

Is it time for snow already?



Snow fell early Sunday morning in Goodland. A house at 12th and Wyoming had Halloween decorations out which got coated with the white stuff. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

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By Dixie Hooker

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Useless facts: Did you know you share your birthday with at least nine million other people in the world?

The Kanorado Senior Center is getting their van!

Yes, they finally made their goal, between soup and sandwich suppers and raffles they were able to come up with enough funds and a grant through Western Prairie. Thanks to Lois Cossman for getting them this grant.

The van will be arriving in October. They would like to thank the former Wal-Mart manager, Mr. Summerlin, for supplying the food products to help with the soup suppers, Kanorado Co-op for supplying the bowls, napkins and cups, all the people who supported the raffles and came for supper, plus the many businesses that gave to this cause.

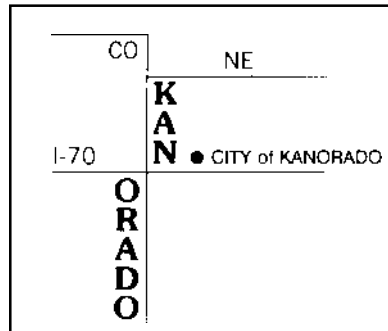
The senior center was sorely in need of a new van, as theirs was a 1982 model with many things going wrong with it bit by bit. So all involved, one way or another, give yourself a pat on the back as you helped a lot of seniors!

Word for our millennia: Seagull manager- A manager who flies in, makes a lot of noise, craps on everything, and then leaves.

Our sympathy to Bob Helderman and his family. Bob's dad, Robert H. Helderman, died recently. He lived in Vona, Colo. Bob is one of 10 children.

Truths adults have learned about life: There is always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.

Carol Waller spent last weekend with her eldest daughter, Laura Blickenstaff and husband Curt of



Overland Park. Carol said they had a good time, just doing mom and daughter stuff. They got to go shopping and dine out. Carol doesn't have any grandchildren yet, but she does have some grandpuppies.

She has been dog sitting for daughter Debra and husband Levi's dog, and when she goes to Laura's she gets to see their dog, and last but not least when her brother Norm comes for a visit Carol says they bring their dog, which I guess, would be the dawgniece. Hang in there Carol it's what you call 'a good thing!'

American folklore: Leaf - If you catch a falling leaf on the first day of autumn you will not catch a cold all winter. (Now if everyone believes this, we will get those leaves up quickly this year).

It seems one of the gold colored Sacagawea dollar coins has a misprint. One of the coins found has ole George Washington's profile on it. (The same as on the quarter). It is believed this is the first of its kind of mistake in the 208-year history of the U.S. Mint.

This mistake, known to collectors as double-denomination mule error-two, has currencies stamped on different sides of a coin. Oh! Only if it was mine! As they say it could bring in over

\$100,000 at an auction! Remember folks, the Kanorado Octoberfest is Oct. 7. Lots of things going on this year, so stop downtown to enjoy the festivities.

Actual classifieds: Snow blower for sale and only used on snowy days.

If all of you had as many cantaloupes in your garden this year as I did, I have a recipe for you to try:

Cantaloupe pie

1 medium cantaloupe, 1/2 cup white sugar, 8 Tblsp. all-purpose flour, 1/4 tsp. salt, 3 egg yolks, 2 Tblsp. water, 1 Tblsp. plus 1/4 tsp. butter, 3 egg whites, 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar, and 6 Tblsp. white sugar, 1 pie crust, baked.

Cut a cantaloupe in half, remove seeds and scoop pulp into a saucepan. Heat over medium heat until it comes to a gentle boil. Mash the cantaloupe as it heats. (Makes about 2 cups of pulp).

Combine 1/2-cup sugar, flour and salt. Add to heated cantaloupe and cook, stirring until thick. In a large bowl, beat egg yolks and add water to yolks. Add a little of the cantaloupe mixture to egg yolks in order to heat yolks gradually.

Stir egg yolk mixture into cantaloupe mixture. Continue cooking, stirring, until thick and creamy. Remove from heat. Add butter to the cantaloupe mixture.

Pour into baked pie shell. Beat egg whites and cream of tartar together until frothy.

Continue beating adding the sugar gradually, beat until thick peaks form. Top the pie with this meringue. Bake at 400 F. until brown on top.

Paradox of our age: We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor.

District often elects new senators

By Carl Manning

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FOWLER — Out west, where you can see from horizon to horizon by turning your head, folks pride themselves on being independent.

They're so independent that they often swap state senators more frequently than family cars.

In the 38th Senate District, no incumbent has been re-elected to a four-year term since 1980. The district covers Ford, Clark, Meade, Gray and Seward counties and part of Haskell County.

Some might call it an incumbency jinx.

Tim Huelskamp, the conservative Republican incumbent, hopes to end that streak with the Nov. 7 general election. His challenger, moderate Democrat Steve Irsik, hopes to continue it.

"Yeah, we're going to break that," said Huelskamp, of Fowler.

As for the voters' willingness to bounce incumbents, Irsik, of Ingalls, said, "They aren't shy about that, and that is the reason I can get elected."

