

Argumentative Essay: A Letter to the Editor

Dear Reader, Over the last few weeks, members of Mrs. Niswonger's English Composition class have submitted Letters to the Editor as part of an argumentative essay writing unit. We hope you will enjoy them. Please feel free to write in with feedback, if you have any. Remember these are students, so be constructive and respectful.

Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to bring to your attention an issue that has been a concern for many students and visitors at our school: the condition of WCJSHS football field restrooms. Currently, the restrooms are quite small, often leading to overcrowding, and are not handicap accessible, which is difficult, especially during events. The limited space makes it difficult for multiple people to use the facilities at the same time, usually causing discomfort. Darla Lewis, from the Tribe Booster Club who is actively raising funds to build new restrooms, concession stands, and ticket booths, states, "The capacity and convenience of small restrooms cannot handle usage during busy events, which can lead to long lines and frustration." The high schoolers agree with Lewis, that the bathrooms cause overcrowding and not enough space, even stating that they prevent using these restrooms.

Moreover, the cleanliness of these restrooms leaves much to be desired. They are often dirty, which not only affects the user experience but also reflects poorly on our school. Maintaining a clean environment is essential for health and hygiene, and it is something that we should prioritize. Darla Lewis states that hygiene and health are important and reminds one that restrooms can become a breeding ground for bacteria and unpleasant odors, which often discourage use and reflect poorly on our school.

Lastly, the overall appearance of the restrooms is not up to the standard. We strive to be a school that takes pride in its facilities. The restrooms are outdated and not visually appealing, which can leave a negative impression on visitors and

community members alike. Lewis reminds us about ADA Compliance, stating, "Upgrading the restrooms to make them larger and ADA-compliant ensures that all individuals, regardless of their physical abilities, have equal access to our facilities."

One might object and state it would be too costly, with costs into the thousands. Although I acknowledge that it is not cheap and will cost a lot of money, it is very much needed. Lewis states that there is a safety concern with tiny and poorly maintained restrooms. It would cost \$250,000-\$400,000, as well as taking at least two months to build, but this time also depends on if the finances are prepared. However, Lewis states that upgraded restrooms would reflect on the community, and also contribute to a positive image, showing respect for residents and visitors. As a community, we want others to have a positive experience while using our facilities, so we require an upgrade. Furthermore, she states, "Attending a football game, track meet or any event is about enjoying the experience." Upgrading the football field restrooms would significantly improve the experience of everyone and demonstrate our dedication to providing a welcoming and well-maintained environment.

I kindly request that you consider allocating resources from local sponsors to help the Tribe Booster Club with the renovation and maintenance of the football field restrooms. Improving their size, cleanliness, and appearance will greatly benefit our school community and enhance our reputation.

Sincerely,
Jenni Ortiz-Chavez

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to express my support for the need to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day in school. As we view this day each year, it is important to recognize not only its historical importance but also its relevance in today's society.

First and foremost, Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to fighting for civil rights. His perseverance led to the eventual passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Celebrating this day ensures that future generations are reminded of Dr. King's bravery, leadership, and vision for all citizens in America, especially African Americans. Conversely, not celebrating this day dishonors the work that Dr. King dedicated his life to. It also disrespects the African American students in our school. Fellow student Jade Jones shared her opinion on this issue, saying, "It gives students time to reflect, join community events, and learn about his impact.". To preserve his lasting legacy, the least we can do is join the majority of our country and take a day to honor his work.

Even more than just honoring his legacy, MLK Day provides our nation with the opportunity to reflect on the values of unity and peace that he preached, and not celebrating it dishonors our African American students. His promise of non-violent protest and his dream of "a world where people are judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin" forever continues to inspire efforts for social justice today. In such a difficult time when social and racial divisions were predominant, this holiday commends the work of Dr. King and reminds us of the remaining work to achieve true equality and the need to celebrate this day.

Some may argue that Martin Luther King, Jr. day is no longer necessary as we have already made progress in achieving racial equality. While it is true that steps have been taken in the right direction, it cannot be denied the ongoing struggles that are seen nearly every day in the United States. This holiday can serve as more than just a reminder but also as a call to action to take inspiration from King's work and continue to demand a more equal society.

