

### Welcome hunters, and good luck

The Norton area is "home" this weekend to many hunters who traveled west in search of pheasants. The birds have been on the lookout for quite a while. And in the hunters' favor this year is the earlier start of the season, which might result in surprising many birds.

We welcome you to our community, our county. We ask that you abide by all hunting regulations and are safely attired.

Besides being a friendly place, we also have nice lodging accommodations, good food, great shopping and are able to fill just about any request.

Before you embark on your return trip, might we suggest you visit one of our business places and purchase a little something for the little lady waiting back home.

And you might also want to pick up the special hunting section this newspaper put out for your convenience. And it is FREE.

Good luck. Come back. Our doors are always open. — Tom Dreiling

### Andbe Home board clarifies information in Davis letter

To the Editor,

We are writing in response to Amanda Davis' Letter to the Editor. First, if Amanda Davis was concerned about the future of the Andbe Home, she should have researched her facts more carefully. Unfortunately, we understand that with Amanda being a former Andbe Home employee, and as the sister of a DON that voluntarily submitted her resignation, the information in her letter may be one-sided. Therefore, the Andbe Home Board would like to clarify a few points.

Amanda stated that "in 18 months at least five administrators have been employed." The Andbe Home has had two administrators in the last 18 months; upon the resignation of Cynthia Wheeler, we have had interim administrators while we interviewed for this position that Kent Blake now holds.

Amanda finds "it particularly disturbing that Board meetings are closed to the community." Amanda continues to say that if she has a concern with the hospital or the county, she can attend their meetings. While it is correct that she can attend their meetings, she must wait to voice her concerns during the public comments portion of the meeting, or be put on their agenda in order to voice a concern. Because the Andbe Home is a private organization, our meetings are closed; however, as with the hospital or county meetings, anyone can attend our meetings simply by calling the Andbe Home and requesting that their name be

put upon our meeting's agenda.

Amanda states that she would be "reluctant to utilize the services of the home knowing care is continually disrupted with each change in management." Amanda is correct when she says that the Andbe Home provides quality medical and personal care — the staff who work closely with the residents provide excellent care on a continual, uninterrupted basis. However, while the Andbe Home Board understands that there is disruption with each change in management, any changes that are made to management are done in order to keep all Andbe Home residents as our first priority, and to maintain the staff as our second priority.

The Andbe Home Board welcomes the chance to respond to all resident, family, and community concerns. We therefore, issue an invitation to Amanda to request that her name be added to our agenda for any of our Board meetings that are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., and we also suggest that she nominate herself to be on the ballot for the next annual election of the Andbe Home Board, which will be held next March.

Thank you. Sincerely,

The Andbe Home Board

### LETTERS



### Christmas season coming into focus

People around town who had outside lighted displays for Halloween, need only change the bulbs as Christmas season nears. Yes, I said Christmas season, not holiday season. I'm just too old to surrender the word Christmas to the word holiday. Christmas is a comforting word, a special sounding word, something meaningful at a special time of the year.

Holiday, you see, fits anything where people get time off. Schools across the country refer to the Christmas vacation as the winter break. Who are they fooling?

Among holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day. It would sound nutty to eliminate the names of those holidays to simply January holiday, May holiday, July holiday, September holiday, and November holidays #1 and #2. You call them as you see them, and as for me, I call this one coming up Christmas season.

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We wish the Blue Jays continued success on the football field. Saturday, they will take on the Scott City Beavers, there, in Class 3A Regional action. Game time and other particulars provided by Sports Editor Dick Boyd, Check today's sports page.

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Something we will miss when the football season finally comes to a close will be the outstanding performances by the Blue Jay Marching Band. Sharp bunch of young people, very talented, disciplined. Excellent tonal quality. Lot of good old fashioned teamwork with this

### Good Evening Norton Tom Dreiling



bunch. Their appearances at the football games was a very notable bonus. Hats off to you!

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Well, we are in the second day of November. By the time the fourth day rolls around, you better have your clocks reset to Standard Time as Daylight Saving Time falls by the wayside this weekend. Sunday at 2 a.m., Standard Time takes over. Remember the drill, FALL back, SPRING forward. So before bedding down for the night Saturday, move your clock BACK one hour. If you don't your schedule for the next few days will be in chaos. And you wouldn't want that.

This year the change to standard time occurs a week later than we are accustomed to. It used to be the last Sunday in October, but it was decided a year or two ago to move it into November. Why? Beats me. Maybe it has to do with this being the month of the turkey — you know Thanksgiving, the day we not only stuff the turkey but stuff ourselves with the turkey and the stuffing embedded therein. Just a guess.

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I think Sen. Clinton was a bit uncomfortable at Tuesday night's televised Democratic debate in Philadelphia. She

wasn't the calm, confident Hillary we've seen in past debates. She was getting hammered by former Sen. John Edwards and Sen. Barack Obama, and others. And she really muddied the water when questioner Tim Russert of NBC's Meet the Press, asked her about the proposal made by New York's governor to issue driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. She had no problem with it and sided in with the governor.

