

## County fair provides lots of good entertainment

The fair has come and gone and here is another editorial much like the one last year and the year before. Those who didn't attend, missed some good entertainment in front of the grandstand on Thursday evening. "Streetside" was a group of guys who sang beautifully but, as usual, the grandstand was only partly filled and the fair board once again lost money. There are always complaints. Why not bring in a name singer or entertainer? Where's the rodeo? The way people support grandstand shows, the fair board is afraid to bring in anyone who will cost the

big bucks. Several people walking out after the Thursday show said they would have come the next night if they would have been there. The cost was reasonable — \$7 each. Big name stars would have cost considerably more. Maybe it needs to be held on a Friday night???

Fair week in Cheyenne County was outstanding. The 4-H, FFA and open class exhibits were extremely good as was the livestock. The carnival was the highlight on the fairgrounds. Again, if it wasn't for volunteers, this would be an expensive little venture for parents and kids.

Sam Miller along with the other carnival and fair board members was at the fairgrounds most of the week. Mr. Miller went from one project to the next, repairing, rewiring or whatever was needed. Most of those involved don't know what they would do without him.

Parents and 4-H'ers, Amusement Authority and fair board members are now trying to rest up but, before long, they will be planning next year's projects, rides and entertainment. The fair board and Amusement Authority are both needing more members.

—Karen Krien

## Reader supports same views

Dear editor and fellow residents: Recently, there has been some criticism of our elected state school board member, Connie Morris. From what I can tell, it is strongly motivated from the larger cities around because they do not like her stance on educational issues. There will be some people in this region that will champion their cause because her views are controversial.

To respond, let me first say that the primary focus of attacks is in the area of science, and evolution in particular. There is criticism of her spending at one national meeting where she went and attended every session, but stayed at the hotel where the activity was going on, and came back home. There are lots of other political leaders who have spent just as much or more of the taxpayers' money on similar trips. But, it is easy to criticize.

But, the real issue is that the Board set up a series of hearings on whether evolution is the ONLY viable scientific theory. The hearings were to determine if there is reason to promote criticism of Darwinian evolution (macroevolution) rather than teaching evolution as the only plausible theory.

The hearings clearly demonstrated that there is significant scientific evidence that points to the idea that evolution (macroevolution, in particular) could not and did not happen as proposed by Darwin. The evidence for this mystery includes the second Law

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of Thermodynamics (which directly contradicts macroevolution theory), the DNA motor, human and dinosaur footprints together, significant dating errors, the development of sexual reproduction, etc. (and the list can go on and on). Many scientists with master's and PHD degrees from prominent universities presented the facts and other evidence they use that leads them to believe that macroevolution (species changes) did not occur. At the hearings, there was NO scientific debate or credible rebuttal to any of the science except for attempted character assassination by an attorney for the evolutionists.

Then, the appointed state Science Standards Committee (of which I am a member and was heavily stacked in favor of the evolutionists by the previous commissioner and some board members) got together and voted by a majority vote to totally ignore ALL of that evidence and testimony that was presented, and to strongly insist that evolution-only be taught without ever allowing any criticism of Darwinian (Macro) Evolution.

The real point is that evolution is a tenet of their religion, just as much as Intelligent Design is a tenet of my religion. Everyone has a religious view, whether conservative Christian, liberal Christian, conservative Muslim, agnostic, atheist, etc., etc. Currently,

our courts have ruled that the State will favor the religions of atheism and agnosticism over the theistic religions. The interesting thing is that you can't be impartial to both theistic and non theistic groups at the same time; either one is favored or the other. In 1962, our US Supreme Court decided that they would change this country from a Christian nation (as they stated in an 1892 court case) and make it an atheistic (secular) nation without a vote of the people. There is no contradiction between real scientific facts and Bible Christianity. The dispute is in the interpretation of the evidence.

The liberal media and big-city people are pushing to regain the majority on the School Board and force their ideology and religious tenets on everyone. Please don't sign any petition to recall Connie, and encourage others to refuse to sign such. She is doing a great job working to provide the students of Kansas a good quality education that is balanced and open to all beliefs, not just non-theistic people.

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## Goats not given equal time

Letter to the Editor: The fair is over — we had weather unbelievable for us at fair time, if there was only one person per car that was in the parking lots at night, the crowds were good.

