



## Legislators could ruin home owned carnivals

Over 25 years ago, a group of people had a dream — build a carnival at the fairgrounds! They gathered donations and were able to purchase several rides. Businesses and organizations also donated rides. Game booths were constructed and games made. For only 25 cents, a kid could ride the kid rides and play games. Adults and older kids pay only 50 cents to ride the adult rides.

People come from far and near, plan their vacations and days off just so they can come to the Cheyenne County Fair. The insurance, which is extremely expensive is paid. Responsible volunteers operate the games and rides on clean, attractive grounds.

However, when our legislators were winding down the last session, they voted to pass House Bill 2504 which will totally ruin small, home-owned carnivals. The bill requires carnivals to have annual inspections which the county's carnival could easily do and would pass. However, they will also need to train all of their operators.

Has anyone stopped to count the many volunteers who give at least 2 hours of their time to operate the rides during the four days of the fair. There are at least 200.

They willingly volunteer their time but they are not going to volunteer their time and the expenses to travel to Topeka or some other large

eastern Kansas city so they can come home and volunteer more time on rides.

Legislators said they were unaware of the wording in the bill. Rep. Jim Morrison (R), Colby, said the wording changed from the first time they read it in the House. However, by the time it got to the Senate, it was gutted and changed the language.

Because it was passed in both the House and Senate, the Conference Committee needs to find a compromise that will pass both chambers.

All six members who had been responsible for the change in the wording were from larger, eastern Kansas cities. Undoubtedly, they had no idea there are home-owned carnivals in western Kansas. Just the same, those people who were voted into office needed to be on top of each bill and what it contains.

Accusing fingers can point but, that will not do any good.

What will help is for every person to call, write and/or e-mail their legislators. If there is time, make that contact every day but let them know that it is important that they get this bill changed.

Even though home-owned carnivals were not meant to be included in the bill, they were. These carnivals are safe and it is ridiculous that it has turned out this way. See the list of people to call on this page. —Karen Krien



MOM EXERCISES HER LEADERSHIP SKILLS ON A FAMILY OUTING...

## Gymnasium needs upgrading —Letters to the Editor—

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to take a couple of minutes to address the new gym proposal. I attended a meeting last week to discuss the gym, its design, cost, benefits, etc. There are a number of things that I would like to highlight that came from that meeting.

In recent history, the school has built a brand new computer lab fully equipped with new computers for our students. We have computer carts that can go anywhere in the school and are equipped with laptops, printer, a projector and a sound system.

They have remodeled classrooms to include projectors mounted on the ceiling with surround-sound systems. With this technology, teachers can present all their lessons from their computer.

The school has added new bleachers and a press box to our football field. A few years ago, they added on a wrestling room and weight room with all new locker rooms.

Last year, they spent a lot of money to keep our kids and teachers safe while in school by adding a state-of-the-art security system. It hasn't been that long ago they purchased a new activity bus.

By now you're probably thinking that our school spends way too much money. Truth is, the administration does an outstanding job of managing our funds.

Currently, the school has \$1.5 million in their capital outlay fund and all the projects I previously mentioned have been funded by the school without any additional mill levy.

So why don't they just save a couple more years and pay for the gym themselves? Nine years ago, we started talking about this gym project and a comparable gym would have cost approximately \$1.3 million.

At that time, the school had the money to fund the project on its own, it simply lacked community

support. Now, after only 10 years, the construction costs have doubled and the capital outlay fund cannot keep up. Basically, from one year to the next, the school can't save enough to keep up with the rising construction costs.

Quickly, I would like to give you an example of what it would cost the average citizen. It would cost the average homeowner around 20¢ a day or less than a cup of coffee to help fund this project.

I'm not going to go into all the numbers here, but let's think of it this way — the gym we are replacing is roughly 80 years old. How many of us drive an 80-year-old car? Or live in an 80-year-old house that has had no renovations or remodels.

I know there is always something pulling at your purse strings and money is tight, but this is an opportunity to invest in our com-

munity and our children. Interest rates are hovering around a 20-year low and construction costs continue to rise every year. The point is, it's the right time to update and continue to make progress within our school system.

While you're reading this, think about how you, your children, grandchildren, friends and families would benefit from this project. There are very few people in this community that wouldn't have ties to someone who would benefit from this school addition.

A community meeting is being organized for Oct. 16 to discuss the project and answer any questions you might have. Please make time to attend so that you can have your questions answered and make an informed vote. Thanks for your time!

Derrick Tice  
St. Francis

## Sports not required

Dear Editor,

I was wondering if the requirements to obtain a signed diploma from St. Francis High has been changed to include a chance to letter in a sport? If not, how does it fall within the duties of the Board of Education to ask for funds for a large second gym?

It seems to be the American way

to purchase what you want, but don't need, with money you don't have, but hope to get sometime. Look where it has gotten Freddie and Fannie, and various big lending agencies.

Please join me in voting NO on this mortgage on real property, as it isn't really education, but play.

Russell W. Moore

## Watered down faith

Letter to the Editor:

Historically, scriptural verses John 3:16 and John 14:6 were considered to be fundamental articles of faith to be a Christian. These verses very explicitly state that the one and only path to salvation is through Jesus Christ only.

A recent survey of religious Americans show that 72 percent of "professing" Christians in Ameri-

ca say they believe there are many paths to salvation. Thus, only 28 percent of the Christians hold to the traditional view that Jesus Christ is the one and only path to salvation. Therefore, one can conclude that the 72 percent are "pseudo"-Christians, rather than true Christ-believing Christians.

Terry Rueb  
St. Francis

## Hangin' With Marge

Corn on The Cob

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I always hate to admit that I have an addiction to food. There is very little I won't eat, but a couple of things I love. One is fresh cucumbers and the most favorite is corn on the cob.

For some reason I don't think I ate any last year so this year I bought some. Now Kurt isn't

that crazy about it, I really think he prefers it already cut off the cob.

I couldn't wait until that night to sit down and eat supper. The corn was right out of the boiling water and I already had my butter mixed with salt and pepper just waiting for the moment.

As I sat there eating away with

the butter dripping down my chin and probably a little running down my arms I was in seventh heaven.

When I finished and laid down my clean cob Kurt looked at me and asked, "Do you like rooting in the mud too?"

By Margaret Bucholtz



## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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Why is it that if you hold onto old fashioned ideals you're considered "square" these days?

I don't understand why a person who places family values, patriotism and faith up high is thought to be out-of-step and be-

hind the times. You're square if you teach your children manners and values. In today's world when do you see a boy hold a door open for an older lady? Now a days the individual is supposed to come first. So what's the need of a respectful

"please" or "thank you?"

You're square if you salute the flag. Heck, it's become an issue these days for some American folks to even wear the flag on their lapels. God forbid you offend someone for being proud of this land!

You're square if you believe in God. Today the scientists have cracked open all the mysteries of the universe. Again, the individual can do it all, so who needs a god to lean on?

Well, I don't have all the answers to this crazy world but I do know this: if teaching my kids respect for others, having a fierce loyalty to my country and knowing that God controls my life, not me, makes me square then so be it.

I might not be the "coolest cat on the block," but I'll take my chances on this path.

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**GOD SAYS**

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. I Peter 5:5-7

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