

Touch football



A group of kids played touch football Wednesday evening at the Goodland Activities Center. Mikey Doll was trying to keep away from opposing team member Halli Stone as he looked for a receiver.
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Chaos reigns elsewhere, but Bush dominates Kansas

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — On the most suspenseful night in American politics since Dewey didn't defeat Truman, there was one headline that could safely be written even before the polls closed: BUSH WINS KANSAS.

The Texas governor's 57 percent share of the vote in Kansas wasn't the biggest in the country — Wyoming and Idaho both went 69 for Bush — but the Sunflower State remains as reliable an entry in the Republican win column as any the GOP could wish.

Bush took Kansas without even campaigning in the state.

"He didn't come ask for our votes because we were already giving them," said Joe Aistrup, professor of political science and director of the Docking Institute of Public Affairs at Fort Hays State University.

"Kansas has such a long history of voting for Republican candidates that when it does not, it's truly news. This is one of those states — like so many in the Great Plains — that traditionally vote Republican, and there was nothing about this contest that was going to change that."

Of the 35 presidential elections held since Kansas gained statehood in 1861, Bush's victory was the 28th by a Republican candidate. (That includes 1948, when many Americans went to bed on Election Night believing Republican Thomas Dewey had defeated Democrat Harry Truman.)

What's behind the GOP's hold on the Sunflower State?

Demographics — the makeup of the electorate by race and other distinguishing factors — are part of the answer.

The Kansas electorate is mostly white — 89 percent white in Tuesday's turnout, to just 5 percent black and 5 percent Hispanic, according to a Voter News Service exit poll of 734 Kansans as they left voting booths Tuesday. Results were subject to sampling error of plus or minus 5 percentage points for all voters, higher for subgroups.

"Demographically, we don't have the large minority population the more industrial states have," said Mel Kahn, professor of political science at Wichita State University. "And we're not as industrialized as the larger states. "Those are characteristics that usu-

ally go with the more Democratic states. The labor union movement here is nothing like what you find in the East Coast or the industrialized Midwest."

Aistrup and Kahn trace Kansas' Republican leanings to its historically agrarian character, which they say has survived and even thrived in the shift of population to the suburbs.

"Even a lot of people in urban areas come from agricultural backgrounds, and they've retained those values that are associated with agriculture — individualism, for example, as contrasted with looking on government to redistribute resources," Kahn said.

So what does it take for a non-Republican to win Kansas? After all, despite the run of GOP victories in Kansas — from Abraham Lincoln in 1864 through Bush this week — one Populist and six Democrats have taken the state.

"If the Republicans would nominate a person considered to be an extremist, you could see that," said Kahn. That was the case in 1964, when Kansas contributed to Democrat Lyndon Johnson's landslide over arch-conservative and anti-communist Barry Goldwater.

Sibling rivalry happens every day

There's never been a bumper sticker reading "Sibling Rivalry Happens," but any parent can tell you it does. It's not even particularly unreasonable from a child's point of view. After all, who wouldn't want to be the most beloved kid in the family? The trouble is, competing for that position often results in distinctly unlovable behavior.

There are two times to work on easing sibling rivalry: (1) when they aren't fighting and (2) when they are. If you concentrate on the first, you stand a better chance of having less of the second.

When they aren't fighting: Pay attention to how you handle your own conflicts. Your kids are taking it all in like little camcorders ready to replay it later in their own disagreements. Do what you want them to do. Be what you want them to be.

Be sure each child has time alone with you. You don't have to be playing or talking, and it doesn't have to be for hours. But being available now can reduce the need to compete for your



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attention later on through fighting.

Keep these two words in mind: Avoid comparisons. Comparisons are for shopping, not for raising kids. Whether it's what you say to them or what they overhear, remarks that compare children to each other are likely to create rivals instead of friends.

Trying to make everything fair and equal all the time sets kids up for sibling rivalry. If you are, or seem worried about showing favoritism, they'll worry too. Instead, base your decisions on what each child is interested in, on what his or her age is, and on what he or she needs at the time.

Give your children practice in problem solving by asking for their help with simple difficulties like getting all

enough and they'll have a "format" to follow later.

What should you do when they are fighting? It's probably better not to step in when their fighting is about to drive you over the edge. Everyone's edge is different and if you're fast approaching yours, take a few minutes to calm down before doing anything.

Be sure there's really a problem. Kids do a certain amount of what's called "rough and tumble" play or play fighting. Look at their faces and listen to their voices if you're not sure.

Remind them (and yourself) that "how to work it out" matters more than "who started it." Placing blame only gets everyone sidetracked from learning how to find solutions.

Figure out when to move in and when to stay back and look bored. Sometimes kids need adult support in settling matters. Other times you can tell they're pretty close to being able to do so on their own. It's a judgment call that requires practice — practice you're sure to get.

And while the battle wages, tell yourself that fights among brothers and sisters can have some value, too. As one mother said.

"Later on when they're out into the real world, they'll have had some experience in arguing their own position and in speaking for their convictions. And, when they fight, they're learning something important that I hope they remember: You can be angry at someone and still love them."

Seeding might be out

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was a generally made statement."

In the past year, Cheyenne, Decatur and Rawlins counties have banned the program's planes, with commissioners in Decatur and Rawlins counties declaring the process — where airplanes fly chemicals into storm clouds to increase rain and reduce hail — illegal over their territory. Sherman County commissioners discussed holding a straw poll similar to the one in Thomas County, but said they didn't have time to put it together for Tuesday's election.

After hearing 64 percent of Thomas County voters don't want to participate in the cloud seeding program, Robin Deeds, a Sherman County farmer who's been on the district's board since March, said he most likely will pull his support.

"If Thomas County is out," he said, "I'm going to have trouble supporting the thing."

Deeds said he's tried to keep an open mind and believes cloud seeding could help farmers by reducing crop-destroying hail, but noted it's his job to represent his county. While he knows there are cloud seeding supporters in Sherman County, Deeds said, most of the people he hears from are opponents.

"I think cloud seeding got blamed

for the drought," he said, "and it was all downhill from there."

Deeds said he doesn't see either side ever agreeing to compromise.

"Either you're 100 percent for it," he said, "or 100 percent against it, and you can't pull the sides together. It's like knocking your head against a brick wall."

Bossert, a strong cloud seeding advocate, said if the program goes, it's not coming back.

"We're not going to spend the time and money on it," he said. "It's just another program. The district isn't going to fail just because this fails."

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