

Legislature does its job and heads for home

The Kansas Legislature did its duty and has gone home.

The mess it left behind will be with us for years. Conservatives in the House blinked, and came up with very little.

Schools suing for more money got the state Supreme Court to enshrine a "duty" to fund education at whatever level some consultant says is "suitable" in the Constitution.

And the Legislature no longer has control of state spending.

The results?

Quite possibly, a tax increase to pay for the \$146 million the court insisted the state add to school spending this year, plus millions more over the next five years.

Budget cuts for social services, higher education, highways, economic development and other state programs, as schools take a larger and larger share of the pie.

A continual fight over how to pay for ever-increasing demands on the state treasury.

It's hard to say what will put a stop to the budget spiral that could ensue.

Conservatives, when they folded their tents, vowed to continue the fight to limit the court's power over spending next year. The reality is, there won't be any more votes for a constitutional amendment to curb the court in January than there were this month.

It lost by 11 votes this time after breezing through the Senate.

That means the House was nearly a dozen votes shy of the two-thirds required to pass the measure. That's not going to change.

Demand for school spending won't go away, though there is little demonstrated need for the extra billion or so the court could wind up ordering.

It's true, one consultant report found that kind of need. The Legislature looked at it, and decided the taxpayers couldn't afford it.

Some school officials were adamant that they needed more. Having lost in the Legislature, they sued the state, using \$2 million in state money to pay the legal fees.

Another study under way might come in higher, might come in lower. The state *still* wouldn't have the money.

And the taxpayers *still* couldn't afford it.

That's the missing link. What the taxpayers want.

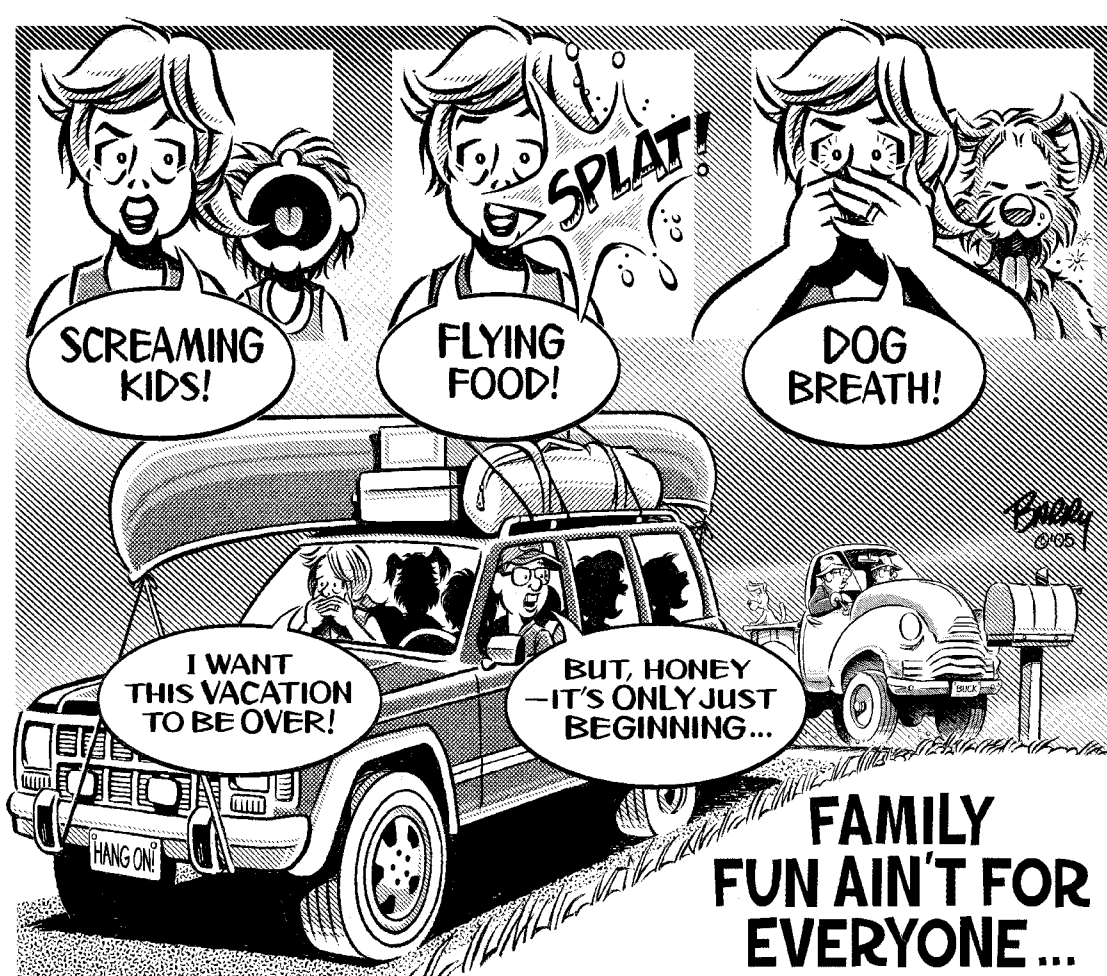
What people can afford.

