



The Republican race for Senate heats up

The Republican race for Senate heated up last week, with the No. 2 candidate showing just how desperate he is by launching attack ads against Rep. Jerry Moran.

How desperate? Some of the "charges" involved votes in the state Senate nearly 15 years ago on tax changes that even Rep. Todd Tiaht once said he would have supported.

The truth is, as a congressman, Rep. Moran has a nearly unblemished record of conservative thinking. He's voted against every kind of tax and spending increase, even the multi-billion-dollar "bailout" plans promoted in the last Congress by President George W. Bush and the Republican leadership of the time.

Mr. Moran noted that during the Bush years, he'd been one of the few Republicans against the No Child Left Behind Act, basically a multi-billion federal takeover of local schools, and had even voted against the hugely expensive federal "COBRA" rules governing privacy at hospitals and clinics.

But desperate candidates will do desperate things. Mr. Tiaht has denied that he's the underdog, but more and more polls show him trailing the veteran western Kansas congressman.

It's true that Rep. Moran seems to have a much broader base of support across Kansas, appealing to both conservatives and moderates. His conser-

vatism seems to be based in sound, traditional GOP thinking about spending and taxes. He's never been afraid to buck the White House or the leadership, even when it's his own party.

We can remember talking to Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri when he was the Republican whip in the House, basically the enforcer for the speaker. Mr. Moran, he said, caused him a lot of trouble because he followed his own conscience, not the party's.

What's wrong with that? Out here in the Big First District, we know Jerry Moran. We know his record and we know what kind of congressman he's been. He's the guy who's visited every county in the huge district - now 69 of 'em - every year, staying in touch with Main Street. The guy whose family remained in Hays, to keep him in touch with home. The guy who came back nearly every weekend of the year.

And the guy who voted against taxes, spending and outrageous earmarks every chance he got.

That's the guy most of us will be voting for in August, not some fellow from Wichita who puts out shrill attack ads. Our friend, neighbor and representative, Jerry Moran.

We'll be proud to see him advance to the Senate.

—Steve Haynes

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



scmcormick@nwkskans.com This last Memorial Day my thoughts were once again with Kelly Thacker.

Most of you have never heard that name before. But Kelly Thacker is one of our family heroes.

There are a few on the list. Beal and James Kelly both fought the British and Indians during the Revolution. Several Kellys, Thackers and McCormicks saw service during the Civil War.

Raleigh Thacker, who we all called Uncle Zazzie, had three ships shot out from under him dur-

ing World War I. He "crossed the pond" with the Navy while taking troops to fight in the trenches of Europe.

Back to Kelly, he went with his brother, Jack, and my dad and Uncle Bob to join the military after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

But he gave something to his country that went beyond service. You see, he was a Marine and was involved with pushing the enemy back from island to island in the Pacific Ocean. It was on Guam where Kelly laid down his life so others could be free.

After recently watching a group of young people graduate from high school, it is still hard for me to imagine what Kelly did at that age. His life had barely begun when he died. He never had the opportunity to go to college, get married, have kids or live the "American dream."

But his sacrifice help ensure those simple things for us living in a democratic society. So Kelly Thacker isn't just a hero for our family. He's yours, too.

Writer expresses her gratitude

To the Editor:

I want to express great gratitude to community members that contributed to Child Abuse Prevention efforts in April. Northwest Kansas Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect successfully distributed 9,000 blue ribbons and could not have done it without community help. A huge statement for child abuse prevention was made by all who wore their blue ribbon during the month of April.

Letter to the Editor

Unfortunately, child abuse remains in all communities. But a community member can make an enormous difference in children's lives by giving them a voice. Children are our future. And as a community, it is our responsibility to keep them safe. If there is a suspicion or it is known a child is being abused or neglected, please report

the abuse or neglect by calling the Kansas Protection Report Center at 1-800-922-5330. In an emergency situation, call local law enforcement or 911.

Now that April has passed, please remain committed to keeping children safe in your community. For more information on how you can get involved in child abuse prevention efforts, contact the Northwest Kansas Prevention Center at (785) 460-8177.

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The Lord looketh from heaven;
he beholdeth all the sons of men.
From the place of his habitation
he looketh upon all the inhabitants
of the earth.
Psalms 33:13, 14

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News From the Past

5 years ago - 2005

The commissioners approved moving the sheriff's administrative office from the courthouse to the police building across the street.

The St. Francis Board of Education accepted a scholarship gift from the Ray Huffman Memorial Fund.

Elsie Shanks, Idalia news correspondent for 35 years, was honored at a retirement party.

The fifth Saturday in the Park Car Show will be held Saturday at Sawhill Park. Approximately 120 entries are expected.