In some ways, the race is a replay of the primary in the 40th District, where the powerful Kansas Livestock Association tried to get one of its long-time leaders to oust a senator who has championed policies the association opposes. Like Sen. Stan Clark in the 40th, Huelskamp has been known as a conservative, a maverick and a leader of populist causes, especially a crusade against "big agriculture."

And like Clark, who won a 2-1 victory against a well-financed opponent, he hopes that voters are more interested in issues and his record than a big-money campaign run from Topeka.

Politics aside, the two men have some things in common.

Both are farmers and ranchers, and their roots run deep in southwest Kansas. Both went away to college — Irsik also served a stint in the Air Force — and both came back to the land they love.

In an area where it's poor manners to ask about one's land and livestock holdings, both candidates have the same response: "Bigger than some, smaller than others."

By most accounts, however, the Irsik family operation is bigger. Besides farming and ranching, the family also has feed lots and grain storage, and it's in the process of building a dairy with other partners.

"I try to avoid being painted as the big farmer because we all are that way out here," Irsik said. "Everything out here in western Kansas is big."

But Huelskamp, who doesn't have the same off-farm businesses as his opponent, said the size of Irsik's holdings and his ties to corporate agriculture and the Kansas Livestock Association are issues.

"If your money comes from the packers, you support him. If your money comes from independent farming, you support me," Huelskamp said.

But Irsik said the campaign is more about an out-of-touch senator who is running his own agenda at the Statehouse in Topeka.

"He's not representing the district," Irsik said. "He has a very philosophical right-wing agenda. He apparently has different beliefs."

Huelskamp is the first to acknowledge his conservative views — views, he says, that reflect those in this part of the state.

"I'm conservative and independent, and the district is conservative and independent," Huelskamp said.

Irsik also said Huelskamp has alienated himself from other legislators, Senate leadership and Gov. Bill Graves, a moderate Republican.

"That means he's ineffective. If you are going to do things, you have to get along with people," Irsik said. "I want to show that I am more in tune with the district than Tim."

Huelskamp makes no apology for his legislative record and said he's not the "go along to get along" type of person.

"If I want to convince colleagues of our needs, I have to be outspoken and articulate," Huelskamp said. "If I vote for everybody's plan, we get crumbs out here, and we don't want just crumbs."

Huelskamp said he's getting help from the Republican Party — an indication that he's not on the outside looking in.

Clearly, there's disagreement on issues, such as transportation and education.

On Thursday, a group of business and education leaders conducted a news conference in Dodge City, criticizing Huelskamp's television advertisement as misleading. Neither candidate attended the news conference.

"I think we need an open an honest debate on the issues, and my ad is 100

percent accurate," Huelskamp told The Dodge City Daily Globe.

For his part, Irsik told the newspaper, "Tim tells the folks out here in western Kansas one thing and does another in Topeka."

In 1999, Huelskamp voted against the 10-year, \$13.4 billion plan to improve state roadways.

"It was a huge tax increase and we didn't hardly get anything out of that," Huelskamp said. "To come to me and say we need to raise gas taxes and get no four-lanes out here is the ultimate of irresponsibility"

The district is in a part of the state where farms and ranches are linked to elevators and feed lots by two-lane ribbons of asphalt.

"We need improved roads. We are in the business of moving large bulk commodities, and it all starts regionally," Irsik said.

Another top issue during the 2001 Legislature will be education.

"We need more funding for education," Irsik said. "Nobody wants higher taxes, but there's going to be a big debate on funding. Where the money would come from would be a mix of sources."

But Huelskamp doesn't see it that way.

"Most folks aren't in favor of a tax increase," he said. "I don't think it is necessary to raise taxes for any reason. We have to learn to live within our means."

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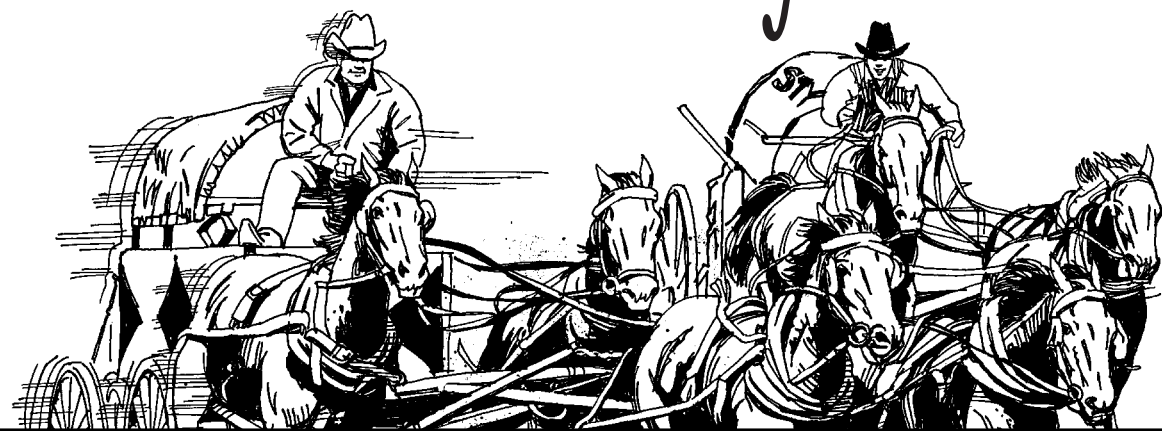
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