

Opinion

Republican voters get first taste of 'attack' ads

Republican voters in northwest Kansas got race." their first taste of "attack" ads this season a week or two ago when a flier arrived in the mail denouncing state Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer.

The mysterious oversized postcard appeared in mailboxes with no real explanation of where it came from. The required "credit" line says the mailing was paid for by the "Kansas Jobs PAC (political action committee), William Wilson, treasurer," nothing more.

No one has ever heard of the committee. State documents online show it was registered June 16 with the state Governmental Ethics Commission by Mr. Wilson. The form lists a postoffice box in Topeka for an address and a phone in the Tecumseh area east of the capital city, most likely someone's home.

The copy is pure political heat: Over a photo of a magician holding a wand above a top hat, the copy says: "State Senator Ralph Ostmeyer is trying to make his votes for higher taxes disappear. Don't be fooled by his cheap political tricks."

The senator did vote for a temporary increase in the state sales tax a couple of years ago when the state was in a real bind. He never tried to hide that vote, however. He says the more recent votes may have been on amendments to bills that did or didn't pass.

"Tax raisin' Ralph can't be trusted with our tax dollars," the flier says. It cites three votes, including the sales tax issue in 2010, which passed both houses by good margins. It had the backing of legislative leaders and Gov. Mark

Sen. Ostmeyer says he's puzzled as to who or what group generated the flier. He estimated it tempt to manipulate a legislative race way out might cost \$7,000 to blanket a district like that.

He speculated that Democrats might want to disrupt the Republican primary, setting up a possible victory in the fall for Sen. Allen Schmidt of Hays, an appointed legislator who has been thrown into Mr. Ostmeyer's 40th District.

The senator said he'd checked with Sen. Jay Emler, the majority leader, and he had heard of only one other district where a senator had been the target of a similar anonymous attack. That was in southeast Kansas.

The problems of farming concerned him more at the time, he added.

"My irrigation well was down yesterday," he said. "I've been busy with that."

He did say he felt good about his campaign. His primary opponent, John Miller, a longtime Norton County commissioner, said he wasn't a whole lot happier about the attack.

"I knew about it when you knew about it," he said, noting that he'd received one in the mail and gotten a phone call.

He said he was campaigning in Logan County when a voter called to say she'd gotten "a postcard from you" that day.

"I just wish people would stay out of this," he said. "Ralph said in the beginning he wanted to keep the primary fair and above board.

"I have no clue (who's behind it)."

Neither, apparently, does anyone else in the 40th District. Sen. Ostmeyer said, though, that he feared there might be radio attack ads from a similar source in the final days before Tuesday's primary election.

When outside forces and outside money athere, something is wrong. It'd be a shame to al-"I've been endorsed by all the conservative low anonymous pols hiding somewhere in eastgroups," he said. "I'm the conservative in this ern Kansas to sway our votes. — Steve Haynes



Reader seeks prayers for country

When it comes to politics, I am not shy. While I was in Denver care coverage in the world. It's not perfect and needs reformed. There is corruption and abuse in Medicare and the red tape and paperwork is terrible. But they are afraid of Obama care, government controlled health care, is going to ruin health care in this country, as we know it.

against Catholics and the blatant assault on our religious freedoms.

for treatment, I talked to my doc- It was unbelievable that our Sutors about Obama Care. They all preme Court voted that Obama America by the Obama Justice agreed America has the best health Care and the mandate is constitutional. The fine people have to pay for refusing it; is now called

As I see it, President Obama and his followers are in a war against Christians. Our president is packing America's federal courts with hundreds of radical judges. It was ruled in the Indiana State House I was shocked when President the words "Jesus" or "Christ" Obama came out with a mandate could not be uttered, but the name eral funding - more voter fraud? "Allah" can be used in prayer.

bols are being removed all across Department. The only way we can stop this movement is to vote in 2012, the most important election in America's History. We need to get people out to vote, those that believe their vote doesn't count. It

-Letters to the Editor-

President Obama has the labor unions, Hollywood, and a lot of wealthy people supporting him. It won't be easy; Acorn still gets fed-

Pray for our country,

Casey's Comments

A recent Bucholtz-Ross camping trip took me to something I'd built across the Solomon River always heard about and something

Ever since moving to Kansas I was curious about the World's Largest Ball of Twine. It's in Cawker City on the west side main drag as you drive along U.S. tale. Highway 24. Now that can come off my bucket list.

lies under its waters.

