

Getting your message to U.S. 36 travelers

We will once again publish a "U.S. 36" special section. This section will alert travelers to the many points of interest along this route that covers 13 counties. From the Missouri river at Doniphan County to the Colorado border in Cheyenne County, this section will feature the uniqueness of the topside of Kansas — a uniqueness that defies the myth that Kansas is flat and boring. The thousands of copies printed by Nor'West Newspapers and circulated throughout Kansas U.S. 36 country, will catch the eye of travelers as they make their way across our beautiful state. It serves as the travelers' very own "tourist guide," pointing out the cultural and historical heritage of this part of Kansas, as well as noting events and attractions that just might cause them to pause and spend a little more time than they had anticipated they would spend.

Sometimes we cloak ourselves in a garment of secrecy. Not intentionally, of course. It is time we cast away that garment and roll out the welcome mat. We know what we have, travelers don't. We need to show them, to point them out. One good way to do that is to be noted in the "U.S. 36" special section.

There is still time to place an ad. Simply call our advertising department (785.877.3361) for details. The deadline is April 7, one week from today. You may want to bill Norton as a destination in your ad. After all, we have things to showcase. Let's make the travelers aware.

Our news department also has a vital role in this undertaking. They will have stories and pictures of Norton County — and most certainly these, too, will grab the attention of the vehicle visitors.

We could easily call this section, "Show and Tell." That's what it is all about.

—Tom Dreiling

Thumbs Up to...

✓"Wally" Frank," on the important role you played years ago that eventually resulted in a new book recently published on K-State basketball.

✓All 4-H Club Day participants, on your very fine showing.

✓Kyle Edgett, Charli Lawson, Carson Braun, members of the Sunflower Gun Club, keep your eyes on the target!

✓Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, on your generous scholarship. (e-mail)

✓Northern Valley Schools, good luck with your "Community Awareness Health Night" tonight. (e-mail)

✓Roy Harshbarger, Phil Lesh, Clair Rumford, Ron Scheimo, good luck at Saturday night's performance in McCook as members of The Prairie Statesmen Chorus.

✓Sonya Montgomery, for your invaluable assistance with the vocal music programs at the Norton Schools. (called in)

✓Jill Lively, for all the good work you do for the youth and the community. (from office visitor)

(You are encouraged to submit a name or names for inclusion in this column. Birthdays and anniversaries are also welcome. Simply send an e-mail to tomd@nwkansas.com, call 877-3361 or 877-6908, drop by the office at 215 S. Kansas Ave., or fax 877-3732. Thanks in advance. — tomd)