In conclusion, Martin Luther King Jr. Day should be celebrated as a testament to the progress our nation has made in creating a socially just society and a reminder of the work that is still ahead. I encourage everyone to not only take this holiday and honor his legacy but to go further and spend the entire year spreading equality and peace in their community. Let our entire nation carry the torch Martin Luther King Jr. worked so hard to light and create a better world.

Sincerely,
Max Whitham

Dear Editor,

I am writing to inform the community about the need for a recreation center. Wichita County is in dire need of a center that is capable of providing residents with exercise equipment, as well as a place for people to play recreational sports.

The lack of exercise equipment is detrimental to this community. By not having equipment available to the community, individuals who wish to exercise are forced to spend money on their own equipment or pay a fee to use the equipment at the local fitness center that has limited recreational activities. The lack of equipment discourages people from participating in physical exercises. Having equipment that is of high quality and up-to-date will allow individuals to stay physically active while having fun.

By having a building for individuals to lift and play recreational sports, we can stay physically fit and have fun. More than having quality equipment, we would have a place to exercise and partake

in recreation. It would allow community members to play sports and activities such as basketball, tennis, and volleyball. This would be possible with the courts in the recreation center. Not only does this allow people to do things they already love, but it also allows them to find new hobbies and make friends. Nikki Bjurstrom, who is the director of the CARE center in Leoti, Kansas, believes that there is a lot of support for a recreation center. Proving that it would be a great addition to Wichita County.

Some people may argue that the cost of building a new gym is too expensive. While building a community gym would be costly, and most people would rather spend the money on other necessities, such as new roads and infrastructure. There are solutions to this problem. To offset the cost of building a new gym, we could charge a small monthly membership fee, such as twenty dollars. By charging a small fee, people would still be able to exercise and

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Legal Notice

City of Leoti

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The City of Leoti is accepting letters of interest to fill a vacancy on the Leoti City Council. The term of office will begin immediately upon appointment and continue through January 6, 2026, completing the previous councilor’s term.

Qualifications:

Those interested must be 18 years of age, a registered voter, and a resident of the City of Leoti for at least 12 months prior to appointment. A letter of interest should be sent to the City of Leoti, Council Vacancy, PO Drawer 7E, Leoti, KS 67861 or by email at leoticityclerk@wbsnet.org.

Other Information:

The appointed person shall serve in the position until a qualified person is elected in the 2025 Election. Letters of interest will be accepted until a qualified person is appointed.



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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

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ACCRUAL
ALLOCATION
AMORTIZATION
APPRAISAL
ASSETS
BALANCE
BOND
BUDGET
DEPRECIATION
DIVERSIFY
EQUITY
GROSS
INCOME
INTEREST
INVEST
LIABILITIES
MARGINS
MARKET
NET
PERCENTAGE
PROFIT
RATE
STOCK

Solutions to all puzzles on Page 5

- CLUES ACROSS

1. State in southwestern India
4. Pashto
10. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
11. Supervised release from prison
12. Greeting
14. Type of drug
15. __ Sagan, astronomer
16. Every year
18. Nasal cavities
22. Nova __, province
23. In an inactive way
24. Cream-colored root
26. Nervous system disease
27. Guitarist Clapton
28. Three came to see Baby Jesus
30. Lebowsky’s nickname
31. Play a role
34. Not fresh
36. Where golfers begin
37. Negatives
39. Wild goat
40. Releasing hormone
41. Makes up
42. Fastens
- CLUES DOWN

1. Pastes for filling crevices
2. Acquire
3. Heralds
4. News group
5. Exact copies
6. Particles
7. Noted 20th C. performer Lena
8. Tempted
9. Midway between north and east
12. Slotted, hinged metal plate
13. South American hummingbird
17. Neither
- CLUES DOWN

19. Walk with confidence
20. Omit when speaking
21. Imperial Chinese currency
25. A bakery specializing in French pastry
29. Talk incessantly
31. Ethnic group of Nigeria
32. Longtime NY Times film critic
33. Beginners
35. Makes a trade
38. Sleep
41. Not moving
43. Popular drink: Pina __
44. Potential benefits
45. A place you can get stuck in
46. Ancient Greek City
47. Chalcedony
49. Rover
56. Digraph
57. Investment vehicle

