

Opinion

Choosing a candidate may be hard for voters

Who should we vote for in the "minor" state against a candidate with more party backing offices, the ones below governor and attorney and more money. He's apparently done a good general where many voters may not have a clue who's running, let alone who's best?

It's often a decision made on the basis of acquaintance, looks perhaps or a fleeting image counts. - or party label.

the state with advertising like those running for the Senate, governor or even Congress. Many are not that widely known across the state.

But voters have to choose, and there's no shortage of candidates to run.

Take the race for state treasurer. Longtime incumbent Lynn Jenkins left the post to become the U.S. representative in the second district him apart out here in the western half of the two years ago after unseating Congressman Jim Ryan in the Republican primary. Jenkins herself had been a mostly unknown factor, the Shawnee County treasurer, when she won the office.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius appointed Mr. McKinney, then a state representative and minority leader of the House, in January 2009 to replace Jenkins, a Republican. Kansas law gives the governor discretion to appoint someone from either party to a state vacancy. (Interestingly enough, for a vacancy for county office or the Legislature, the governor must appoint the choice of the incumbent's party.)

McKinney has to run his first statewide race would be.

job of working the treasurer's position, tirelessly promoting programs to return unclaimed property and establish education spending ac-

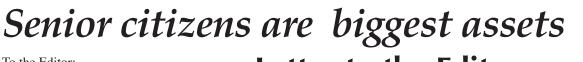
His opponent, Ron Estes, may have even less Candidates don't have the budget to blanket statewide name recognition, but his membership in the Republican party more than makes up for that. One poll a couple of months ago by Wichita television station KWCH showed him leading 58 percent to 37 percent.

> There's not much on the race since. Mr. McKinney continues to work the state, county seat by county seat. That's one thing that sets state is that he is one of us. He is from Greensburg, west of Wichita, so we know he's aware of where and what western Kansas is.

> He has been to Oberlin, Colby, Goodland, Norton and St. Francis several times each. He knows the area as well as anyone.

> Mr. Estes, we're not so sure. We haven't seen him, though he has made a few brief stops in the northwest. That's not to say he wouldn't be a good treasurer; just that he has not made much effort in our area. Maybe he doesn't need to.

Many people, even if they didn't meet a candidate, will be influenced by which one made the best effort in their area. Out here, for state Thus, while he's the incumbent treasurer, Mr. treasurer, there's no doubt in our mind who that - Steve Haynes



Did you know that two of the biggest assets we have in America are our senior citizens and retir-

We have lived the "American Dream" through hard work and determination. and we have gone through both hard and good times providing a good foundation for raising our families and making sure our kids received a good education. God and religion have played important parts in our lives also.

However, somewhere in recent times many of us have slacked off in taking the time to talk to our children and grandchildren about such important issues as the necessity

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Throwing out trash is against the

law, even the little children know

that, but sometimes that empty

One day I had finished eating a

bag of candy while driving down

the road. Here I was with that

empty bag lying on the seat of the

car. It didn't bug me as much as it

reminded me that I needed to lose

I reached over and knocked it to

the floor board, but I could still see

it. Finally I decided what different

some of this weight.

out the window.

candy sack just bugs a person.

- Letter to the Editor for personal and business accom- somewhere in your community,

ments to live the dream. Instead, bingo. This should not be.

As a result many young American voters have come to believe that they are "entitled" to have the American dream given to them on a silver platter. These same Americans will be voting for the candidate that promises the most federal assistance in the upcoming November election which by the way is less than a week away.

plishments, and family commit- the county courthouse, local businesses, government buildings, many senior citizens and retirees etc.; get one and know your candifill up their free time with golf and date before you vote. Senior citizens and retirees...you can make a

> The American Dream is not about making a million dollars, but having the pride and joy in our accomplishments! And the greatest privilege we have as American is to vote without fear and the greatest dishonor to America – not voting.



Across the County

Fall is good time to body condition scoring herd

October is a busy time of year The recommended body condition for many folks; fall planting, harvesting, preparing for winter and weaning calves. Remember that weaning time is an excellent opportunity to "body condition score" (BCS) the cow herd.

Body condition scoring of beef cattle can be an effective management tool for evaluating the energy reserves of cows and the whole nutritional program throughout the year. Adjusting the nutritional program to obtain desired body condition at different stages of production is necessary to enhance production efficiency.

