. Ms. Becker said they have received widespread support of individuals with construction experience. Economic Development received the environmental audit for the building and it indicated that there are no recognized environmental conditions in relation to the property.

Walter and McClymont Law Office officially decided the park-

ing lot to the City of Norton this month.

Ms. Becker wrote a Historic Preservation Grant to the Kansas State Historical Society to fund a consultant to complete the historic survey of downtown Norton. At the meeting, she estimated that the cost share for economic development would be up to \$2000. Since labor can be used as match, the local cash share of the proposed cost is \$822.21.

Economic Development received an e-mail from Lacy Frack expressing discontent with the apartment complex project suggestion from the Norton County Housing Solutions meeting.

Dean Esslinger brought it to Ms. Becker's attention that several cities, including Manhattan, Leavenworth and Park City, have passed city rental property ordinances to regulate the quality of rentals. The programs require rental owners to obtain a license from the city and the rentals are subject to an inspection to ensure the property is up to code. The properties are subject to inspection throughout the rental period.

Ms. Becker found sample ordinances and sent them to Karen Griffiths for her feedback on these programs. This subject is on the agenda for further discussion at the board's next meeting.

Ms. Becker said Rebecca Wetter with the Husker Hollands Rabbit Club contacted her for assistance in preparing a PowerPoint presentation for the 4-H building board. They would like to host a rabbit show in Norton and need an air conditioned building for the event.

Ms. Becker put together a presentation that explains the rabbit show and the use of facilities. The rabbits are kept in cages that contain all feces and urine so they

will not damage the facility. Ms. Becker said hosting a rabbit show is a great tourism opportunity for Norton because it will bring in people from the surrounding states and judges nationwide.

Ms. Becker said the number of visits to the Discover Norton website has remained steady this month.

During the call center recruitment process, Ms. Becker discovered that the information on Location One Information Systems, the regional property database for business recruitment was inadequate. Verla Grysch, Ms. Becker's assistant, entered more detailed information on Norton County and properties available. Ms. Becker said that she has already received one e-mail requesting more information on a property due to these updates.

As mentioned last month, the Kansas Economic Development Alliance hosted meetings to develop a proposal to the legislature that would improve state economic development incentives and make Kansas more competitive as a state. Kansas Economic Development Alliance was invited to testify to the joint economic development committee about economic development's proposal. Ms. Becker said she was asked by the alliance board to testify on behalf of rural communities.

For rural communities, one of the most beneficial changes would be modifying the Enterprise Zone program to include incentives for non-manufacturing businesses in communities with populations of up to 5,000 rather than the current 2,500 limit. If this change was in place, business such as the Downtown Carwash and Destination Kitchen would have qualified to receive Enterprise Zone incentives.

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