St. Francis seniors were awarded \$120,000 in scholarships during the graduation ceremony.

Fifteen Saintry tracksters have qualified for the state track meet including members of three relay teams and the relay alternates. Going to state are Megan Rice, Lauren Ross, McKenzie Grace, Amy Grace, Kelsey

Dunn, Jordan Gienger, Dylan Loyd, Matt Brown, AJ McAtee, Gavin Smull, Talisa Voorhies, Brittany Lucas, Ally Reichert, Tanner Kinen and Derek Ross.

The work on the exhibit building at the fairgrounds is nearing completion. Fair board members have one more night to put some trim on the doors and do some cleaning and the remodeling will be finished. The fair board signed a thank you note for Danny Penn for all of his work.

Placing first at the Oberlin Invitational track meet were Derek Ross in the pole vault, Tanner Kinen in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles, Talisa Voorhies in the long jump and Megan Rice in the 300-meter low hurdles.

Thirty-three St. Francis seniors will be graduating on Sunday, May 22. Gabe Gienger, class president, will give the senior talk and Chelsey Weeden, class vice president, will give the fare-

well. Honor guards escorting the seniors include Jade DeGood, McKenzie Grace, Grace Hnizdil, Samantha Marin, Cheryl Miller and Heath Owens.

30 years ago - 1980

The airport improvement bond issue passed by a sizable margin in Tuesday's election with a vote of 450 for the issue and 288 against. The bond issue in the amount of \$270,000 is the amount needed to pave the main runway, the taxi ways and the road to the Cheyenne County Municipal Airport.

One of the Sky Crane helicopters from the Kansas National Guard carried hay to livestock on Friday and Saturday in Cheyenne County. The bales were to be fed to cattle in the Breaks of the northern part of the county. The cattle were completely inaccessible from the ground because of the 24-inches of snow which fell on the county over a seven-day period.

Lines from the Library

By Pat Leibbrandt

We have the following new books at the library: *The 9th Judgment* by James Patterson; *Eight Days To Live* by Iris Johansen; *Lucid Intervals* by Stuart Woods; *Bleeding Kansas First* by Sara Paretsky; *December 6* by Martin Cruz Smith; *Wolves Eat Dogs First* by Martin Cruz Smith; *Rose* by Martin Cruz Smith; *Hannah's List* by Debbie Macomber; *Blue-Eyed Devil* by Robert Parker; *Miracle On the 17th Green* by James Patterson; *Return to Sender* by Fern Michaels; *Deliver Us From Evil* by David Baldacci; *Mike And Mike's Rules For Sports* by Mike Greenberg and Mike Golc; *Bioplayers Strong* by Anne Gardner;

Sexually Transmitted Diseases by Terri Dougherty; *Childhood Diseases And Disorders Sourcebook* by Sandra J. Judd; *Arthritides Sourcebook* by Amy L. Sutton; *Diabetes For Dummies* by Allan Rubin; *Food Allergies For Dummies* by Robert Wood and *Sports Injuries* by Hal Marcovitz.

The following new books are in the children's department: *Hidden Tracks* by Helen Perelman; *Birds Of A Feather* by Cynthia Stierle; *Christmas In Camelot* by Mary Pope Osborne; *The Penguin Problem* by Abby Klein; *The 100th Day of School* by Jane O'Connor; *Curious George Plays Mini Golf* by Marcy Sacks; *The Sea Symphony* by Annie Auerbach; *Eve Of The*

Emperor Penguin by Mary Pope Osborne; *The Perfect Present* by Abby Klein; *Just A Little Sick* by Mercer Mayer; *The Perfect Carrot* by Marcy Sacks; *On The Road* by Kitty Richards; *Don't Bet On It* by Ann Loyd; *Heart To Heart* by Helen Perelman; *Just In Time* by Jacqueline Ball; *The Mixed-Up Morning* by Jacqueline Ball; *Watch Out, Ariel!* by Jacqueline Ball; *Face The Music* by Beth Beechwood; *Broadway Dreams* by N.B. Grace; *The Story Of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski; *A Promising Day* by S.R. Baecker; *Sweet Success* by Jacqueline Ball; *Ready, Set, Throw* by Jacqueline Ball and *Cook It* by Georgie Birkett.

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 Morning Worship 10 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

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 625 S. River • 332-2680
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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
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 Pastor Chris Farmer
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 204 N. Quincy Street
 www.sfccfamily.com
 Pastor: David Butler
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Potluck & Communion - Every 2nd Sunday
 Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

United Methodist Church Office 332-2292,
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 512 S. Scott
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 Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m.
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 Worship 10:30 a.m.

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 Worship 10:30
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