

Opinion

President taken to the woodshed last Tuesday

woodshed Tuesday night. The voters were fed up with his administration's decision to ignore them in their quest to collect political gain. So the people did what they do best, they went to the polls and "awarded" him with a minority in the House of Representatives and deeply scaled back his numbers in the United States Senate.

The political landscape on Capitol Hill will take on a much different look when the newCongress moves in. And that new Congress will also include quite a few faces of the Tea Party. The president is going to be forced to play a new game, to perhaps abandon his lofty nest in the White House and "adjust" his direction. If he does he could maybe even experience a second term; if he doesn't he'll end up being a one term commander-in-chief.

The landslide Republican victory in Tuesday's election was no surprise, or shouldn't have been if you were paying attention all along. The so-called "Party of No" was saying no in response to the pleass of the people. The Democrats, on the other hand, forgot to remove the cotton from their ears to hear what was going on. And even up to the day of the election, they were confident the majorities would again favor them. They were just fooling themselves.

So, where do we go from here? We go the route of compromise, a dirty word in the White House and on Capitol Hill these past two years. Compromise might have been mentioned on occasion, but only with a whisper so many of us could not hear it. It was probably best we didn't because it wasn't anything being taken seriously. You know how tha "p' word works politics at the expense of the other "p' word - people. With this administration it was for political posture

This election was all about the economy, about jobs. And as the majority party continued to pile debt upon debt, a rapdily smothering public's cries were

You might say President Obama was taken to the being muffled. And the "Party of No" continued their chant. One would have thought the brilliance of the controlling party would have detected what was going on. But they were too busy serving up the menu that the president chose. In the end the menu handed out by the White House and hoggisly consumed by his party turned out to be the reason for their belly aches today.

> Incoming Speaker of the House, Ohio Republican John Boehner will have his work cut out for him, but it will be easier to handle with a heavy majority in his favor. Mr. Boehner has indicated his willingness to work with President Obama to carry out the mandfate issued by the peole in Tuesday's election. With current Speaker Nancy Pelosi out of the picture the Obama-Boehner attempt might go smoother. And because Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid won by a slim margin over the Tea Party's Sharon Angle and controls a badly weakened majority, he, too, should also wake up and smell the coffee.

> A new sun will rise over Capitol Hill in early January when the new Congress convenes. And the people will be closely monitoring its activities. If Congress continues to ignore the wishes of the electorate, then there will be a further cleansing at the 2012 election. Nobody's safe in the current climate. And because Tuesday's election was a referendum on the Obama style of governing, he's got to reach out and hopefully connect wth those who opposed his every move these past two years. We can only hope for better times but before we can do that we've got to begin NOW reducing the debt, the size of our government and put

Any other avenue taken will end in disaster.

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Residents need nursing home now Letters to the Editor—

To the Editor:

I was at the meeting last night

(Wednesday) but didn't speak we build a walk way between we could be up and running by up. It would be nice to bull doze the kitchen and the west wing. Thanksgiving, then make our deeverything at the Village but it It must be a good, wide usable will take years to pass a bond is- walk way but if we don't need it sue and rebuild. There are usable later we can tear it down. If we pods at the Village, why don't got our local people in on this

Get it in Gear.

Raedell Winston

Ode to history and the Cardinals

There is a time in every project where things come together at the right time and at the right place. An analogy of this is in baseball, when the ball hits the 'sweet spot' on the bat and the ball "gooooooes' further than it would if it hits the bat in any other place. I know this probably isn't the greatest analogy, but I think it conveys the importance of things coming together at the right time in the right place.

The importance of doing something extra ordinary, or 'hitting the sweet spot' so to speak, and making an extra effort to preserve the history of Bird City is now before this history is lost.

The city has a great core of history buffs and a collection of historic artifacts (steam engine show), others and documented history that needs to be saved before it is lost forever. For the sake of argument, let's say that the goal of having a museum building in Bird City, that documents the city's history, is a good idea and would be a great addition to the city.

But, the question, has to be asked... "Is the history of Bird City and Bird City Rural High School worth saving?"