The period from weaning to calving is a time when it is easier to alter cow body condition since a dry cow's only nutritional requirements are body maintenance and fetal development.

The most widely used body condition scoring system for beef cattle in the U.S. assigns scores from 1 thru 9; 1 being very thin and 9 being obese. The recommended body condition score at calving for a two-year-old, first-calf heifer is 6.

First-calf heifers are more likely than mature cows to fail to rebreed.

what we do is from the outside

looking in. We try not to be the

pening to our readers. From this

vantage point we become a sort

of "third person" as we narrate a

Last Tuesday when a phone call

alerted us that there was a fire, I

did what I normally do: grab a

camera and spare batteries and

Arriving at the Good Samaritan

Village, I saw what could be called

"a surreal scene." Despite the

smoke and busy firefighters bat-

story but rather bring the hap-

score for mature cows at calving is a 5. Additional body condition provides some insurance against reproductive failure. However, excessive fleshing beyond body conditioning score of 6 prior to calving in first-calf heifers and mature cows may result in increased incidence of calving difficulty.

When determining body conditioning score of the cowherd, remember that the scoring system is a subjective evaluation of fleshing and fat deposition (energy reserves), not gut fill, hair coat, or body weight. Consider cow age, breed, and frame size when determining BCS.

Older cattle tend to carry less condition over their top than younger cattle. Fat deposition varies by breed or type of cattle.

Keep the scoring system simple. A thin cow looks sharp and angular, whereas a fat one appears smooth and square. Consistency and simplicity are key in evaluating energy balance of a cowherd.

Many factors are associated with changing body condition throughout the year. Following calving,

tling away, the overall sense was

Not that this should be a sur-

prise. Great amounts of time and

energy went into preparing for

such an event. But that still doesn't

mean that people won't crack un-

However with gentle touches

Within minutes all were moved

to the school where volunteers and

medical professionals continued

to care for the shaken residents of

On top of this, high school kids

and soft but strong voices the staff

guided their people to safety out-

der pressure.

the Village.

one of organization and calm.

County Extension Agent high nutritional requirements for

Marty

lactation make maintaining or improving body condition during the first 60 days of the suckling period almost impossible. Altering body condition takes

time. One body condition score is equal to about 60 to 80 pounds of body weight in small to moderate frame cows. Large frame cows require 100 to 150 pounds of body weight to change a single condition score. After calves have been weaned is an excellent time to improve the cows body condition

Determining the nutritional status of the herd through body conditioning scoring at weaning or 100 days prior to calving is critical. It allows a producer time to develop nutritional programs that achieve optimum body conditioning score at calving.

For more information on body conditioning score contact the extension office at 785-332-3171 or email cfear@ksu.edu.

were released from their class-

rooms to chip in. The sight of

young people giving to the elderly

can provide the most callous heart

fellow Cheyenne County members

that I can report all is well here in

Here's to getting this institution

up and running again as soon as

possible so the dedicated workers

can get back to doing what they

do best and the residents can re-

the corner of Northwest Kansas.

So it is with great pride for my

Till next week - Marty

McCormick

some room for hope.

turn home.

Casey's Comments Marilyn Frisbie Sample ballots are available McDonald scmccormick@nwkansas.com Hangin' With Marge As newspaper people, much of

Trash in a Car

one is coming so I just smiled and nodded my head as they went by.

Whew, what a close call. the mirror and then I looked for- mom that old lady threw an empty ward and nothing was coming. No candy bag out of the car. She's not one would see me so I pitched the bag out the window.

was then that I looked in my mirror. There it was, the candy bag and it was just waving away back lot of trouble.

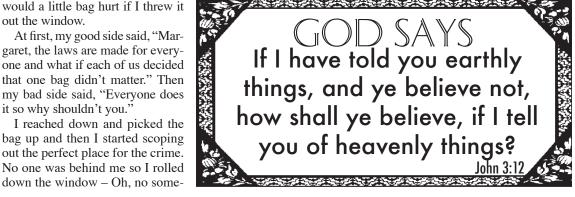
there.

I could just image those little Once again I started looking in kids in that car saying, "Look very nice!"

Margaret

Bucholtz

That candy bag stayed on the an-I rolled up the window and it tenna until I got home. I promptly wasn't long until I met a car and it took it off and threw it in the trash. I think someone was telling me that I should use the good side of had caught on the radio antenna my brain and I would stay out of a





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it so why shouldn't you."

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