

Letter to the Editor:

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Is Greed the New American Spirit?

We are in crisis in this country. Violence and greed and self-centered motivations rule the day. Our homes and our cars have become larger than ever, and instead of conserving resources and sharing, we continue to hoard and destroy.

It cannot continue, and for anyone interested in passing something of value on to their children and grandchildren, we cannot continue to turn our backs on our responsibilities.

Add to our troubles a bad economy, and we're seeing the worst in people. The wind farms are a prime example. Should a few be able to blight the land and the landscape for the many? Of course not. There is no debate, it is NOT right, private landowner or otherwise.

Ask one question, and ask it of these landowners in favor of wind farms: If there was not one dime it for you but you were doing something good for the community, would you allow wind generators on your property?

The answer is obvious.

So the difference really is the money. "Show me the money!" is indeed the cry of the day, and no matter how much residents in Kansas want to site economic opportunity or private property or clean energy solutions, it's a lethally flawed argument.

Wind farms are NOT the type of alternate energy that should be used – in the Flint Hills or otherwise.

Blighting the land and landscape for others is NOT the type of stewardship we should honor, or allow.

A few people making money at everyone else's expense is not the entrepreneurial American spirit, it is the New American Spirit of Greed.

Are we Americans who look out for each other and share? Or are we Americans that look out for ourselves – as long as it makes a buck?

Kansas is in the heart of the question with regard to wind farms, and hopefully Kansans will find the heart to prevail against greed and selfishness.

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