

Let's build on what we've got

We do not subscribe to the Hill City Times but often get the opportunity to read it at a restaurant we frequent.

Back Home Nancy Hagman



I missed his musings the week after the Norton-Hill City football game but a friend told me he was most complimentary to Norton.

I used to work for a professional photographer. He took a lot of senior pictures. I got to meet seniors and their families from a fairly wide area.

Being proud to be a Blue Jay anyway, it is nice to get a compliment. But also surprising because after all we have always been nice like that, right!

We tend to develop stereotypes about certain places because of one incident or maybe one person we have known from there. What I learned from meeting these young people was there are great kids everywhere.

Last fall we attended 3-A sub-state volleyball at Phillipsburg. We were shocked to hear some very rude comments and booing by fans. Even more shocked when we realized these fans were booing their own girls.

All high school seniors in the MCL, Northwest Kansas and most probably in the whole world have a lot in common.

Over the years I have noticed Norton always gets a sportsmanship award at state basketball. For a long time I thought those things were sort of a given, but it does mean something!

Seniors like to have their pictures amid their sports jackets, uniforms and awards. If you talk to them you find out the colors they sport are about all that make them different from each other.

It got me to thinking about what I like about Hill City and other schools around the area. Hill City has the best popcorn. They always seemed to have a soup supper about the time we had to go there for basketball. They are always so hospitable. My parents were products of Graham County. We bank there, doctor there, and know a lot of people there so it is only natural I have a place in my heart for Hill City.

They are all excited yet somewhat apprehensive about life and where it will take them. Even kids who have had troubles have hope for the future. They want to be successful. They want to be liked. They want to be accepted. Give them a compliment and they glow.

The world becomes a smaller place with each passing year. Technology and communications are such that we see and know things about countries and people we would have not seen or known

25 years ago.

In the 1990s during the Yugoslav wars I would look at the refugees and think those people look like me, like my neighbors. They dress like us. The faces of their children are the faces of children I know. Two hundred thousand people were murdered in the guise of ethnic cleansing. Because they were different. From whom? What do you think they wanted: to have hope and a future, maybe?

Northwest Kansas is also becoming a smaller place. How much population are we going to lose before we realize how much we are alike. That we all want the same things.

School rivalries are fun, but it is even more fun when we get compliments, when we realize how much we like and admire about each other.

Consolidation of schools and governmental services, closing of post offices, and plans for regional health care are hot topics. Each school, town, or county is fiercely independent.

No one wants to lose what they have. We are jealous of or don't like our neighbors.

Some people are rude at sports events. It reflects poorly, but I guarantee there are good things about those people, about their school and community. How great it would be if we would start looking for ways to work together to bring out the best in them, in ourselves.

Sorry I can't remember which celebrity it was but on the topic of race this person said, "I believe we are members of the same race. The HUMAN RACE."

Looks like we all have something in common. Let's build on it!

We'll call this a 'taxing' column

Taxes were on somebody's mind this week, witness the following submission. Who would have guessed taxes play this big a role in our lives. Taken as a total picture, it's awesome. Enjoy—oops, that wouldn't be the right word.

At Week's End

In a word, it's all about TAXES. Witness:

- CDL license Tax
Cigarette Tax
Corporate Income Tax
Dog License Tax
Federal Income Tax
Federal Unemployment Tax
Fishing License Tax
Food License Tax.
Fuel permit tax
Gasoline Tax (42 cents per gallon)
Hunting License Tax
Inheritance Tax
Interest expense
Inventory tax
IRS Interest Charges
IRS Penalties (tax the tax)
Liquor Tax
Luxury Taxes
Marriage License Tax
Medicare Tax
Property Tax
Real Estate Tax
Service charge taxes
Social Security Tax
Road usage taxes
Sales Tax
Recreational Vehicle Tax
School Tax
State Income Tax
State Unemployment Tax

Tax his land, tax his bed. Tax the table at which he's fed.

Tax his tractor, tax his mule, teach him taxes are the rule.

Tax his cow, tax his goat, tax his pants, tax his coat.

Tax his ties, tax his shirt, tax his work, tax his dirt.

Tax his tobacco, tax his drink, tax him if he tries to think.

Tax his cigars, tax his beers, if he cries then tax his tears.

Tax all he has, then let him know, you won't be done till he has no dough.

Should he beg for mercy, then tax him more. Tax him til he's good and sore.

Then tax his coffin, tax his grave, tax the sod in which he's laid.

Put these words upon his tomb, "Taxes drove me to my doom."

When he's gone, do not relax, it's time to apply the inheritance tax.

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Telephone federal universal service fee tax

Telephone federal, state and local surcharge taxes

Telephone minimum usage surcharge tax

Telephone recurring and non-recurring charges tax

Telephone state and local tax

Telephone usage charge tax

Utility Taxes

Vehicle License Registration Tax

Vehicle Sales Tax

Watercraft registration Tax

Well Permit Tax

Workers Compensation Tax

Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago and our nation was the most prosperous in the world. We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world and Mom stayed home to raise the kids. What happened? If someone could come up with a tune to accompany these words, they could make a million! Of course, that would also be taxed. (Send your submission(s) to tom@nwkans.com, or mail to 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654.)

Prevention is key to fire safety

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When using a stove or oven, keep an eye on what's cooking and make sure the burners and oven are cleaned regularly.

Don't overload extension cords with Christmas lights, he said, and make sure combustible material is at least three feet away from space heaters. Also, never keep flammable liquid in the same room with a space heater.

Rural Chief Steve Otter said the department is still holding a can drive to collect money for equipment. Cans can be dropped off every third Saturday of the month.

