



Sedgwick County voters send message to all of us

Sedgwick County voters sent a message to the rest of the state Tuesday — a message we should all listen too.

Earlier this year, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius approved legislation to allow for voters in select counties to see if they wanted casinos built. Sebelius said the bill was all in favor of economic development for the state.

Sedgwick County voters did not see it that way. They said no. Voters in Ford County, Wyandotte County, Cherokee Crawford counties and either Sedgwick or Sumner counties all said yes.

Casino supporters claim a casino would create more jobs and growth. There is a kernel of truth to that, but only a kernel. People are needed at casinos to serve drinks, prepare for and cleanup after restaurant customers and people to count all those dollars at the end of the day.

Those are jobs, but not the ones that significantly contribute to a community's economy. Those jobs are not any different than the people doing the same thing on the other side of town.

Service jobs should not be the driving force of an economic development project. Besides, the

people who make real money with casinos are the owners of the casinos. And for them to make money, people have to lose.

China's manufacturing industry has had it rough lately as reports of bad tires, toothpaste and pet food have troubled consumers. (Funny, how when one American head of cattle is diagnosed with BSE, the rest of the world is outraged and bans American beef. But when one product in China turns sour, America doesn't flinch enough because of our obsession of buying cheap stuff made overseas. Stuff keeps coming.)

Hopefully some of those Sedgwick County voters who marked no, were thinking our state legislators and governor must find ways to convince American manufacturers to open shop in Sedgwick County, or any other place in Kansas.

Good manufacturing has good paying jobs which create more substantial economic development.

That's what Kansas should be gambling on. — John Van Nostrand is publisher of the Colby Free Press.



Hangin' with Marge

Harvest Time

By Margaret Bucholtz



Harvest time was different this year. The first day Kurt got started, I spent my time worrying about driving. Soon the truck was full and I was on my way to the elevator.

I got along great the first trip. As soon as I got back to the field another truck was ready. This time, when I got to town, I decided to turn on College Street as it is wider than Benton and I thought it wouldn't be as busy.

Just after I turned, I saw cars and pickups hurrying to the fire station. I stopped and waited as a fire truck pulled out and went south. One of the firemen waved for me to come on through so I drove on.

Shortly I looked in the mirror there was another fire truck coming behind me. It was headed north so I

hurried and turned down a side street. That way I wouldn't cause any problems.

When I looked up more fire trucks were flying down the street I was coming to. It certainly seemed that I was surrounded by the whole darn fire department.

I stepped on the clutch and the truck engine died. Then no matter how hard I stepped on the brakes they just wouldn't stop me. I thought maybe I should just turn and run into the curb, but I knew the truck was too heavy and it would just jump over the curb and heaven only knew what else I would hit.

Just as I reached the intersection the fire department had cleared out. I got the truck started again and went on to the elevator.

I was shaken and really didn't want to go back to the field, but knew I had to. I thought about the words of wisdom that Kurt's mother had passed onto me years ago. She always said, "Margaret, don't be so capable."

Why hadn't I listened? Back at the field Kurt was coming in to unload the combine when I heard a loud noise and the combine fell to one side. He was broke down!

It was a bad enough break that we had to hire the rest of the wheat cut. Kurt was really disappointed, but as for me - I quietly said a prayer of thanks. I felt it was God's way of saying "I need to keep her off the road!"

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



There is nothing in the world like siblings. I've always felt sorry for only children — they had to miss out on many adventures. My parents brought five children into this world. My sister, Becky, is

the oldest. She was followed by four boys; Rob, myself, Kelly and Mike. There had to have been a master plan to this since Beck turned out to be the toughest and smartest of us.

Sis has always been the classic over achiever in life. She studied piano performance at the University of Denver and moved on with her masters of business administration from Regis University.

When she got to the corporate world most of her bosses were men. Beck tells a story about how a manager once tried playing "hard ball" with her. However, rather than being intimidated, she started to laugh and asked him, "What are you going to do to me that my brothers haven't already tried?"

Anyways, last week my sister really out did us all when she threw

out the opening pitch for a Colorado Rockies game.

She works for Dish Network and did such a good job of organizing a convention in Dallas that she, and her division, were given the day at Coor's Field. A lot of her family and coworkers were in the stands waving signs with her picture and cheering wildly.

I'm proud to say that Sis did a good job of throwing the ball to the Rockies player. The buttons on my shirt just about popped off (and that wasn't because of the footlong hotdogs Kelly and I ate.) She has a big fan in her nephew Joey who got to go on the field with her.

Good job Sis!

GOD SAYS
Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse them not.

