



What did Kansas voters tell the people in Topeka?

What did Kansas voters tell the boys, and girls, in Topeka?

For the most part, we think, they seem pretty happy with the way things are going in this state.

Except for our neighbors to the east, where the Republicans lost a Senate seat when a cute redistricting ploy backfired, incumbents fared well.

So the message, first of all, seems to be, "stay the course."

Most major changes came in the primaries, when a couple of liberal Republicans were beaten by conservative challengers. Conservative groups put thousands of dollars into some races, and they had some successes.

If there was any message, it was not a pro-growth, raise-taxes message.

There was no demand for a tax increase, for schools or other state programs. It was anti-tax conservative Republicans who made the gains. Democrats and liberals in the GOP lost ground.

The Republican leadership did not fare well in a well-financed drive to unseat young Josh Svaty, a Democrat who took a House seat south of Salina two years ago. Their guy lost badly after a sometimes contentious race marked by dirty tricks.

As the state's economy gains steam, there will be a blizzard of requests for more money from nearly every state program. From social services to schools, highways and law enforcement, there is tremendous

pent-up demand for more money.

While state income is on the rise again, and exceeding official estimates, there isn't nearly enough to go around.

Schools will continue to get priority for money, but colleges and other agencies are positioning themselves with hands out.

Everyone has legitimate needs. Every agency has a lobby to support it. Every program thinks it should get the spare change.

It will be a long spring as legislators try to sort through the requests and demands. No one knows what the courts will do with a lawsuit over school finance. A district judge estimated that the state should put another \$1 billion into the school budget, but of course, had no suggestions as to where to get the money.

It ought to be clear that the taxpayers whose pockets would be tapped are in no mood to pay. If anyone — school supporters, the judge, school boards or superintendents — thinks otherwise, it'd be interesting to put the issue to a statewide vote.

That's not how Kansas works, though. The voters have already spoken, and our guess is their voice will be heard. There'll be no massive tax increase next year, and state programs will have to fight over the scraps that fall to the budget room floor.

We will survive, and so will most state programs.

— Steve Haynes



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News From the Past

15 years ago - 1989

Robert G. Loyd M.D. has joined the courtesy staff of the Cheyenne County Hospital as a general surgeon.

20 years ago - 1984

Colleen Brown of Haigler and Terry O'Leary of Colby were the overall female and male winners in the two mile fun run held during Heritage Day. Connie Jenkins captured the womens 10K title while Dan Winston was the mens winner.

Kathy Ross is the Job's Daughters Honored Queen while Shawna Stevens is the Senior Princess and Sherri Bracelin the Junior Princess. They presided over the visit of the Grand Guardian Mary Ann Major.

The Kansas Junior Miss Program was held in Belleville over the weekend. Cheyenne County's Junior Miss, Shawn McCrory was selected as one of the top 10 finalists for the talent competition. She sang "I Feel Pretty" from "West Side Story." She was the first representative from Cheyenne County ever to become a top 10 talent finalist. She also was named Kansas Junior Miss third runner-up, making her the first from Cheyenne County to be named a runner-up at the state program.

John Love received a purple ribbon at the Kansas State Fair for his demonstration/illustrated talk. The 4-H Judging Team placed third and won a trip to nationals. Members of the team include T.J. Douthit, Mike Bandel, Jeff

Weeden and Troy Faulkender.

30 years ago - 1974

More than 600 people were served an authentic German dinner at the annual Heritage Day celebration. Jerry Hutton and Catherine Gienger won the authentic costume competition.

After serving the St. Francis community for 68 years, the Burlington Northern Railroad depot will be abandoned next week to make way for a modern compact building that was moved in last week.

Workmen are busy erecting steel on the new vocational building at the high school.

The eight Cheyenne County 4-H Clubs are being honored during National 4-H Club Week. Clubs include Happy Larks, Pleasant Hill, Cherry Creek, South Fork, Cheyenne Valley, Go-Getters, Lawn Ridge and Plum Creek.

Homecoming king and queen candidates include: Cheryl Barnhart, Donita Zwegardt, Gaye Henderson, Laura Lee Keller, Kellee Kramer, Perry Keller, Pete Raile, Tim Harkins, Blake Waters and John Harvey.

Todd Sherlock sold his grand champion steer for \$6,890 at the 42nd annual Kansas National Junior Livestock Show.

The seniors won the coveted Spirit Trophy during Homecoming Week.