And right now, the tax-and-spend crowd, led by the Supreme Court, is in the driver's seat.

Kansas taxpayers can expect to have their pockets picked over the next couple of years.

They should remember who is in charge. And who paid the bill for all this.

— Steve Haynes



FAMILY FUN AIN'T FOR EVERYONE ...

Hangin' With Marge

Slip and Slide

By Margaret Bucholtz



This last week my grandson asked me if I had any heavy plastic about three or four times. I finally asked him what he wanted with it and he told me he wanted to make a slip and slide. I told him that he should just go buy one at the store, but he assured me that they are for 11 to 12 years olds and they would feel weird buying one of them.

Yesterday two grandsons were here so I finally went out in the shop and found a long piece of heavy plastic and they proceeded to spread it out and get hoses connected so

they could enjoy an afternoon of entertainment. Their mom came out to see us for a few minutes and I told her I was sorry she had not let her kids have a slip and slide when they were younger as now they had to fulfill their fantasies. She very quickly informed me that when they were little they did buy them one. When they got home from the store it was late so they told the kids they could put it up in the yard the next day, and she and their father went outside to do the chores. When they got back in the house they found that the kids had it out of the box,

stretched out on the kitchen floor and ended in the living room floor (with carpet). They had poured a pitcher of tea and several glasses of water on it and were having a ball sliding on their new toy.

This slip and slide didn't turn out too well either. They were having a great time until one of them fell and bent his finger backwards. It is pretty swollen up and looks sort-of like it might be broke.

Guess they aren't for 15 and 18 years old either.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



Time flies! It's hard to believe we're already into the middle of July. In the newspaper business that means we've printed half of this year's papers. It's a funny thing but once we finish a paper on Tuesday night we just go to work on the next issue. There is never a sense of finality, but half

of this year's work is done.

Before you know it, the Thresher Show and county fair will be only memories. Then another school year will begin. What happened to the summer?

But I won't complain. Tonight I hope to sneak out of the office a little early so I can selfishly enjoy one of life's great pleasures: Major League Baseball's All-Star Game. I love baseball and ever since I was a kid nothing gets better than see-

ing the best athletes assembled for the "mid-summer classic."

And being a Boston Red Sox fan makes this year extra special. Five Sox players will be there and Terry Francona will manage the American League squad.

This game too will be a memory soon, but for a moment it just doesn't get any better.

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GOD SAYS

These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Proverbs 6:16-19

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News From the Past

90 years ago - 1915

Deroy Danielson's business is advertising a new Mogul 8-16 tractor which has power to do the work of eight horses. Being a four-wheeled, all purpose tractor, you can use it every working day. Any farmer can buy this new tractor for \$675.

