

# Opinion

# Tired of hearing people called who they were

Is it just this 'Man of the Plains' who gets tired of hearing people call others what they received in the mail this Christmas season? I aren't, but at one time were?

A year or so back, media folks were all excited because five presidents were together in the White House! Sorry, that can't happen and it didn't happen.

Factually, what happened was four former presidents met with the current sitting president, President Barack Obama. The former presidents were George Herbert Walker Bush, William Jefferson Clinton, George W. Bush and Jimmy Carter.

These guys were presidents but upon leaving office they also left their title behind for the next president to lay claim to. That's the way this thing works.

But we toss around titles like they are a forever charm that is worn around the wrist. Not so.

How often have your heard Mitt Romney called Gov. Romney in this campaign season? Often! It's been many years since he was a sitting governor.

Or Newt Gingrich called Speaker Gingrich? Far too often!

There are many former mayors still referred to as "Mayor," as is the case with gov-

Donald Rumsfeld, believe it or not, was recently introduced as Defense Secretary Rumsfeld, as a member of a panel discussing mili-

Even high-ranking retired military officers find themselves still referred to their rank despite wearing civilian clothes.

Whatever happened to the word "for-

This may be an insignificant concern to many readers, but sadly accuracy just seems to have taken a back seat. One of my instructors at Fort Hays State (not a university in 1954 when this took place), Katherine Rogers, told me that accuracy is everything and without it you have written nothing. We were briefly discussing something I had hoped would find itself into the college newspaper. It didn't, a real blow to this tiny seed in the garden of developing journalists. But I learned from that rejection.

So, now that I am retired, do I now consider myself a former journalist? I am still writing, aren't I?

Snow has covered a lot of win-

ter pasture acres for quite a few

days already this winter. The snow

cover can affect the ability of your

cattle to get the nutrition they need

from grazing corn stalks or winter

When cattle graze, they often se-

lect plant parts like corn husks and

grain or grass leaves that contain

higher amounts of protein or en-

ergy than do the coarser stalks and

stems. With all the snow cover, it

can become difficult or impossible

for them to make these selections.

So your cattle eat what they can

get too easily. The end result may

be a diet that is less nutritious than

usual. If this goes on for very long

your cattle might lose weight and

go out of condition.

pasture.

Did you look over the greeting cards you mean, really close? I did, although I usually don't. I was speechless to read on the back of several of my cards these words: Hallmark, MADE IN CHINA. China? You got to be kidding! What's more American than the name Hallmark? I rarely read the back of cards so I don't know if this is something new or if it's been in play for quite a spell.

Regardless, it turned my stomach!

I've been following newspaper and television reports as they relate to the OC-CUPY bunch and I am still waiting for them to occupy probably the most important place around. I'll give you a hint: my bottom and a seat in the place I call "most important," were made for one other. Give me a newspaper to read and I'm good to go.

Snippets

"...At least Ron Paul has an excuse for his insanity; he's from Texas!..."

"Gingrich might be what the last four letters of his name spell, but he still hasn't got enough to finish the job. ..."

"Romney reminds me of a high school kid who just got his first kiss. So excited he swallows his words. ..."

"...Looks like House Speaker Boehner is between a rock and a very uncomfortable place. The Tea Party's out to get him after he caved in to the Democrats on the payroll tax holiday issue. ... The stage is being set for a GOP/TP showdown!"

"The Bachmann girl needs to take some night classes to bring her up to speed on the courses she apparently flunked while wasting a desk in school. President? She's gotta be kidding! ....'

"...Texas Guv Perry is nothing more than political waste."

"Some call Joe Biden the best vice president ever. Now that's what I call a real

Snippets to milehitom@hotmail.com. Please keep them within three sentences.

Peace!

-Tom Drieling

# Across the County

**Snow affects winter grazing** 

Marty So – what can you do about it? Estimate how much different your animals' diets are from normal and provide supplements to

This isn't difficult. Normally you probably supplement your cattle after they have grazed the best plant parts. All the snow does is force you to begin a little sooner or increase the amount

replace those nutrients that are

unavailable because of the snow.

they receive by a small amount. If your cows usually are a bit fat following winter, maybe they



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don't need the extra supplement. But if you usually end up with cows with just enough weight to be healthy, some extra might be needed this year. That little extra might make all the difference this snowy winter.

Contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or cfear@ksu.edu with questions or comments.

Until next week - Marty

### A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.





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## **Casey's Comments**

was a heavy dose of reality.

The holiday season was like clinging to a runaway sleigh. As soon as we left the top of tle around us, here we inched into the mounting hill of months we slammed into Halloween, took a ing and before being able to read-

Coming back to work this week Christmas and New Year's. Get ready to disembark - the

> next stop is 2012! So with the dust seeming to seta fresh new January.

The sad thing is that this temslight turn and nailed Thanksgiv- porary break won't last. Yep, next thing you know it will be spring

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course is followed by graduation. Then it will be summer time and the county fair.

Guess we have to trade in that sleigh for something with wheels. just our grips, Wham!, there went break for the families. This of Because here.... we go.... again!

### Committee wraps up water tour -Letters to the Editor-

Letter to the Editor:

As the Ogallala Aquifer Advisor Committee wraps up the Governor's 2012 Proposed Water Legislation public meeting tour throughout the state, I believe now more than ever we are going to see changes in the decisions stakeholders make and how they manage their water rights. The drought this past year has shown farmers the value of the Ogallala and the need to make sure it is available into the future.

The Governor's 2012 water legislation package is a big step in offering more flexibility and stakeholder control. These proposals a culture of conservation in order Ogallala Aquifer. to conserve and extend this vital resource that supports the entire western third of Kansas. They also create an environment of positive change to support future economic growth.

It has been evident through the committee meetings in order to see a change; it has to be a locally led effort. Kansans living and working in these areas have provided valuable input in the policy development as more than 400 attended the Governor's Economic Summit on the Future of the Ogallala Aquifer this past summer. Two consistent messages taken from the summit were "something needs to be done" and "locals need to have control."

While some may suggest the Governor's proposals don't go far enough in water savings, if the proposals are implemented the results could be significant. Local Enhancement Management Areas provide the opportunity for locally defined water savings. A current proposal led by locals in northwest Kansas is an example that would reduce water use by 20 percent. We believe when successfully implemented others will are fundamental in changing follow suit and similar savings from a culture of consumption to will be replicated throughout the strong.

> The Governor's proposed expansion of the Kansas Water Banking Act can provide for lo- visory

cally developed water markets that will by law have a built in 10 percent water savings. This is also a step in placing a value on water.

It's true that every great journey begins with one small step. This legislation is four steps in the right direction and allows producers more confidence to make water conservation a part of their business decisions. The Ogallala Aquifer Advisory

Committee will reconvene in the upcoming months and look for more ways to conserve and extend the useful life of the aquifer while keeping western Kansas' economy

Gary Harshberger Kansas Water Authority Chair Ogallala Aquifer Committee Chair

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