



## Mud slinging seems best when candidate's behind

The campaign for the U.S. Senate in Kansas has turned ugly, with U.S. Rep. Todd Tiahrt slinging much of the filth.

That's what you do in American politics when the polls show you're gonna lose: go negative. And Mr. Tiahrt has gone way negative. Check his website; it's pretty much all negative these days.

Maybe it's working. A poll by a Wichita television station Sunday showed Mr. Moran leading 50 percent to 36, with 9 percent still undecided, but was a shift of 6 points from Moran to Tiahrt in the last month.

Still, 50-36 is way beyond the 3.5 percent margin of error claimed by the statewide poll using random telephone calls. (Your editor was among the respondents, whatever that says about the poll.) Even if all the undecided jump on the Tiahrt bandwagon, Mr. Moran is the likely winner.

Add to that the fact that the Moran campaign has a \$1 million edge in its bank account, with more than \$2.4 million left to spend in the next few weeks, and you begin to see why the Wichita congressman is so suddenly attracted to mud.

Mr. Tiahrt's campaign statements and his website have been full of attacks. He trumpets an endorsement from anti-immigration poster boy Tom Tancredo, the former Congressman from Colorado whose campaign for president got exactly nowhere two years ago. Former Gov. Sarah Palin is another conservative hero backing Tiahrt.

Campaign spokesman Michelle Schroeder accuses the Moran team of putting out false fig-

ures from an internal poll, which she claims is a "push" poll biased for one candidate. The figures weren't that far from the KWCH television poll, though.

A television ad features former Bush political strategist Karl Rove endorsing Mr. Tiahrt and attacking Rep. Moran. Nearly every entry on the main page, in fact, is an attack.

Mr. Moran must be doing something right, we think.

Meantime, his website and his releases focus mostly on the candidate and his record. The Moran campaign spends some time trying to defend the candidate from Tiahrt attacks last month, but today, it's mostly positive stuff on his page. The latest ad features Mr. Moran talking about his record, what he's stood for and his steadfast opposition to President Obama's liberal agenda.

That's another theme of the campaign, who's the real conservative. The Tiahrt campaign attacks Mr. Moran's record at every turn, claiming he's not that conservative.

We think Mr. Moran has chosen the wise course here, pushing his positives and spending his cash to get his record out.

Kansas voters will make the final decision, and we think they'll base it on the candidate's records, how they behave and not how much mud they can sling. Kansans are smarter than that.

Mr. Tiahrt should get back to talking about himself, unless he's just out of positive things to say. —Steve Haynes



WHEN BOATING, THINK FUN, THINK SPORT — BUT THINK!

## Choose wisely for Western Kansas

### —Letters to the Editor—

To the Editor:  
The Right Choice

I spent more time this year talking with our legislators about school financing than I ever have before. Kansas is facing tough economic times statewide, and unfortunately school districts have taken big reductions in their budgets. The legislature has to find new resources to fill the ever widening gap in our state budget.

I was very proud of Senator Ostmeyer who stepped up to the plate for western Kansas this year by supporting the sales tax increase. No one wants more taxes but at least it was a step in the right direction. There are other ways to increase revenue without increasing taxes, but many in the legislature are not willing to go after them. Unfortunately Representative

Faber continues to vote the way the party leaders tell him to, and not for the good of the people he represents. He consistently fought every initiative that would help bring in new revenue sources.

I believe that we finally have a Republican candidate that will fight for western Kansas! I have known Ward Cassidy for over 25 years. During much of that time he was the high school principal at St. Francis High School. After retirement he continued to work as a guidance counselor in St. Francis and other western Kansas schools.

He has children that have stayed in the St. Francis area that married western Kansas spouses. Ward is dedicated to fighting for western Kansas! He wants a future not only

for his children and grandchildren... but for all of us that have chosen this wonderful area to live in.

He is passionate about the future of small businesses, farming, health care, and of course, education, in our great part of the state. It is time we choose the right representative for us!

