

## Hard to make peace after primary battles

Kansas Republicans are making noises about trying to make peace after some bloody primary battles.

While we expect the party to pull together this fall, some of the wounds will take longer to heal than others.

Perhaps the nastiest fight was between Rep. Jerry Moran of Hays and Rep. Todd Tiahrt of Goddard for the open U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sam Brownback, the GOP candidate for governor.

This one degenerated into bitter name-calling before it was over, with each candidate's staff issuing blistering attacks on the other guy. Mr. Tiahrt's campaign tried to use ancient votes from Mr. Moran's days in the state Senate more than 15 years ago to prove he was not a "true conservative."

Dedicated groups including Kansas Right to Life backed Mr. Tiahrt despite the fact that both had sterling records on the group's issues. You'd think the group would have done its cause more good by sitting this one out, and in the general election, you'd have to believe its leaders will back Mr. Moran over a Democrat.

Alliances among right-wing "social conservatives" such as Mr. Brownback, Right to Life, Mr. Tiahrt and others are strong, apparently, and Mr. Moran is seen as too independent, not "one of them."

Still, when the shouting dies down and he's the new senator, who will they have to turn to in Washington? Even the new governor will have to go hat in hand when he wants help in the Capitol. And Mr. Moran is a conservative, though more in the mold of Bob Dole than Mr. Brownback.

So Sen. Moran should survive with little damage. Our bet is that Mr. Tiahrt will stay in Washington and become a highly paid lobbyist for conservative causes or maybe the aerospace companies he was so fond of in Wichita.

He'll live, and live well.

And the governor? Maybe he can trade a few tips for a hearing with the freshman senator. He did spend 14 years in the Senate.

Out West, the six-way campaign for the House seat Mr. Moran left to run for the Senate generated it's own heat. Candidates tried to outdo each other at calling themselves conservative. State Sen. Tim Huelskamp won handily, maybe because he'd proven over the years that he was the most conservative. Unlike many of the candidates, he had a voting record to prove it.

Sen. Jim Barnett has his Emporia-based Senate seat to keep him warm next winter. Other candidates did not fare so well.

Tracy Mann, a young businessman who lives in Salina but made much of his roots in Quinter, took the brunt of the last-minute attacks. Trouble was, in his case, the charges stuck.

Mann stood accused of being a carpetbagger, having moved back to the district only last year from Johnson County, and being on record as having given \$500 to the Senate campaign of former Rep. Jim Slattery, a liberal Democrat, against Republican Pat Roberts just two years ago.

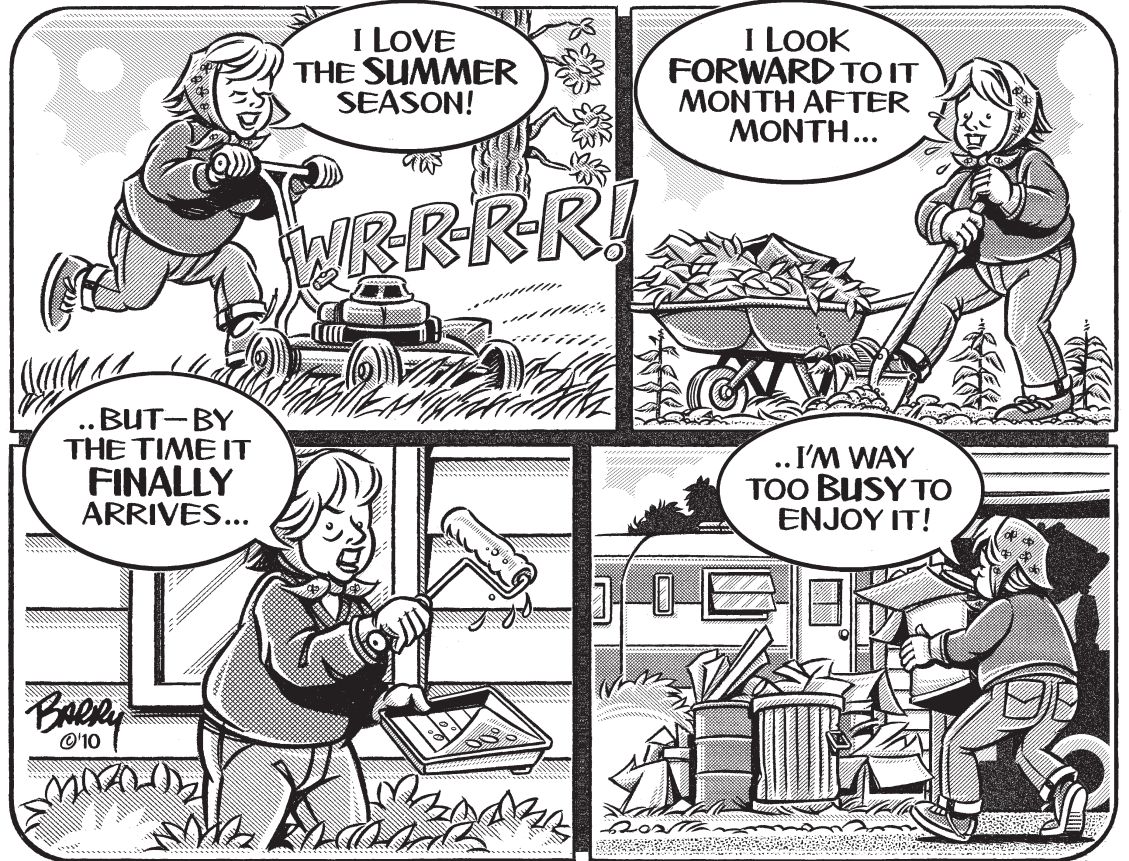
There's nothing illegal about either thing, of course, but if you're going to run in a Republican primary, those are things that count against you. We'd be willing to bet that's why he lost.