We had one of the best livestock judges I've had the privilege to watch. Even if he didn't pick your choice, you knew why he didn't because he gave these 4-H'ers Reasons from top to bottom of the class.

I'm very proud of the 4-H members in the goat project — for those of you who took time to notice, the goats were scrubbed, clipped, feet trimmed and mostly well behaved. Last year, we had six — this year, 15 were raised for projects. Kaycee Williams' goat gained .52 pounds a day while the average for market goats is about .3 pounds a day. They all handled their goats like goat shows with a lot larger members that been going long. Thanks to you people who noticed and commented!

At the Premium Sale, the goats kinda got lost — under the heading of miscellaneous livestock. By the time they came up for sale, time was get-

ting short as the three more known animals — lambs - beef - swine - had taken one hour and 20 minutes. We smoked through eight goats in under "4" four minutes. Which was good because the crafts - cooking - sewing and skills got even smokier.

Back to the goats being treated like third-class animals — let along their proud owners. It's OKAY because goat meat is eaten by 70 percent of the world population, if it wasn't for goat meat, most of the Third World children would have no meat. Worldwide, more goat meat is eaten than the three important groups — lamb - beef - pork combined.

It's OKAY the way they were treated because a 4-H'er can take a project that only costs \$45 for the animal and Mill and Seed makes a feed approximately 16 percent protein for about 11-12 cents a pound. The project is ready on about \$20 for feed. Market goats bring \$1 this time of year, so guess what, the project more than likely ends up at least breaking even! And they make great companions. One even came to the fair standing on the front seat of a pickup like a

dog. His name was Snuffy. These kids worked hard and as I said, I'm very proud of them!

It's OKAY about the goats, but not about the 4-H'ers who got smoked. The equity of the Premium Sale has to stop!

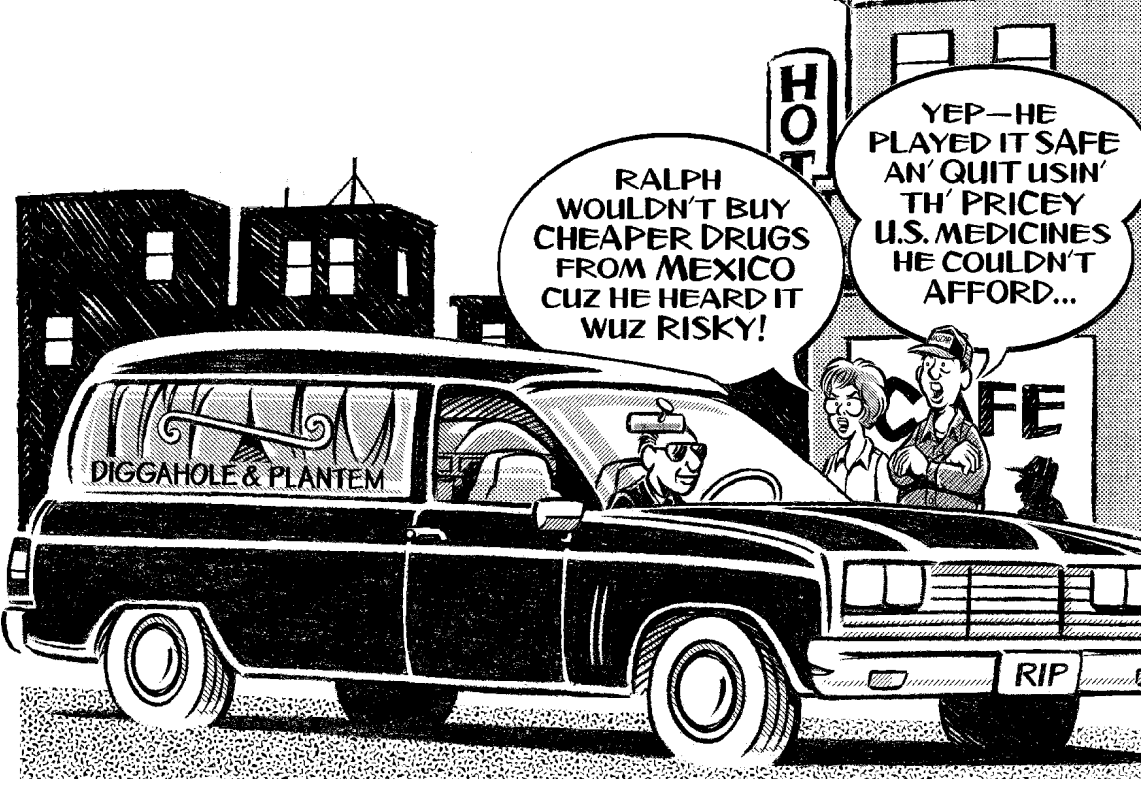
Oh, for the day of the Fred Sherlocks — who supported 4-H, but more so the kids! Fred maybe didn't care for what he was selling, but every 4-H'er got their full minute of glory and they knew when he got done, they were important and so was their project. Fred took the time no matter! — but also we now don't have time after the important stuff.