40 years ago - 1964

Cheyenne County 4-H'ers winning purple ribbons at the State Fair include: Phyllis Roelfs (2) with a wool skirt in the clothing division and a demonstration entitled "Dairy Foods - Key to Good Health"; Clinton

Schlepp (1) with a variety of Tenmarq wheat; Alan DeGood (1) on his safety demonstration entitled "Fire - This Friend Can Hurt You" and Karen DeGood with a clothing demonstration entitled "When You Step Out."

St. Francis cheerleaders include seniors Judy Jacoba, Sherry Peter and Carol Touslee; juniors Mary Lou Shaver and Sue Ella Touslee and sophomore Judy Touslee.

Jim Manson has stepped out as a partner in the Manson Electric Shop after nearly 45 years in the auto electric business in St. Francis. His interest in the business has been purchased by Marvin P. Lorentz of Herndon. He will join John F. Price, who joined the partnership seven years ago.

The Northwest Kansas Electric Cooperative will hold an open house in their new addition at Bird City on Friday.

Caywood was the leading rusher for the Indians in their Homecoming win over Hoxie. He rushed for 114 yards in 19 carries.

75 years ago - 1929

H.T. Sawhill has been selected Jurisdictional Air Safety Commissioner for Cheyenne County. His seven assistants are Ward Smull, A. Kotas, John Schneider, Dr. J.H.A. Peck, Robert Cram, F.L. Shields and A.A. Gillispie. It might look like the organization is a little ahead of the times but no one knows how fast the air transport business may advance.

November is Hospice month

To the editor,

November is National Hospice Month and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization has launched a national campaign reminding people that hospice is not about how you die but it's about how you live, living life as fully as possible up until the end of life.

For more than 20 years, Hospice Services has been privileged to walk with hundreds of individuals and families as they have grappled

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with difficult, highly emotional situations - journeys for which answers don't come easily as well as those when decisions and solutions are clear. Our mission and commitment to our communities is simple, to provide the best care possible to enable people to live with hope and dignity while coping with loss and terminal illness. Comfort and com-

passion are our guiding principles.

Hospice Services extends our heartfelt appreciation to the communities we serve. The support we receive from those communities is vital to "proving the small hospice can be viable." Our program is one of the very few rural programs that remain independent and continue to grow despite the opinion of hospice experts that we are too small to sustain a viable hospice. We believe, because of your support, we bring quality end-of-life care to a portion of Kansas that would otherwise have no access.

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization reports that one million patients were served by the nation's 3,300 hospice providers last year. These hospices used an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals and trained volunteers to provide pain-management, symptom control, psychosocial support and spiritual care to help these people live with dignity, comfort, and compassion.

National Hospice Month provides an important opportunity to raise awareness of the options of care available. Far too many people wait until they are facing a health crisis to learn about care options. The best time to learn about end-of-life care is before it becomes a serious issue.

Sandy Kuhlman, executive director

Reader asks if a virtuous woman can be found

Who can find a virtuous woman? They contribute more to society by raising good citizens than anybody else!

At a one-room school (Pleasant Hill #78) Doin's: A woman slapped her kid on the face! At home, my

Seeking comments

Letter to the Editor:

Subject: Yale University "Skull and Bones"

The writer would find it interesting to learn how Bush 41, Bush 43, John Kerry, et al. might establish "linkage" between the "skull and bones" society "goings on" and Christianity??

The writer notes that Bush 43 and John Kerry "clamed up" when interviewed about the subject. Needless to say, "secret societies" are not known for being "practitioners of full disclosure"!! "Boneheads?" Comments??

Terry Rueb
St. Francis

mother said, "I never abuse nor disrespect my children: The Lord made a place to get their attention!" All of us knew where that place was....

Elmer and Tally Case's training prove "good looking gals are hard workers."

"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." Prov. 13:24

Frank Sowers
Benkelman

P.S. Same school I was taught NO CLAPPING for religious programs; the actors are trying to glorify God (not themselves). THINK If thy reaction in church is same as a sports event... is thy church about as spiritual?

GOD SAYS
If I have told you earthly things,
and ye believe not, how shall
ye believe, if I tell you of
heavenly things?
John 3:12

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Pastor Jim Martin
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Morning Worship 10:45

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Pastor Morita Truman
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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785-734-2363
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Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Worship & Word 10 a.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Last Sunday evening of Month:
Healing Service 7:30 p.m.

Grace Assembly of God
332-2925, Pars. 332-2899
208 E. 2nd
Rev. Rob Meyer
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30
Sunday Eve. Service 6 p.m.

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332-3150 • 216 W. Washington
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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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332-3002
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
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