Many other races involved smaller fights, some mostly clean, others not so. The Kansas Republican party generally survives these. It will this year, too.

Mr. Moran and Mr. Brownback, leading the ticket, both have proven they can win elections and appeal to a large spectrum of voters. Both should win handily in November.

Their positions to the right and farther to the right will not hurt them. Voters will see them as good men trying to do the right thing for the state.

Some of the others will be trying to figure out what happened for years. —Steve Haynes



## News From the Past

### 20 years ago 1990

Over 3,000 people attended the 37th annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show July 26-29. Visitors came from Australia, Switzerland, Japan and Central America.

Thresher Princess, Patty Pittman, threw the first bundle into the antique threshing machines each day at the show.

Nellie LeBow Burr was crowned the 1990 Thresher Show Queen and reigned throughout the rest of the show. The 1989 Thresher Queen, Lillian Gorthy, was also present for the show.

4-H Style Revue winners included Shannon Stevens, Susan Bracelin, Lisa Raile, Joe Leibbrandt, Ronda Krien, Dustin Andrist, Erin Day, Shannon Wilson, Jennifer Henderson and Nikki Krien.

The grand champion float at the Cheyenne County Fair Parade belonged to St. Francis State Bank and Trust. The reserve championship float was by James M. Milliken, Chartered.

Fair champions include: Brock Ketzner, grand champion lamb; Jolly James EHU Unit, grand champion booth; Aaron Lindsten, grand cham-

pion gelding; Brock Ketzner, grand champion steer; Joe Leibbrandt, grand champion market hog.

### 75 years ago -1935

The first train to arrive in St. Francis since the flood arrived July 11 The motor train arrived here about 8 p.m. after an absence of about 42 days.

A new football coach at the St. Francis Community High School has been employed to replace J.E. Timken who resigned to take a position in Oklahoma. The new head coach is Stanford Hartman of Boulder, Colo., The assistant coach is Ralph Parker who will teach manual arts and social science.

The first farm tractor powered by a diesel motor ever to be displayed here is being shown by Danielsons now in their tractor lot.

R.L. Wyatt, who has been in the oil business in St. Francis for the past six to eight years, handling the Skelly products, sold out his holdings to the Skelly Oil company last week. Mr. Wyatt owned storage tanks at Goodland and trucks with which to haul the gas and oil over to St. Francis.

H.R. Bear has been taken in

as one of the force at the Equity. Harley will have charge of the lumber and building materials department.

Haddon Peck Jr. and Bob Gough will be attending the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Washington, D.C.

A crowd packed the band shell, near a thousand persons, for the concert by the St. Francis Municipal Band Saturday evening. The evening's program also featured Larry Walz playing a piano solo and 17 Boy Scouts receiving awards during intermission.

Three murals on the west wall of the interior of the St. Francis Theater, just finished by H.T. Sawhill, now complete the set of six murals that decorate the walls.

An old B & M railroad engine that dates almost back to the time when railroading was getting a start, will be on hand at Bird City for the Golden Jubilee.

Historical sites in Cheyenne County will be marked and signs along the highways will direct travelers to them if plans now being instituted by the Woman's Kansas Day Club are successfully carried out.

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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I feel for all the farmer-parents out there. You know who you are!

The dear Lord provided our region with a bountiful harvest. But it was a busy time, as it should be.

He has also blessed families with beautiful and handsome children who, growing up on the farm, become loyal members of the local 4-H chapters.

So from the fields the kids, with direction from mom and dad, pumped all of their energy into projects to be shown off at the county fair.

Indoors recipes were practiced, clothing was sewn and artworks were created. Outside animals got feed and worked with while gardens were tended to. In the barns and shops welding tools sparked and wooden parts were assembled.

For these families it is hard to call the season "Summer break." What breaks are taken are between chores and projects.

Is it all worth it?

After attending the Cheyenne County Fair I can only report what I saw. All the hard work was represented by a plethora of incredible

sights. From the livestock rings to the photographs hanging on display, pride was evident throughout.

I don't care how many fairs I get to see here, but these kids never fail to amaze and entertain every year.

Congratulations to all the 4-H'ers and I hope you had time to enjoy a few rides. And to the parents, you don't need me to tell you to be proud.

## CheyCoDeveloping

By Chuck Kribs, co-director

Shame on me! That's right. We want everyone to "buy local," but Diane and I bought our car insurance from one of those flashy internet firms, with the "Great Rates."

After a fender bender Diane had in Hays, we found out why their rates are so low. They don't pay!

A real horror story. First we were forced to take the car, barely drivable, to an adjuster in Burlington, Colo. His estimate to fix was about 2,900 bucks. He submitted that to the company.

A couple of days later, with no personal contact, we get an e-mail saying they were going to pay \$1,600, less \$500 deductible. That's \$1,300 less than the estimate!

Many phone calls and e-mails followed. The calls went to a call

center somewhere, always to a different person - "I am not familiar with your claim," was the first thing we heard. The e-mails were NEVER answered.

Long story shortened.

It has now been well over a month with no final settlement as yet. I gotta make nice with Kelly

and Mike Frewen and see about getting back with a local agent after this mess is over. They give me a pretty bad time about the deer I shot, but it's worth it for the service.

"Shop Cheyenne County First!" We learned our lesson.

GOD SAYS This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalms 118:24

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