Chief Otter asked that everyone be aware of fire safety.

"It's fall harvest and hunting season," he said. "Things are dry and so people need to be cautious when driving through fields."

Chief Jones said the cooperation

and working relationship of the area emergency personnel is excellent.

"The emergency services in the area are the best in the country I think," he said. "Everyone needs support."

Members of the Norton City Fire Department are Chief Jones, Assistant Chief Kirk Nuzum, Captain Cameron Archer, First Lieutenant Kyle Jones, Second Lieutenant Shawn Gosselin, Safety Officer John Hanlon, Curt Luehrs,

John Baker, Larry Enfield, Lee Russell, Steve Otter, Shawn Mortensen, Jeff Wolf, Dan Yost, Terry Smothers, Flint Griffin, Steve Reedy, J.B. Carlton, Jason Dial, and Andy Enfield.

Members of the Norton County Rural Fire Department are: Chief Steve Otter, Assistant Chief Ed Witt, John Baker, Steve Reedy, Mike Wente, Travis Smith, Shawn Gosselin, Flint Griffin, Jason Dial, Michael Pfannenstiel, Jeff Wolf, Byron Bina, and Monte Skrdlant.

Barnett rising in local poll

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ing cut costs. She spends too much on her own campaign commercials."

"Sebelius gets my vote. She's got the experience her challenger

lacks." "Gov. Sebelius not only comes from a political background, her father was Ohio governor, but she married into a political family, Sebelius."

Almena youth wins pigskin pick-em

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The three fans who missed two games and incorrectly chose Oklahoma over Texas in the tiebreaker were Scott Sproul, Norton; Franklin Kaiser, Long Island and Kama Mandl, Norton.

Correct on all by three contests were: Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Brian Schulze, Beloit; Aaron McDowell, Hill City; Nancy Moore, Andy Moore, Barbara Springer, all of Hoisington; Ethan Gallentine, Prairie View; Caleb Bach, Phillipsburg; Travis Vallin, Watkins, Colo.; Bradley Killian, Lincoln; Kenney Leiker, Hays; Matthew Berneking, Salina; Jerome Laurin, Long Island; Sydney Brands, Almena; Shayla Bailey, Norcat, Sandy Husted, Amy Daniels, Deanna Gallentine, Jane Mindrup, Rosalie Schulze, Wilma Wiseman, Laura Washburn, Ryan Maddy, Becky Smith, Gavin Sproul, all of Norton.

Incorrect on four games were: Denise Bailey, Gail Bailey, Mark Bailey, all of Norcat; Evelyn Springer, Randy Springer, Bob Moore, all of Hoisington; Lee Roy Schuckman, Hays; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Colton Lowry, Curtis Lowry, Cindy Lowry, Chris Pinzenscham, all of Almena; Roger Shearer, Dwight Vallin, Mike Hammond, all of Long Island; Lacy Keilig, Amie Menagh, Brent Carter, Linda Matson, Patty Gall, Misty Nuzum, Carla Moore, Virginia Carlton, Charlotte Stephenson, David Riemann, Lawrence Wiseman, Keegan Smith, Dusty Eagleburger, Jeris Norman, Gentry Sproul, Travis Ray, Debora Heskett, Nathan Morse, Roland Washburn, all of Norton.

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Missing five games were: Paula Stutterheim, Prairie View; Ann Becker, Lenora; Jared Foley, Wichita; Lexie McDowell, Hill City; Jim Springer, Karen Shearer, Kirsten Baird, Emily Vallin, all of Long Island; Janette Callaway, Kristen Brands, Glenn Brands, Foster Brands, Brian Thompson, Marilyn Lowry, all of Almena; Tom Baumann, Tracey Sproul, Marj Allen, Dalton Miller, Deb Thiele, Erin Hill, Ben Gallegos, Craig Foley, Anastasia Foley, Mark Keilig, Kristy Keilig, Sady Keilig, Regina Beikman, Chriselle Thomson, Dalton Smith, Spencer Shirk, Rick Green, Robin Sproul, Tom Davis, Doug Ray, Georgie Rorabaugh, Douglas Daniels, all of Norton.

The seventh week's entries were due in the Telegram office by 5 p.m. today or, if mailed, must have been postmarked by 5 p.m.

today and received in the mail no later than Saturday. The full page advertisement for this week's high school and college games was in Tuesday's Telegram.

Prizes of \$30 in scrip money will be paid each week. At the end of the 12-week season, the fan picking the most correct games will receive \$50 in scrip money and an engraved trophy.

Scores of last week's games were:

- Kansas State 31, Oklahoma State 27
Texas A&M 21, Kansas 18
Nebraska 28, Iowa State 14
Baylor 34, Colorado 31 (30Ts)
Missouri 38, Texas Tech 21
Florida 23, LSU 10
California 45, Oregon 24
Norton 48, Stockton 0
Weskan 70, Northern Valley 20
Logan 40, Palco 38
Trego 34, Hill City 7
Texas 28, Oklahoma 10

PUBLIC NOTICES

General Election Notice

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, October 6, 13, 20, 2006. (3T)

State of Kansas, Norton County, Norton, Kansas October 2, 2006 as required by K.S.A. 25-209. Notice is hereby given that there will be a General Election held in Norton County, November 7, 2006.

The voting hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the regular voting places, and the Modell Twp voters will all vote at the Lenora City Office, in Lenora.

I, Robert D. Wyatt, County Election Officer of Norton County do hereby certify the following named persons for the respective offices indicated below, are entitled to a place on the Official Ballots in the General Election to be held in Norton County, November 7, 2006.

Table listing candidates for various offices including National Offices, State Offices, County Offices, and Township Offices.

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