

My three children and grandchildren try to get together at least once a year; this year it was a trip to New York City. I had gone several days before the trip to Kansas City to watch Fonda's two daughters swim three days in a swim meet. There are around 80 children on their team and I think the other three teams had a few more. Can you imagine the noise level at times and dodging children at an inside swimming pool facility, but it was fun.

Fonda's family and I left her home on Friday, drove to K.C. airport, flew to Atlanta where Alan and his family had flown from Wichita and boarded the same plane to fly to New York City. In about the same amount of time that it took me to drive from Almena to Kansas City, we left her house and were checking into our New York City hotel.

Michael and his family had flown from Indiana and Illinois. His one son had just arrived back from a vacation in Korea. Isn't it amazing how we travel anymore, especially the younger generation. When I was their age I thought a trip to Kansas City was nearly to the east coast.

When I was in the airplane, my thoughts went back to the time when I was a child and my father and I would fly in his airplane. A two-seat Aeronca Chief airplane. I always felt so safe because my father was the pilot.

Our hotel was about a block from Central Park. Friday evening we ate at Carnegie Deli where "everyone" seems to think you should eat at least once, and I agree, only once. I was not that impressed and their cashier was the only rude person I ran into in New York. Central Park is something over 850 acres of grass and trees, and the only large area of green we saw. We took a carriage ride through the park one evening. The weather was very comfortable the entire time we were in New York.

Saturday we had a personal guide "Cousin Scott." My children had told him ahead of time the places they wanted to visit and then he added others. We met him at 9 a.m. at the hotel and did not arrive back to the hotel until about 8 p.m. Walking, riding subways, etc. most of the day, but I suggest that it was the best way to see a lot in a short amount of time. We walked through a part of Central Park, Bergdorf Goodman store, Tiffany and Co., Prada, Trump Tower where we viewed the beautiful water fall inside the building. We visited St. Patrick's Cathedral which is breath taking (on Sunday we went there again for an organ recital, that was nearly worth my trip just to hear that). Cousin Scott told us a lot about the history of everything we saw and answered all kinds of questions.

One of the other breath taking views was from "Top of the Rock" which is on the top of Rockefeller Center building. If I remember correctly it is 74 stories up and it takes only a short time to arrive there on the elevator. You can view New York City and some of New Jersey from there. We rode the subway to China Town where we found a wonderful restaurant

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for lunch, but on the way it was very smelly and I kept hoping we were not stopping at some of those places. We walked a different route back through the streets where beautiful Italian restaurants were out on the street and where I wished I was hungry again; however, I did stop to have spumoni (Italian ice cream, I love it). Then on to Staten Island Ferry. There were hundreds of people in a room and you finally end up boarding the ferry two abreast which reminded me of a Kansas cattle drive. Once on the ferry, it was absolutely beautiful.

We then rode the Subway back to near Ground Zero and the Firefighters Memorial Wall. This was certainly a sobering time. St. Paul Church was nearby and one of the few buildings close to the Twin Towers that had no damage to the building or the cemetery which has stones from the 1770s. George Washington worshipped in this church when he was President of the United States. Our guide reminded us that the "first U.S. capitol" was in New York City.

We walked on to Grand Central Station which is awesome and just a short ways away we saw the crane preparing to pull the truck out of the hole that had been created a few days earlier when some of the steam pipes had blown up. We walked to Wall Street and Times Square. Don't take your children to Times Square Toys R Us if you don't plan to purchase something. They even have a small ferris wheel inside the building and more toys than any mind can imagine.

Sunday we attended church at Times Square Church where David Wilkerson is senior pastor. They have been in this beautiful building since 1986. Mr. Wilkerson began his work with intercity youth prior to that. Such a wonderful choir and congregation of hundreds now.

On Monday it was a bit rainy so we went to American Museum of Natural History which was very interesting. One of the signs I thought significant said, "The earth is not a gift from your parents but a loan from your children." Which to me says we need to take care of the earth that God gave all of us so future generations can enjoy it as well.

Monday evening we ate at

Nocello's restaurant, a place I will recommend. I don't remember ever eating such wonderful flavored food. We enjoyed the evening meals since it was one of the times the entire group sat together to eat. The grandchildren all seem to enjoy visiting together, and we had plenty of time before walking on down or up the street (my directions got a little confused) to the theatre to see the Broadway show "Phantom of the Opera." I knew it would be great, but it is hard to find the words that express the feelings that come across in live production. It is hard to realize all the production that goes into something like that.

Tuesday we took the subway and then ferry to Liberty Island (Statue of Liberty) where we had an excellent tour guide; on to Ellis Island which was a good history lesson, then back on the ferry and back to Manhattan. Tuesday evening we ate at Carmine's and then on to the Broadway Show, "Wicked." What a fun and delightful show.

The two shows were both wonderful and so different. All of the grandchildren enjoyed both and they kept talking about which they liked the best and I think it was hard for them to decide.

I am a fan of the television show "Matlock" and have enjoyed his enjoyment of the street vendor hot dogs, so a few times, we had hot dogs with onion sauce from the vendors, how fun.

On Sunday, street vendors in front of our hotel and for blocks and blocks both ways were out selling all sorts of things and food.

We ate a few times at an organic food restaurant, very interesting and tasty food.

We enjoyed a long walk in Central Park on Wednesday, viewing the Carousel, the Sheep Meadow where people sun bath, but it is to be kept a quiet place. Fonda took off her shoes and ran a ways saying "you should run barefoot in the meadow." There were musicians playing in the park which I enjoy. After walking more in the park, one more hot dog with onion sauce, it was time to head back to the hotel, check out and wait for the limousine to take us to the airport.

We visited many other places, but this will give you an idea of the delightful family reunion I enjoyed this summer. I was pleasantly surprised to find the people of New York City very friendly and helpful.

