



Republican voters get first taste of 'attack' ads

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

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 Ostmeier 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 Parkinson.

Sen. Ostmeier says he's puzzled as to who or what group generated the flier. He estimated it might cost \$7,000 to blanket a district like that.

"I've been endorsed by all the conservative groups," he said. "I'm the conservative in this

race." 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. Ostmeier'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 long-time 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. Ostmeier 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 attempt to manipulate a legislative race way out here, something is wrong. It'd be a shame to allow anonymous pols hiding somewhere in eastern Kansas to sway our votes. — Steve Haynes



Reader seeks prayers for country

Letters to the Editor

When it comes to politics, I am not shy. While I was in Denver for treatment, I talked to my doctors about Obama Care. They all agreed America has the best health 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.

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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 the words "Jesus" or "Christ" could not be uttered, but the name "Allah" can be used in prayer. Crosses and religious symbols are being removed all across America by the Obama Justice 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 does.

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

Pray for our country, Marilyn Frisbie

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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A recent Bucholtz-Ross camping trip took me to something I'd always heard about and something unknown.

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 of town. Can't miss it from the main drag as you drive along U.S. Highway 24. Now that can come off my bucket list.

The unknown was Wakonda Lake and the Indian legend that lies under its waters.

Before the Glen Elder dam was built across the Solomon River valley in north central Kansas, a spring lay there. Its healing waters made it the perfect location for a sanitarium for visitors to benefit from the spring.

But before the White man came the local area Indian tribes told a tale.

The beautiful daughter of one chief was named Wakonda. As a young lady she enjoyed wandering the countryside around the spring.

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 Takota, the son of the opposing chief.

Takota, having fallen in love with Wakonda approached her father to ask for her hand in marriage. Harsh words were spoken and soon a battle erupted between the warring 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.

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Thresher show section is enjoyed

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

divorce. Her later marriage, a happier 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

This is a letter to help inform the area of a situation in progress at Cheyenne 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-

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.

Sincerely, Mrs. Neva DeGood St. Francis

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Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.
Leviticus 19:11

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