I encourage you to find out more about Ward Cassidy, and make the informed right choice for western Kansas in the August primary! Choose someone that will represent western Kansas, not eastern Kansas and big business!

Choose Ward Cassidy!  
Duane Dorshorst  
Superintendent USD 294  
Oberlin

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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I think it is time for me to work on some behavior modification. I've noticed that what didn't work for my dad, doesn't work for me either.

What I'm talking about is those little fits of rage that come at a moment when a man is at a loss for what else to do. These are meant to send those around you fleeing for their lives while the alpha male collects himself and develops the next plan of action.

Problem is, it never worked. Oh, there might have been a time when it scared someone. But there is something about a person losing their cool that is plain funny.

Of course we never let our Dad see it, but after one of those performances we'd ducked into another room and giggle at how silly Papa was. I've come to the realization that the kids are doing the same thing with me. In fact, they do a better imitation of Casey at a weak moment than I do. It can

really tickle them I guess. So, B.F. Skinner and all the behaviorists can be proud of me. Because, as of now, I'm done getting mad and saying a dirty word when I run into one of life's obstacles.

Think I'll try counting to 10. I'll let you know how it goes. Or better yet, ask one of the kids about it. Wonder what they'll do for entertainment now?

## Concerns addressed before voting

To the Editor:

Prior to going to the polls on Aug. 3 there are some things we need to think about as to who is going to do the best job as Representative for the 120th District.

As I look back at the time when I held a public office of which I held for several terms, one day I told my wife: I think that I have been there too long. I am not listening to the people anymore. Everything is matter of fact. It is time for me to step down.

This has happened so many times to so many politicians and I think it is time for some "new blood" to represent our 120th District.

Some Concerns:  
How many of our tax dollars are flowing back to Northwest Kansas?

How many enterprises have been brought to Northwest Kansas? (So many times I've witnessed politicians standing back after doing very little; but if and when the project is successful, they're standing in line for a picture.)

Mr. Faber supported cutting

### —Letter to the Editor—

funding to Norton Correction Facility to support another District.

Is Mr. Faber willing to give up our 120th District to Eastern Kansas?

What support has Mr. Faber given towards education in Northwest Kansas? (I understand that in education circles he is considered a detriment. he has never been willing to stand up for the schools of Northwest Kansas).

Water Issues: we need some-

one who will fight to make sure that Colorado, Nebraska and Oklahoma all share in the cuts of water use if this becomes necessary.

I do support Ward Cassidy for Representative of the 120th District.

He understands the needs and concerns of our small towns, our agriculture and for sure the education system.

Ken Krien  
Bird City

**GOD SAYS**  
**He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth.**  
**Psalms 104:14**

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Dear Editor,

We recently received a brochure and letter from John Faber, representative candidate for the 120th District in Kansas. Of particular interest to us was the remark

### —Honor Roll—

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made in the letter stating that "Representative Faber has faithfully supported education in rural Kansas."

If you were one of the many patrons present at the town hall meeting with our legislators in Bird City this spring, we think you found out first hand that John Faber is not a friend to education in rural Kansas — period. John Faber has continually voted against legislation that would help sustain our rural schools.

Probably more disturbing to us than anything else about Representative Faber is that in our years in school administration, he has never contacted us concerning legislative issues dealing with school finance and how they might impact our districts. Keep in mind that he only represents a five-county area, so it would be very easy to contact all the super-

intendents for input.

Ward Cassidy is also a candidate for representative in the 120th District. We believe Mr. Cassidy will seek the advice of his constituents in all areas concerning rural Kansas. We don't think any of us expect our politicians to know all there is to know about the many issues; however, we should expect them to ask when they don't know.

Mr. Cassidy has spent nearly his entire career in education at St. Francis and has raised his family here. He has a vested interest in the success of Western Kansas because his entire family lives, farms, and operates a business in Cheyenne County.

Respectfully,  
Rob Schiltz - USD 297  
Superintendent  
Bruce Bolin - USD 103  
Superintendent

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