I wanted to bid on some of the goat premiums, but I was helping get them to the ring and by the time I got back to the sale ring door and turned to bid, the hammer was down. Sold!!

Sorry kids. Better luck next year! Don't forget to thank Mill and Seed for goat bedding.

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## Hangin' With Marge

Kids don't always do as you think  
By Margaret Bucholtz

This past week we had the opportunity to have our little 4-year-old grandson stay with us for the week.

Now I don't mean to brag about him, but he seems like he is very advanced for his age. He can count past 100 without making a mistake, he can write his full name, can sign language his name, knows all of his colors and even knows a lot of the words you try to spell out. I was sure surprised at all of the things he could do, and, to top it off, not one time did he cry to go home. I don't know if that was because the older grandchildren were here and they devoted their full attention to him, or if he liked having popsicles and a little candy before breakfast." (Grandma's treat)

Soon Saturday came and it was time for the parade. I told him that it was going to be so much fun as the people would throw candy out on the street and he could pick it up and fill his bag. We found a place to sit on the street and here came the first float. All the little, and a few bigger kids, were lined up and I told him to "get out there and get some candy." He went out alright, but he would just stand there. The candy would bounce off of him and he still would just stand there. I was in shock! The next one came and I told him to "Get ready!" Still he just stood there without any expression on his face at all, letting the candy lay on the ground while the other

children would pick it up. Now I know there is nothing wrong with this child but you could see other parents were kind of feeling sorry for him. I got up and whispered in his ear, "Honey, your grandmother is hungry and wants some candy, now the next one that comes along please pick it up."

The next one came and the little kids were picking up the candy, but now they were coming over and each one would give him some. He would put that in his bag and wait until they would give him more. I guess that was easier than bending over and picking it up, but it sure fooled me.

## Casey's Comments

Leaving the nest.  
By Casey McCormick

Last Sunday was a tearful day at our home. Our oldest son, Travis, loaded up his pickup truck and left for a new life in the big town of Kansas City. He will take his education from Northwest Kansas Technical College and pursue a career as an electrician.

This is a good move for a young man, but it is still hard to say goodbye.

Unfortunately in the small towns of Cheyenne County, opportunities for employment are limited. Certainly, those willing to work hard and wear different hats can get by. But many of our young adults are drawn to larger cities with stronger economies.

It is also difficult to let go of someone you love.

Once again, life went full circle for me. In the early 1980s, I left my family home in Denver to attend Arizona State University in Tempe. I was in my early 20s and it wasn't easy to be so many miles away from my folks. The experience made me more independent and I saw things that I would have

missed back home.

Travis, or "Ed" as we call him, is making a giant step forward and is on his way to adulthood. It's hard to let go but it is easy to feel great pride for our boy.



### GOD SAYS

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

Isaiah 65:25

Worship Warms the Heart

Wesleyan Church  
Hwy 36 • 734-2727  
Pastor Scott Baker  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Church of Christ  
332-2380, Pars. 332-3424  
502 W. Spencer  
Norman Morrow - Minister  
Bible Class 9 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

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

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  
Sunday:  
Fellowship 9:30 a.m.  
Worship & Word 10 a.m.  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Intercessory Meeting 7 p.m.  
Last Sunday evening of Month:  
Revival Service 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.

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.,  
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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