Instructors for the high school and grades for the ensuing year are L.D. Dowling, principal; May Glasgow, Anna Daniels and Hazel White, assistants; primary, Iva Riddell; third and fourth, Tessa Lawless; fifth and sixth, Belle Kellum. The teacher for the grammar room has not yet been employed.

The Herald begins its 31st year in June.

There are so many cars being sold that St. Francis is getting to be a real automobile market center.

Last week Josiah Crosby resigned as mayor of St. Francis and J.E. Uplinger was elected by the Council. Mr. Crosby's resignation was necessary owing to the fact that his appointment as post master here bars him from holding an elective office.

50 years ago - 1955

Salem Lutheran Church, northwest of St. Francis, observed the 25th ordination of their pastor, Emil Kuehn. Many of his brothers and sisters were in attendance which was a surprise to the pastor.

Ben Leibbrandt of St. Francis is one of six Kansas 4-H'ers to be named a delegate to the Ameri-

can Youth Foundation Leadership Training Camp at Stoney Lake, Mich.

Walter Douthit, 1955 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, has received a Sears Roebuck Foundation Scholarship to enroll this fall in the School of Agriculture at Kansas State College.

Receiving badges at the Boy Scout Troop 120 Court of Honor were Chuck Wilson, Jimm Lundin, Harry Harned, Paul Ackerman, Paul Eggerling and David Hankins.

Additional supplies of Salk polio vaccine has arrived and will be administered to all first and second graders in the county who received their first injection in April.

Sheriff Emil Zimbelman reported that the operator of a Bird City billiard parlor was attack as he arrived home from work. He was struck on the head from behind but was able to yell for help, which scared off his attacker.

45 years ago - 1960

The St. Francis Greenhouse took a severe beating from the recent hail storm. Nearly all the panes that were not knocked completely out were badly cracked. It is estimated that it will take nearly 3,000 panes of glass to replace the broken ones.

Seven St. Francis ladies, Blanche Reynolds, Dottie Lewis, Pat cook, Elizabeth Kehmeier, Margaret Stuart, Thelma Watkins and Nancy Hale attended the golf tournament held in Goodland. Mrs. Hale won second in the second division.

Majestic Service of St. Francis is now open at their new location on

Highway 36. The new service station, garage, new and used car showrooms and lots are in full operation. Elmer Felzien reports that he will hold a grand opening soon.

The total valuation of Cheyenne County has risen this year over the valuation of last year. According to figures compiled by County Clerk Hugh Mitchell's office the valuation this year is \$13, 838,444 compared to \$13,739,616 in 1959.

Construction of the new post office in St. Francis at the corner of Adams and Washington started this week. Cliff Keeler has the contract for the job.

20 years ago - 1985

Vernon and Mary Trembly of Wray brought some of their miniature horses over to show the residents of the Good Samaritan Village.

Wilson Service purchased Loomix Liquid Feed Supplement from Eastern Colorado Feeds. Ron Wilson will be running the sales and service.

The Cheyenne County Challenge team placed second at the County Challenge Race held in Atwood. The Cheyenne County runners and their placings include Anthony Lampe (30th); Dan Winston (first); Scott Condray (fourth); and Richard Grace (17th).

Bernard Roelfs, city superintendent of St. Francis, retired but will still represent St. Francis on the KMEA Board of Directors.



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

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

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

Living Water Fellowship Ministry Pastors: Terry & Tiffany Glasco Downtown Bird City 785-734-2363

Grace Assembly of God 332-2925, Pars. 332-2899 208 E. 2nd Rev. Rob Meyer Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Sunday Eve. Service 6 p.m.

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

Peace Lutheran Church 202 N. College 332-2928 Pars. 332-2308 Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship following

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.

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

St. Francis Community Church 332-3150 • 204 N. Quincy Street Pastor: Richard Garcia Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Clough Valley Church of Hope 12 m. west, 6 m. north of SF Jason & Abby Howard 332-3152 Starting July 23rd 8 p.m. CT or 7 p.m. MT

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