

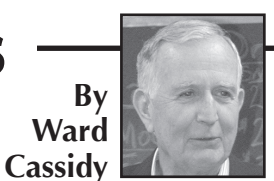
Getting ready for the fair



RUNNING ELECTRICAL lines from the boxes to the game booths was at the top of the list for Sam Miller and Kenneth Knorr. The Amusement Authority members have been working, some since the first of the year, repairing rides for the fair. The Amusement Authority will have the carnival open on Aug. 3.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Legislative News



By **Ward Cassidy**
120th Representative

I thought the citizens of the 120th might find this mid-summer update interesting. Thursday, July 21, Governor Brownback will be in Colby to lead off an economic summit on the future of the Ogallala Aquifer. I plan to attend and will get to meet with the governor that day on some other issues pertaining to the 120th. One big issue is getting some assistance in making it easier for doctors to get qualified to be employed in our district.

The Kansas Department of Health and Welfare (KDHE) is using the social media to have a conversation with the four-million online Kansans about health-care items impacting their lives. We need the people in our district to use this resource to our advantage. Go to KDHE and talk with them.

The Kansas Board of Regents approved tuition and fee rates for the six state universities for the upcoming 2011 - 2012 academic year. The range of increase is from 3.6 percent (\$70.05 per semester) at Fort Hays State University to a 6.8 percent increase at Emporia State University (\$158 per semester).

Due to budget cuts and required expenditure increases in areas such as group health insurance and utilities, the six state universities face approximately \$24 million in overall reductions and required expenditures. The tuition and fee rates will raise \$26 million in additional revenue.

Twenty five years ago, state funding made up about 50 percent of the state university budgets; it is now less than 25 percent.

Someone without much else to do sent me these figures pertaining to the new 75 mph speed limit on selected Kansas highways. If you drove the entire 807 miles at the 75 mile per hour speed limit versus the previous speed limit of 70, you would spend 10 hours and 45 minutes driving time, instead of 11 hours and 31 minutes, saving you 46 minutes of driving time. I have traveled interstate in the past few days and it does seem more crowded and most people are driving 80.

The June state tax revenues ended at \$5.543 billion, \$685 million more than Fiscal Year 2010. On the full-year recap, it was individual income taxes which spurred the gains at \$2.709 billion, \$114.6 million or 4.4 percent more than predicted. Sales taxes for the fiscal year yielded \$24.6 million less than forecasted, at \$1.965 billion. That's 19 percent more than was received from sales tax in 2010 before the penny sales tax increase took affect a year ago.

The individual income tax receipts appear to show more people working, earning more money. That's good, but they aren't spending as freely as you would imagine, at least not on items that are sales taxable. Maybe it's paying bills, rent and gas but this recession may have altered spending habits of Kansans.

I received my final voting record this week for my first session and saw that we voted 306 times on final action. That is a lot of information to be accountable for. In reviewing my record there are just a few votes I would like over, but I believe the majority of my votes were a good representation of my district.

We have been working on agenda items for the next session and there

will be some easy laws to amend - such as changing the law to make parents report missing children in a very timely manner. There will be some very difficult concerns such as immigration and tax reform.

Last year when we went to Topeka we were a negative \$550 million - we are now \$150 million to the good. The state of Kansas is still tied into the national economy and restrictions of the Environmental Protection Agency. Lots of work to still be done - I filed to run for my second term because I want to continue to promote Northwest Kansas.

Obituary

Robert Michael Bader
May 9, 1924 - July 2, 2011

Robert Michael Bader was born on May 9, 1924, to Michael and Sophie (Wall) Bader in Cheyenne County, Kan., near the town of St. Francis. He died on July 2, 2011, in Sutton, Neb.

Robert was baptized on June 22, 1924, by Rev. Otto Zeilinger at the Salem Lutheran Church in the St. Francis area. As a child, he received instruction in the Christian faith and was confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cheyenne Valley, Kan., on June 26, 1938, by Rev. E.M. Mueller. His confirmation verse was John 14:6 - Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Robert entered the U.S. Army in 1944 and served with the infantry. Most of his days in the service were spent in Korea as part of the World War II Army of Occupation. He was honorably discharged in 1946 and returned to the family farm.

On June 21, 1953, he was united in marriage to Delsie O'Dale Olson in the front yard of her parent's country home by Rev. P.C. Schroeder, Zion Lutheran Church, St. Francis. They remained on the family farm until 1963 when they moved to Grand Island, Neb.

Robert worked in route sales and was soon able to operate his own small business, selling bakery and dairy products. Most of his customers lived in rural areas in surrounding communities near

Grand Island. He operated the business until he retired in 1986 due to his health.

Robert and Delsie moved to Sutton in 2003.

Robert's life-long hobby was playing country western music on his guitar and playing accordion with his brother, Paul and many other musicians. They played at all kinds of events and celebrations.

In their early years, they played music on a 15-minute radio program on Saturdays in Goodland. The highlight of Robert's musical days was the opportunity to play his guitar in a made-for-television movie, "My Antonia," in 1994.

Robert and Delsie were blessed with 58 years of marriage and enriched their lives with three children, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Robert is survived by his wife, Delsie of Sutton; a daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and Myron Hinrikus of Prosser; a son, Robert Bader, Jr., of Grand Island; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and RaLynn Christ of Sutton; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Paul Bader of Valentine, Neb.; and a sister, Meta Dankenbring of Bird City. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Following the service, Roberts remains were laid to rest with military honors at Concordia Cemetery near Juniata.

Wray Community District Hospital

The Wray Community District Hospital is proud to work with Dr. Douglas Peller, D.O. as a Specialty Physician. Dr. Peller began his clinics in Wray in October 2004 and travels to Wray monthly. He is a graduate of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. He is certified by the American Board of Otorhinolaryngology (Ear, Nose and Throat) with a sub-specialty in Facial Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery and Head and Neck Oncology. For information or to make an appointment contact Liz at the Specialty Clinic at the Wray Community District Hospital (970) 332-2225.



Dr. Peller

Fair parade set for Aug. 6, lots of time to make floats

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade is just a month away, Saturday, Aug. 6 - Plenty of time to plan an entry, whether it be a float, an individual entry, horses, antique and derby vehicles, just to name a few.

This year's theme is "Look for the Stars, Lasso the Future."

"With this theme, people will be able to create amazing floats," said Carla Lampe, parade coordinator.

The parade is organized by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. The floats will be judged by three people. Criteria for judging floats include: 1) unique theme creation; 2) creative use of material; and 3) originality.

There is a grand champion

overall winner and three divisions: Family; Organization/Church; and Commercial.

"We are encouraging every individual, family, business and organization to make a float," Mrs. Lampe said.

"People enjoy seeing the kids on bikes, four-wheelers or their own special creative float. They also like the horses, antique vehicles, derby cars and 4-H winners, just to name a few."

There is no pre-registration just show up before the parade at the high school in St. Francis. The map showing the line up for divisions will be printed in the newspaper closer to parade time.

For additional information,



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