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RICHARD W. SLABBER

Value of Salina’s chamber

City officials criticize chamber, but it does immense good for the area

As the incoming chairman, I think the chamber plays a vital role in our community. Our chamber does not boast about the accomplishments of improving the image of the city, increasing the retention and expansion efforts working on the businesses and industry to locate in Salina. Much of the work in this area is unheralded by the outcome of the outcome. However, a modest difference in the city and county business retention and expansion efforts produced by the chamber has the capacity to expand the economic advantage that were all unequaled and worked together on the new business initiative.

With existing businesses, much is happening that we can’t shape in this column, but a review of the business chamber’s role in various organizations and businesses and the strategies that the chamber has to support our efforts.

In my opinion, the chamber is what we need to take to another level.

— LIN OSTER, Goodland

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Doomed by desire

Intelligent and wise, man is one of the most destructive creatures that the planet. We are condemned by desire. It is the only natural force that can destroy the lives of others.

RUSSELL J. MARKUS, Salina

Spending comes under scrutiny

I was disappointed to see the Special Board of the St. Francis Home (Dec. 24) discussing the amount of money that the board was spending and overseeing the board’s spending.

At first glance, the board is spending money to support a home that provides care for children who are otherwise likely to be neglected or abused. However, if we look more closely at the board’s spending, we can see that the board is spending money that could be used for other purposes.

For example, the board could be using the money that it is spending to support a home that provides care for children who are otherwise likely to be neglected or abused.

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