Romans 12:17

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News From the Past

50 years ago - 1957

Vern Nolan and son, Harold have announced a transition in the automobile sales field in St. Francis. The owners of Nolan Motor Co., have sold the business and franchise for Ford Sales to M.A. and W.E. Touslee, brothers, formerly of Stockton. Mr. Nolan, who first came to St. Francis more than 13 years ago, first operated the business on west Main. Street. He built the present garage in 1947.

Chas. N. Roberts, District Court Clerk for Cheyenne County, has submitted his resignation to District Judge Robert Hemphill. Mr. Roberts has served Cheyenne County in this capacity since 1939. Prior to being District Court Clerk, Mr. Roberts served four years as County Treasurer.

John G. Kite was among 76 new attorneys, most of them recent graduates of law schools, who were admitted to practice in Kansas in ceremonies before the State Su-

preme Court.

Merle Nay is the new head football coach at the high school. Rev. Floyd N. Griffin has assumed his position as pastor of the St. Francis Pilgrim Holiness Church. He succeeds Rev. Marion Hill who will be serving the church in McCook, Neb.

Rev. Kenneth E. Garrison of Bristow, Okla., has accepted the call of The First Christian Church of St. Francis, to be its minister and assumed his duties on July 3.

Old letter published again

Editor's note: The follow up letter to the previous letter entitled "How to be a dead town"

What makes a good city?
by Carl L. Nicolay, Abilene City Manager & father of Nancy McCumber

It is an American habit for people to boost the city in which they live. However, have you ever stopped to wonder what makes a city a good place in which to live and a better place than other cities? Several prominent psychologists wondered about this question and together set to work to study in detail a number of cities to determine which were better places to live.

The studies revealed the fact that money had little to do with making a city a good place to live. The per capita wealth of any city can be well above the average of many other cities and it still not be a good city.

A good city is the city where: people spend what money they have available on homes, on their trees and lawns, where people support all projects that are of benefit to all the people of the community, such as improvement of the community,

such as improvement of streets, to provide proper schools for education, support the local hospital, physicians and nurses, support all local business establishment, if possible to do so, support religion and the churches, the Red Cross, boy Scouts, Girl scouts and other such subjects, support and preserve good city government, keeping in mind that your city government provided many direct services to the citizens in the financing of elections, the public library, parks, city auditorium, police protection, fire protection, municipal band, street lights, public health, sewage treatment, hospital aid, water supply, airport, city administration, streets, sewers, civil dense and inspection services on buildings, electrical and other.

A good city will put out a welcome mat reaching people when they are new to the community - gives the city a chance to win new and helpful friends.

A good city is one where the people are kind and neighborly and

have an interest in the welfare of others. It is the quality of the citizens that make for a good city and any city - "we'll say Saint Francis" - becomes a good place to live if the people make it so. We want it to be a good community because here we are living out our lives and here our family finds this the dearest spot in all the world - HOME.

This was written in the Abilene Reflector Chronicle — part of a series of guest editorials, on Dec., 13, 1956.

"In the end, who loves his city best? He who seeks to improve it, or he who is content to muddle along in the familiar grooves, exercising a minimum of foresight, intelligence and imagination" quote from a city manager of Port Arthur, Texas.

When Neil and I moved to Saint Francis in 2004, we immediately felt the warmth and trueness in the heart of this community.

Nancy McCumber, St. Francis

Letter to the Editor

Church of Christ
332-2380, Pars. 332-3424
502 W. Spencer
Norman Morrow - Minister
Bible Class 11 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

United Methodist
Church Office 332-2292,
Church 332-2254,
512 S. Scott
Pastor Morita Truman
Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Salem Lutheran Church
332-3002
Pastor Chris Farmer
No Summer Sunday School
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
625 S. River • 332-2680
Fr. Roger Meitl
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

First Christian Church
Pastor Jeff Landers
332-2956 • 118 E. Webster
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Church Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church
202 N. College
Pastor Ken Hart
332-2928 Pars. 332-2312
No Summer Sunday School
Worship 9:30 a.m.
with fellowship to following

Solid Rock Baptist Church
412 S. Denison
Welcomes You!
Pastor Allen Coon
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30
Prayer Meeting, Wed 7:30 p.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
332-2888 • 3rd & Adams
Pastor Mike Larson
Sabbath School 9:30
Morning Worship 10:45

First Baptist Church
2nd & Scott • 332-3921
J.W. Glidewell, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.,
Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

St. Francis Community Church
332-3150

204 N. Quincy Street
www.sfccfamily.com
Pastor: David Butler
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Potluck & Communion -
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Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.



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