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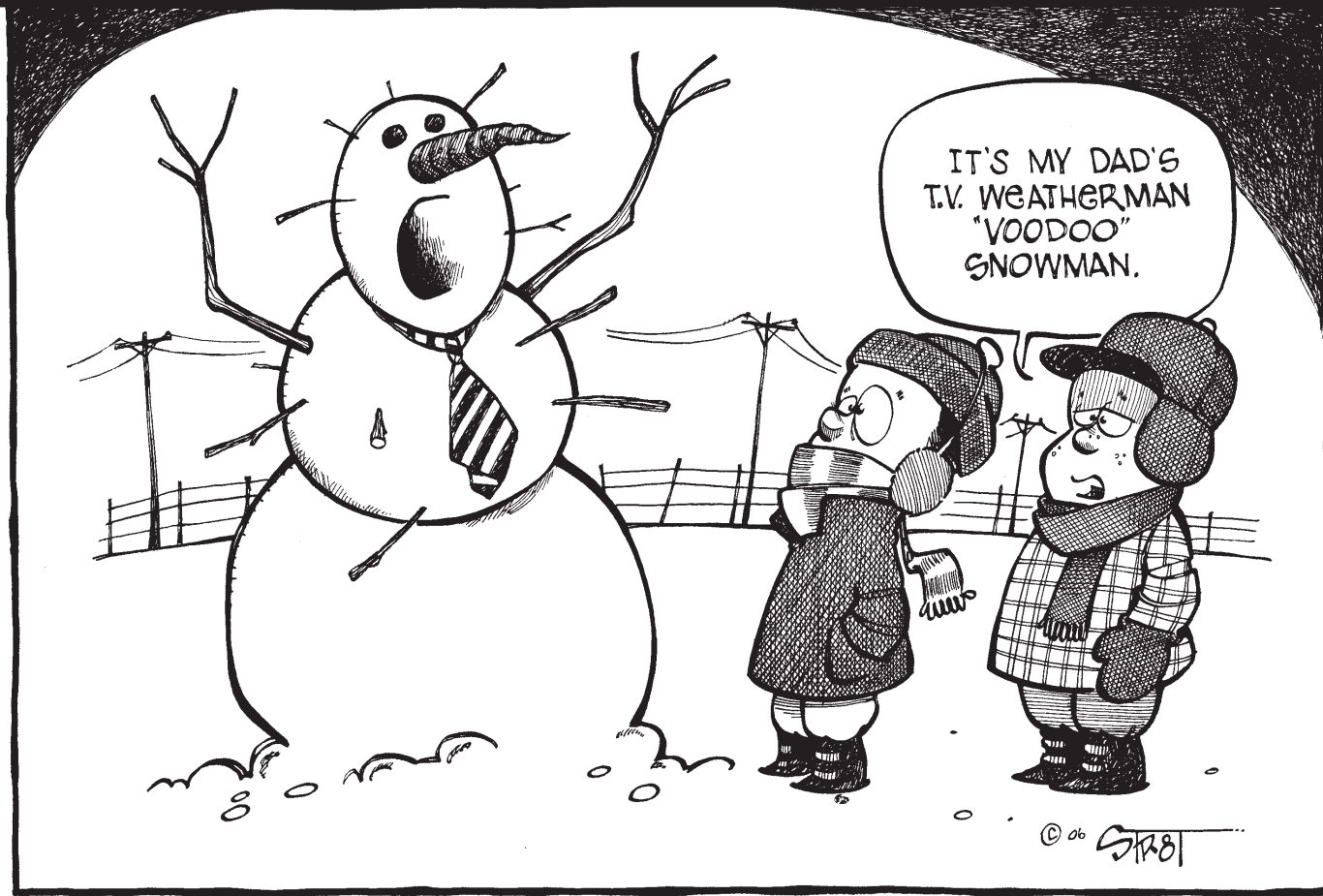
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This one's a real political hot potato

The immigration issue has certainly brought a lot of people into the public arena. Protests are growing in numbers. Shout downs are becoming commonplace. And if you want to get the pulse of the nation, listen to the callers on C-Span mornings. Pretty ugly. (Pretty ugly? How can ugly be pretty?)

Regardless of the solution the United States Senate and House of Representatives advance, it won't be a slam dunk. No win-win. This issue has been boiling for a long time. Now it's boiling over. And it's a ready made political issue for the November mid-term elections.

We have this lady standing in the New York harbor holding a torch of hope, while we have warfare going on in the southwest part of the country, no hope there. President Reagan made sure the wall came down (re: Berlin Wall), now some of our elected officials want to put a wall up along the U.S.-Mexico border. Wonder how that would have played with Mr. Reagan.

Trying times, for sure.
Hold on to your seats.
Could get mighty rocky.

I watch those television commercials closely that leave hope for those buried in credit card debt. You know, refinance your home. Be debt free.

Well, I caught one yesterday that showed a woman as happy as a Christmas cookie because she did what the commercial said to do. Her comment, "Now we are debt free!" Whoa, Lady Godiva! Debt free? I think you missed something in the transaction.

A lady opened her refrigerator and saw a rabbit sitting on one of the shelves. "What are you doing in there?" she

Good Evening Norton Tom Dreiling



asked.

The rabbit replied, "This is a Westinghouse, isn't it?"

The lady said, "Yes."

"Well," the rabbit answered, "I'm westing."

Boo if you wish, but the e-mailer sent an accompanying picture that added a dimension that made it a lot funnier. I wasn't able to reproduce the photo, so use your imagination.