As we look at the individu-

als who have already unselfishly to decide if the history of the city of stepped forward and given of their time to save the history of both Bird City and Bird City Rural High School, we would have clubs, organizations, businessto look at John and Hollis DaPron who were responsible for rescuing the artifacts and pictorial history of Bird City Rural High School. John and Hollis single handedly saved this history. We would also look to Dorthy Mast, as a student of history, who along with others in the community have accumulated the history of Bird City which needs archiving and a place for display. If it were not for the commitment of these individuals to save and preserve apathy. this history, it would have been lost forever. These individuals, residents of Bird City, have cast their ballet...and they have voted (yes), this history is worth making the effort to save.

The question then has to be asked...Do we, the citizens of Bird City and alumni of Bird City Rural High School, who have lived, worked and gone to school here, have a vested interest in this history? Again the answer is "yes," because this is our history and it is a part of who we are today.

The citizens, organizations and clubs of Bird City, and we who call Bird City our home town, will have

Bird City and Bird City Rural High School is worth saving.

The support of the city, its es and community at large, is needed, if this history is to be preserved. This project is about history, the history of Bird City, through the good and hard times. It is about the citizens, businesses, churches, schools and Bird City Rural High School, the "Cardinal." It would be a shame if the accumulated history of the city, businesses, churches, people and schools were lost to the passing of time, fading memories and

for this project can be made to the 501(c), Bird City Century II Development Foundation, 107 West Bressler, PO Box 593, Bird City, KS 67731. Designate the donation to the Bird City Rural High School/Bird City Historic Preservation Fund.

Well this really wasn't an "ode" in the traditional sense of the word and I know it doesn't rhyme, but my dictionary also gives "-ode" another definition as follows: A suffix meaning a way or path.".

R. Kent Voorhies Bird City

Casey's Comments

scmccormick@nwkansas.com world has gotten a little smaller. If you're a fan of unique people, the same can be said.

George "Sparky" Anderson died last Thursday at the age of 76. A mediocre player, he managed World Series champions in both leagues. First with the Cincinnati "Big Red Machine" teams in 1975 and 1976. Later in 1984 as skipper of the De-

very special opportunity to attend a time are a picture of Anderson

couple World Series games in 1985. If you're a baseball fan your That was the year the Kansas City Royals beat the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games. My tickets were for the third and fifth games which were played at the old Bush Stadium.

The color commentators for the TV network that carried the series were two of the best and most outspoken managers of that time: Tom-

my Lasorda and Sparky Anderson. I had the good luck of meeting both between broadcasts. Two of Again, as a baseball fan, I had the my cherished objects from that of the game."

interviewing George Brett and a baseball that was signed by the two managers.

Casey

McCormick

My writing can't do justice to a man like Sparky Anderson. So I'll let the words on his Hall of Fame plaque do it for me. "Reverend and treasured by his

players for his humility, humanity, eternal optimism and knowledge

Reader salutes all fire responders - Letter to the Editor — I want to salute Mrs. Siegfried,

director of nursing, Village staff, EMTs, medical providers and community volunteers who efficiently and safely evacuated the residents from the tragic Village fire on Oct. 19. That was no easy feat and they deserve honor for a

job well done. No one was hurt and wasn't that just too amazing? We learned from your community that day.

I am the director of nursing at Hillcrest Care Center and the Towers in Wray, Colo., where we received displaced residents after the fire. We were happy to lend a hand to our Northwest Kansas

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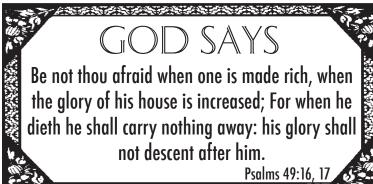
I tip my hat to the many staff, cision that is right for your comfamilies and friends who have come in droves to visit and check

addition to our nursing home, but there is truly no place like "home."

Your community is faced with a daunting, but not impossible task. You are challenged to make a de-

munity and county, but it will not be easy. Saint Francis has a provon the residents to let them know en, impressive record in saving they are missed and loved. These and improving the hospital. Now, dear residents are the salt of the re-building the nursing home from earth and have been a welcome ashes is a huge challenge for the future. Nothing is impossible with a vision, leadership and dedicated volunteers. God's blessings and the best of luck to all of you. Debra Stute

Haigler, Neb.



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