

Opinion

Let's kick it off with a poem

Valentine's Day unmatched when it comes to remembering

What better way to recognize Valentine's Day than with a poem, written by one of our own. The following was taken from a book of poems called, "From the Heart and Imagination of Pat Ambrosier, Almena, Kansas." It reads:

Hearts made of flowers and covered with bows,
Pink candy boxes bedecked with a rose,
A candle-lit dinner made special for two,
Or a handful of flowers still covered with dew.

It's a day made for lovers, it comes once a year,
We can give something special to those we hold dear,
But remember how soft was that smile on her face,
And the delight that she felt at the card dressed with lace?

And recall how embarrassed, but pleased all the same
He was when the roses arrived in his name?
And the children! Their giggles and smiles told the tale
When the Valentine cards arrived in the mail.

But why celebrate love just one day a year?
Don't take it for granted they'll always be here.
Dispense hugs and kisses and pecks on the cheek,
Make loved ones feel special each day of the week.

As you bask in the memories of moments gone by
And you stumble upon flowers, all withered and dry,
Don't punish yourself with tears of dismay
'Cause you gave your love only on Valentine's Day.

Happy Valentine's Day!
A middle-aged Indian walked into a Wyoming cafe with a shotgun in one hand and pulling a male buffalo with the other. He said to the waiter, "Want coffee." The waiter said, "Sure, Chief, coming right up." He got the Indian a tall mug of coffee. The Indian drank the coffee down in one gulp, turned and blasted the buffalo with the shotgun, causing parts of the animal to splatter everywhere, then he calmly walked out. The next morning the same Indian re-

Good Evening Norton
Tom Dreiling



turned. He had his shotgun in one hand, pulling another male buffalo with the other. He walked up to the counter and said again to the now very leery waiter, "Want coffee." The guy behind the counter says, "Whoa, Tonto! We're still cleaning up your mess from yesterday. What was all that about, anyway?" The Indian smiled and proudly proclaimed, "Training for upper management position in United States Congress: Come in, drink coffee, shoot the bull, leave big mess for others to clean up, disappear for rest of day."

I hadn't watched Sean and Alan for a while, so I took a little time from my schedule the other evening to see what was new with them. Nothing. Just a case of a crazy Republican, Hannity, and a crazy Democrat, Colmes, aimlessly barking like a couple of dogs leashed to a bench 15 feet from a fire hydrant. There are times I wonder if they believe the stuff dribbling down their chins. Sean is the most polished of the two, but comes across as arrogant. He does, however, argue the conservative cause quite well. Alan, on the other hand, comes across as the alternate on a one-man debate team. If a change were to be made, I'd suggest they keep Hannity, and replace Colmes with somebody with a bit more spit and fire to argue the liberal cause. I would suggest Ronnie Reagan, the late President Reagan's son. It would be truly interesting then when his step-brother Michael Reagan appears on the show, which Michael does quite often. I think the younger Reagan would give Hannity a run for his money.

But what do I know. I'm just a television watcher.

Have you been catching that television commercial showing a lady driving a convertible "somewhere west of Topeka?" The commercial, from ADM, shows corn being cut "somewhere west of Topeka." Of course we know that

corn is that other fuel being hyped for vehicle use. If you look at the background of the commercial "somewhere west of Topeka" you see things that resemble mountains and a large body of water. I wondered if "somewhere west of Topeka" might have been about 550 west of Topeka at the foot of the Colorado Rockies.

As we continue our hunt for Osama bin Laden, we shouldn't be focusing on him, but rather on the television cameraman who seems to be shooting footage at will of bin Laden's hikes up and down the mountains of Afghanistan.

What a profound, if not stupid, statement, laughable. One of the major network's weather people Monday morning said in response to the heavy snowfall that hit New York City and other areas in that territory over the weekend, that "winter is not quite over yet!" Duh?! This is Feb. 13, did anybody in their right mind think it was? Don't you sometimes get the feeling those people talk just to be talking?

According to a news report, a school in Washington, D.C. was faced with a unique problem: A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Every night the maintenance man would remove them and the next day the girls would put them back. Finally the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night.

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

There are teachers....and then there are educators.

Have a good evening!



This spud's for you...

Over 100 people (above) ate 112 potatoes during the potato bar fundraiser for Norton CARES at the Senior Center Saturday. Volunteers like Jean Williams and Georgia Rowh (right) helped to set up and supervise the event.

— Telegram photos by Hypatia Day



Council works with health, environment

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council authorized the city to pay any fines and asked the mayor to sign the agreement if it was unchanged from the draft.

In other business, the council:
• Accepted a bid from First State Bank for a lease purchase agreement for the city's new digger/derrick truck. The bid was for eight years at 5.5 percent interest. There will be two payments of \$10,815.65 made a year with the first payment due June 1.

• Directed Mr. Lawson to request that a financial report is given to the council monthly from the municipal court. Councilman Ron Briery said he wanted to see what fines had been paid and what fines were owed and any other financial information the court has. Mr. Lawson said they were supposed to turn in quarterly reports, but he would ask for monthly reports.

• Approved a revised agreement with the Norton County Horse Council for use of the equine facility at Elmwood Park.

• Approved a contract with the Norton Community Service Association, formerly the Norton

County Amusement Association, regarding the rides at the Norton County Fair.

• Approved Resolution 2-2006, authorizing membership in the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency's Mutual Aid Program, and authorizing the execution of all documents relating to the city's participation in the mutual aid program. Mr. Lawson said participating in the program means, if Norton has a problem, then other participating cities come to its aid, while if someone else is having a problem, Norton helps how it can.

• Authorized Mr. Lawson to buy

the poles needed to finish the lighting project at the racetrack in Elmwood Park.

• Asked Mr. Lawson to proceed with the demolition on the condemned properties from 2005. Everything needs to be finished by April 1.

• Talked about identity theft. Councilwoman Donna Foley said they talked about it at Public Safety Committee and learned that in Norton, someone has their identity stolen once a week. She said the best thing to remember is if they call you, don't give them any information.

Auction goes well for advocates

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Randee Watkins catered the hors d'oeuvres, while Dru Potter brought the chocolate fountain, which was run by volunteers. Stanton Nelson provided music and Monte and Kim Jessup auctioneered the live auction.

Other people helping were Jay and Val Casey, Nell McCreery, Paul Reinert, John and Penny Simmelink, Sharla Hudson, Katie

Lix, Julie Miller, Susan Parker, and Kathy Schweitzer.

Board members are Pat Bernard, Elaine Mann, Crystal McDonald, Joyce Rupp, Janette Bump, Donna Muck, Katie Reinert and Kristin Schmitt. Judy Cady is the advocate coordinator.

For more information on the advocate program or to become a volunteer call Ms. Stanton at 785-345-4120.

Happy Valentine's Day

Congratulations to these winners!!



Pictured from left, Lindsey Hamel, Joslyn Henson, Jenny Braun
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winner of a pair of
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Pictured from left, Doris Winteroth and Linda Esslinger

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