

# Candidates forum airs Friday

Smoky Hills Public Television will air "Kansas Candidates: 2010 Primary Race for the Senate" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 1.

The show will give viewers a chance to become familiar with the candidates, Rep. Jerry Moran and Rep. Todd Tiahart, and their views on national issues.

Duane Toews, farm director for KFRM radio, moderated the forum, which took place May 7 at the GMC Building at the 3-I Show in Great Bend.

# Man run over by his wife

WICHITA (AP) — Wichita police say a woman accidentally ran over her 90-year-old husband while he was helping her park.

The *Wichita Eagle* reported that the man got out of the car to help direct her.

The 86-year-old wife confused park and reverse. Sgt. John Hoof-er says the mix-up caused her to back into her husband May 22.

The husband was treated for minor injuries.



Colby Boy Scout Troy Koon painted a piece of old playground equipment at Buffalo Park for his Eagle Scout project.

# Ceremony honors Eagle Scout

Colby Boy Scout Troy Koon received his Eagle Scout rank at a ceremony Sunday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

To get the Eagle rank, Scouts have to earn 21 merit badges and complete a community service project.

For his Eagle Project, Koon fixed or replaced play equipment at Buffalo Park. He also added a bench under the park's gazebo and new sand under the play equipment. Koon said he chose the park because the repair was needed and the existing equipment didn't seem to fit the standards of the community.

In his time with the troop, Koon has been historian, patrol leader and assistant patrol leader. He earned 25 merit badges and received awards including God and County and Arrow of Light.

Koon, the son of Ty Koon and Shannon and Derek Reilley, will be a senior next year at Colby High School. When not scouting, he plays football, basketball and track. After high school, he said, he plans to attend Colby Community College to study physical therapy before transferring to a four-year college.

# Years of service to health rewarded

Awards were handed out May 13 to 29 Citizens Medical Center employees for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of employment as part of National Healthcare Week activities.

Dr. Darren Matchell received his first five-year award, since he joined the Family Center for Health Care in 2005.

Out of the 29 employees honored, three have 35 years or more of service:

Barb Schmidt, a registered nurse and specialty clinic manager, and a native of Thomas County, began her nursing career at the Northwest Kansas Regional Medical Center in Goodland in 1974. She came to the Thomas County Hospital in 1975, and moved to Citizens at its opening without any break in service.

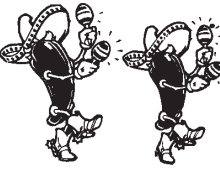
She said she began her nursing career "36 years, two kids and four grandkids ago."

"There's been lots of changes through the years," Schmidt added. "Things are so disposable now, and I doubt if you could find a glass syringe in this hospital, but I'm sure they do exist somewhere out there. Also, computers have become a part of nursing, but I am still more comfortable writing things out by hand."

"There's nothing I'd rather do than be a nurse," Schmidt added, "and I plan to continue as long as I can."

Other long-timers in the 35-year category are Ceann Rinehart, Joyce Schroder and Floyd Moore.

Margaret Kummer, human resources director for Citizens, praised the dedication of all 29 employees, saying she believes that the number of people with so many years of service speaks volumes for the organization and the caring people who dedicate their time to serving there.



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