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East Coast and California-types, and a few others, too, might want to pay close attention to the revised "Rules to Enter Kansas."

✓Pull your droopy pants up. You look stupid.

✓Let's get this straight; it's called a "gravel road." I drive a pickup truck because I want to. No matter how slow you drive, you're going to get dust on your Lexus. Drive it or get out of the way.

✓They are cattle and feed lots. That's what they smell like to you. They smell like money to us. Get over it. Don't like it? I-70 goes east and west, I-35 goes north and south. Pick one.

✓So you have a \$60,000 car. We're impressed. We have \$200,000 combines that are driven only three weeks a year.

✓OK, so every person in every pickup waves. It's called being friendly. Try to understand the concept.

Here's how to raise price of wheat

My dad was impatient with rural people who did not serve bread at a meal. "Don't they understand how they make their money?" he would ask. Daddy tried his best to raise the price of wheat — one loaf of bread at a time.

My Grandma made home made bread all her life. She made wonderful cloverleaf dinner rolls for special meals. In her later years she used a Pillsbury boxed mix to make her rolls, still they were delicious. Cloverleaf rolls seem like work to me. Maybe that is why I remember them so fondly. I know she loved us because she was willing to go to so much trouble.

Sometime during her teen years my older sister learned to make butter horns. That is work also. Because she does them so well, I never had to. To this day we beg her to make them when we get together. Because she is not always around when we want them, I have learned to make them.

It is a great feeling when things go well and the dough rolls out perfectly. Yeast dough is in fact a living thing. I can't describe how it feels. Ask a bread baker to explain it to you. A miracle in the kitchen.

Another great way to boost the price of the grain we produce surely ought to be through eating cereal. Cereal in the little store I mostly shop in is terribly expensive. But I am a brand snob. I don't venture far from General Mills, Post, Quaker, and Kelloggs.

I don't know why I don't buy the cheap

Back Home Nancy Hagman



stuff, because, you see, I don't eat cereal. The only cereal I like is Grape-Nuts.

We read a lot about health benefits of cereal. You supposedly can loose 10 pounds in 12 weeks just by eating cereal for two meals a day. (It says so on the Grape-Nuts box.)

Studies have also told us that thinner women eat breakfast and those who eat cereal for breakfast are the most likely to maintain ideal weight. As long as I am confessing I have to admit not only do I not like cereal, I don't eat breakfast. (Huh, that could explain some things.)

But the hubby does. And he likes cereal. When Patricia was in high school. (the only child still at home, we had a deal: I made her breakfast.

I think we annoyed the hubby. He liked to have that time to meditate over the Weather Channel and Imus. If he hadn't left the house I would offer him breakfast de jour. He always refused.

Have you ever looked at what they consider a serving on a cereal box? I guess that is where the weight loss thing comes in if

we would just stop at one half or three fourths cup. It used to amaze me how much cereal the family could go through.

Do they still tell you to start babies on rice cereal? I fed my babies barley cereal. Yummy! I loved it. Safeway in Norton was the only place I could find it. I sometimes wondered if I was the only person who bought it.

I have no idea if the babies liked it. They didn't say much at that stage of their lives. Oh, how I miss those days. Just kidding. (Sort of.)

They were all home, being teachers and students, for spring break. So I stocked up on cereal. Lucky Charms for the youngest. Life for the eldest. She had some the first morning she was home. After she was done she looked at me and said, "Life just doesn't taste as good as it used to."

Wow — now that is a conversation starter. Then I realized she wasn't looking for a great big philosophical discussion. She just thinks they changed the recipe.

I wonder if they changed Pops. They used to be Sugar Pops then they changed it to Corn Pops. Now it is just Pops, no clue whatsoever about what might be in there.

I guess that is true of Grape-Nuts also. I looked on the ingredient list. No Grapes! No Nuts! Just whole grain wheat flour, wheat flour, malted barley flour, salt and dried yeast.

I'm going to start eating more Grape-Nuts, it would make my dad proud. Raising the price of wheat, one box at a time.