But she was all over the playing field with her explanation.

You never quite know where Hillary is on anything, to be truthful. She's been in politics so long that she knows how and when to pull the fool card. With the Democratic race somewhat boring, it was somewhat refreshing to see her being forced to exhibit the mean spirited look. Nothing warm and fuzzy there.

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In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back, while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted.

Arms and legs are "limbs," therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."

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Have a good evening. And this weekend, it won't cost you an arm and a leg to attend the church of your choice.

### He hopes Norton High will bring in baseball

To the Editor,

I was reading the paper from about two months ago and noticed two coaches went in front of the school board there in Norton to inquire about high school baseball. Since that time there has been no progress in getting the sport in the town.

My two grandchildren are waiting to see if Norton gets baseball, as wrestling and baseball are the only sport that they play.

Joe Durham has gone in front of the school board three times now and tried to get baseball there. He is a lot like his dad in that he tries to better the boys but he has a more stubborn streak than his father.

I remember reading when Jake came

to town back in the 1950's gung ho and wanting to build a wrestling team here. As we all know he did succeed in building his program. It sounds like some of the father rubbed off on the son.

The one thing I do know is that my grandsons are going to go to a school that has both. Calling around, Colby, Goodland, Hays are the big three but it seems that Plainville, Scott City and now Ellis have baseball. I hope that Norton does get baseball as I would like for my grandkids to be state champions there in Norton.

Mr. Hayden Jones Retired and traveling k-statewildcat1954@hotmail.com

### Catalogs signal change of season

The seasons are changing. I didn't arrive at this conclusion because we are going off Daylight Saving Time (though I'm glad we are!) Or because we've had to scrape frost off the windshield a couple of mornings. Or because of the increase in deer sightings (saw six dead ones in just the last five days and multiple groups of live ones on our last trip home from a football game in Manhattan).

Oh no, that's not how I know! It's the number of catalogs I've been getting in the mail: thirteen today. Yep, time to show what a Christian nation we are by beginning the annual orgy of Christmas shopping.

What do their merchants want me to buy? Art, jewelry, personalized gifts, gardening stuff, car and shop supplies, food, furniture and household items designed to make my life easier, and of course clothes: clothes for teens, cruise wear, plush luxury attire, fur, plus sizes, lots and lots of clothes. A more puzzling question is: What did I ever do to make these people think I would buy their stuff? I love the art catalog. It also had glassware and furniture. A darling chair caught my eye. \$3600, okay turn the page.

And the jewelry, even if I could afford it, I doubt I would go anywhere soon that requires a \$2500 diamond and tanzanite ring. Years ago I watched a show about diamond mining in Africa. For a long time after that I felt very guilty about even having a diamond engagement ring. However, I got over it rather quickly when I needed a new setting for my diamond. Proving once again, while it is all very

### Back Home Nancy Hagman



well and good to have scruples, when I really want something I'm going to get it. Besides we can now get certification assuring us that the diamonds we purchase are conflict free.

I imagine these catalog companies are banking on the fact that even though people may have a social conscience or be on a budget or have no need whatsoever for an item, if they can make it look good enough we will buy anyway.

One catalog I get only about once a year that intrigues me is. "The Baker's Catalog." It has really neat equipment, ingredients, and mixes for baking as well as gourmet food items. It even has recipes. I have never ordered from Baker's. But I am tempted, especially because Kate has a pastry blender on her Christmas list. They have one for \$19.00 in Baker's. Kate said she checked around for a pastry blender and has not been able to locate one. I didn't believe her but my own check at Target confirmed it. Do you suppose since Trans Fats have been outlawed it is also now illegal to sell anything that would enable one to make pie crust?

A couple of weeks ago on 60 Minutes I saw a story about Plumpy nut dried milk and vitamins. It requires no refrigeration or preparation. 60 Minutes showed

it being distributed by Doctors Without Borders in Niger in Africa to starving children. It works miraculously.

Now if we were trying to sell that in the USA the name would have to be changed! Who would buy a food item with Plumpy in the title? I might decide to buy the Chocolate Indulgence cake mix from Baker's but I'm not buying something with the term PLUMP anywhere in the description! I'm trying to get them to stop sending me those plus size catalogs, afterall!

Catalogs are an easy way to see what is out there and they are free. (Well, sort of, someone somewhere is paying for all that paper and ink.) I don't want to be taken off any list (except the Lane Bryant) because I get a lot of enjoyment out of making judgments about the kind of people who buy \$100 Christmas ornaments. I like feeling smug about the fact that I would never spend money so ostentatiously. Never mind that's only because I don't have it to spend!

But I am also going to donate to Doctor's Without Borders this year. It's very easy to do, here's the website: www.doctorswithoutborders.org/donate.

I hope you will consider donating to this or a similar cause this holiday season. There are people in this world who do not even know Trans Fats or pastry blenders exist. They will certainly never have a need for plus size clothing. But if our Christian Nation would give just a small part of what we have been so richly blessed with, they may live long enough, prosper, and wonder what makes us kind and caring people. That will be the time to tell them about Christmas!

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