Before the Glen Elder dam was valley in north central Kansas, a spring lay there. It's healing waters made it the perfect location for a sanitarium for visitors to benefit from the spring.

But before the White man came of town. Can't miss it from the the local area Indian tribes told a

chief was named Wakonda. As a chief. The unknown was wakonda young lady she enjoyed wander-Lake and the Indian legend that ing the countryside around the with Wakonda approached her

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One day she came upon a wounded warrior. Although she quickly realized he was from another group that didn't get along with her's, she nursed him back to health. The fighter's name was The beautiful daughter of one Takota, the son of the opposing

> Takota, having fallen in love father to ask for her hand in marriage. Harsh words were spoken and soon a battle erupted between the waring tribes.

An arrow from Wakonda's father found its mark on Takota and the mortally wounded brave fell into the spring. Heartbroken Wakonda dove in after him and both were never seen again.

Standing on the shores of the large lake that covers the spring today, one wonders if the spirits of these lovers notice the boats and campers that visit their native lands.



Your special section about the Engine and Thresher Show with many pictures, was so very interesting. Of special interest to me was the article about Dr. Peck written by Janet Price. I appreciated Janet's research, but hope she will forgive my correction. She told that his daughter Betty Jane died at birth. I felt I must reply.

I was born (delivered by Dr. Peck) in the house next door to the Peck family and they felt like family to me. Betty Jane Peck was seven years older than me and was my idol. At the age of six I named my favorite doll Betty.

Born in early January 1922, Betty went all through St. Francis schools, graduating from high school with the class of 1939. She then attended Colorado University in Boulder and at 19 was married at home in a lovely garden setting which was decorated in flowers by my dad (Howard Sawhill.) Her first marriage produced several miscarriages and ended in

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pier one, produced two little girls. Betty died of breast cancer, in her forties. She was survived by her husband, a Kansas banker, and two daughters.

When Haddon and Betty were eight and six, their parents had another baby girl, who was stillborn. They named her Marian Money Peck and she is buried in

the St. Francis Cemetery.

The wonderful buggy, shown with Don Bruder, would have been a prize antique to Dr. Peck, and he probably would have been able to tell us who drove it on the roads of Cheyenne County. He always bought Chryslers

> Sincerely, Virginia Sawhill Galloway

Support shown for renewal

of local doctor's contract

Letter to the editor This is a letter to help inform

the area of a situation in progress at Chevenne Co. Hospital. As I understand it, Dr. Allard's contract is under consideration for renewal at this time. Many of us are in support of Dr. Allard and her practice here at St. Francis. Some of us remember when we were looking for a good Dr. here. As a cardi-

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Fr. Roger Meitl

ologist at Fort Collins, Colo. said, "Cheyenne County Hospital does not have a good track record with Dr.'s there!"

Enough said!

I hope those in support of Dr. Allard will let the hospital board know how you feel.

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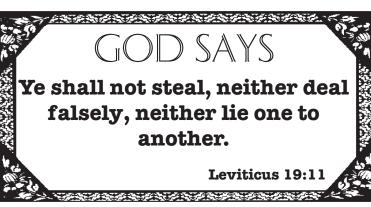
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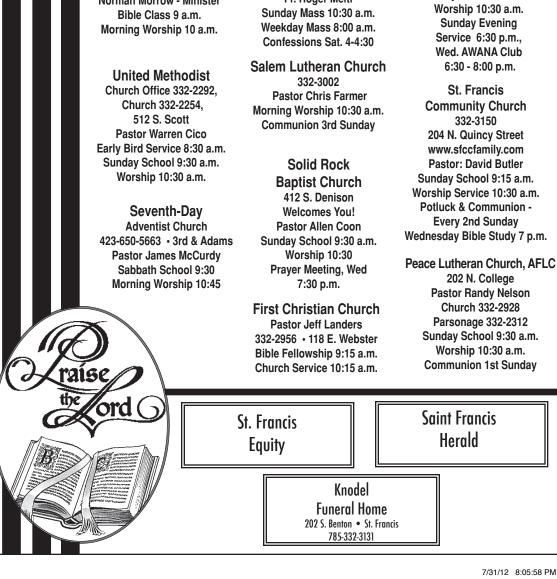
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