



Kreider still battles his 'demons'

I am the grandmother of Alec Kreider. I visit him, write letters and I pray for him.

Even though I'm not proud of what he did, Alec was an extraordinary child. He was kind, respectful, intelligent and loving.

Alec has faced many demons and still battles these demons to this day.

I've been close to my three grandchildren since birth. They gave me good memories, love, joy and pride. Alec has two grandfathers and a grandmother who will not acknowledge him.

I pray for Alec's victims every day. They did not deserve the consequences put upon them.

Please stop reminding the families of the devastation. Show some compassion. Perhaps you should offer God into your heart.

Alec has reached out to God and has read the Bible twice. God has forgiven him.

As for parole, well that's in God's hands.

Joan Parsons, Marietta

Corbett hit on voter ID

Gov. Tom Corbett has done everything he can to take away the rights of some of our citizens to cast their vote. That is why he and his administration worked for and passed a voter-ID law.

This law was enacted for the purpose of helping the Republican candidate, and for no other reason whatsoever.

I hope it backfires because, when you take away one person's right to vote, you take away justice.

Republicans say they will make every effort to make sure all of the citizens of the state will be able to cast his or her vote, but I've heard of false promises before.

Also, Corbett is willing to give tax breaks to gas-drilling companies and may give a big tax break to a company using that gas, but he is unwilling to give a tax break to the homeowner in the state.

A bill has stalled in the House that would replace school taxes. All Gov. Corbett would have to do is ask the General Assembly to pass it. So far, he has not.

Evidently, he is for the top 1 percent, and the other 99 percent have to look out for themselves.

But someday the 99 percent will finally have a say, and this country will once more be a land of the free, with justice and equality for all and not just for those on top of the ladder.

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