I love reunions, whether close family, extended family or classmate reunions. When we live far away from our families, it's a good way to stay connected.

You can live with memories as you make more memories.

Valley Hope celebrates 40th birthday

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The third, he said, is that treatment for alcoholics and addicts is being mainstreamed into mental health. Soon, he said, it will all be under mental health care and alcoholics and addicts won't be getting the treatment that they need.

He said part of their plan is not building more or adding on to current treatment centers, but rather diversifying treatment. He said they've discovered online therapy is a tremendous way to do therapy. People have their lives on comput-

ers and so it is completely natural to use the online therapy. Hopefully, he said, with online therapy the sobriety percentage will go up. "No matter what our role is in the association, we really are saving lives everyday," he said. "This is a chronic disease that is life threatening."

Tom Baumann, controller and chief financial officer, gave the financial report. He said last year was one of the best years, financially. Total assets, he said, were \$38.7 million, while total liabili-

ties were only \$4.4 million, leaving them with an equity of almost \$34 million.

The association's income was \$66.7 million and expenses were \$35 million. After uncompensated care was deducted, they had a net income of \$3.3 million. This compared to the previous year's net income of \$393,000.

Also at the meeting, minutes from the last annual meeting were approved and Mike Carr, Dr. Merlynn Colip, and John Cummings were re-elected to three-year terms.

Taxes may go up with higher valuation

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ment, moving underground water lines.

- Learned that an architect has looked at the Moffet property and will be sending the city his evaluation regarding the structural soundness of the building.

- Accepted an increase of 8 percent in the city's Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plan. Mr. Lawson said they budgeted for a 15 percent increase.

- Bought a 2003 Chevy Silverado 4x4 truck with 49,500 miles for \$14,725 from the state. The city will be receiving the truck in October.

- Waived the three-reading rule

and then adopted Ordinance 1563, incorporating the 2007 Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas cities.

- Waived the three-reading rule and then adopted Ordinance 1564, incorporating the 2007 Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas cities. Mr. Briery asked that a committee look at creating an ordinance exempting all-terrain vehicles and work vehicles, so that driving them on city streets will not be illegal.

- Set a Parks Committee meeting for 5 p.m. on Aug. 27 and a Public Safety Committee meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 27.

and then adopted Ordinance 1563,

- Hired Jeff Wolf as the new City Code Inspector.

- Held a 15-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.
- Held a special meeting last Thursday regarding bond bids. The city accepted the low bid from Commerce Bank in Kansas City, Mo., which has a 4.096 interest rate on \$515,000 general obligation bonds for a 10 year pay back period. Total interest charged will be \$122,272.50. There were a total of five bids.

- Adopted Resolution 8-2007, dealing with the bonds, at the special meeting.

Local man is 'old hat' on college board

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the board, creating a vacancy. He jumped from committee chair to the board's no. 2 spot. Robert Loftin of Weskan serves the area advisory board as chairman, Marvin Sprenkel of Quinter is treasurer and Mark Smith of Tribune is secretary.

Committee chairs sitting on the board are: Clair Legere, Hill City, (Building & Grounds); Billi Beckman, Hoxie (Faculty); Paul

Bruggeman, Rexford, (Public Relations); Bruce Buck, Sharon Springs (Curriculum); and Arlie Archer, Cheylin (Student Welfare).

Other members on the area advisory board and the school districts they represent are: Chris Schmidt, Rawlins County; Dick Short, Goodland; Tom Button, Oakley; Carol Laws, Leoti; Myra Douthit, St. Francis; Stewart Stabel, Lakin; Tony Bremenkamp, Brewster; Shane Geist, Scott City; Clarence

Redman, Syracuse; Randy Balluch, WaKeeney; Bill Miller Jr., Colby; Robert Mackley, Winona; Dan Wasson, Oberlin; Dennis Moos, Grinnell; and Sheila Selensky, Grainfield.

The Otters live a few miles from New Almelo, where their business, Otter's Inc., is located. They've been specializing in their Otter Angle Dozers since 1958, and their website (www.otterdozer.com) displays multiple uses for the blades.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Norton Ordinance for General Obligation Bonds

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ORDINANCE NO. 1565 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$515,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2007, OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City is a city of the second class, duly created, organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1736 *et seq.*, as amended, and other provisions of the laws of the State of Kansas applicable thereto, by proceedings duly had, the governing body of the city has authorized the following improvements (the "Improvements") to be made in the City to-wit:

Project Description
Washington Square Building Improvements
Res No.
5-2007
Authority
12-1736 <i>et seq.</i>
Amount
\$515,000

; and

WHEREAS, all legal requirements pertaining to the Improvements have been complied with, and the governing body of the city now finds and determines that the total cost of the Improvements and related expenses area at least \$515,000, said cost to be paid by the City at large by the issuance of general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City is authorized by law to issue general obligation bonds of the City to pay the costs of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, none of such general obligation bonds heretofore authorized have been issued and the City proposes to issue \$515,000 of its general obligation bonds to pay the costs of the Improvements.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City has advertised the sale of the Bonds in accordance with the law and at a meeting held in the City on this date, awarded the sale of such Bonds to the best bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions of Words and Terms. In addition to words and terms defined elsewhere herein, the following words and terms in this Ordinance shall have the meanings hereinafter set forth. Unless the context shall otherwise indicate, words importing the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa, and words importing persons shall include firms, associations and corporations, including public bodies, as well as natural persons.

"Act" means the Constitution and statutes of the State including K.S.A. 10-101 to 10-125, inclusive, K.S.A. 10-620 *et seq.* and K.S.A. 12-1736 *et seq.*, all as amended and supplemented from time to time.

"Bond and Interest Fund" means the Bond and Interest Fund of the City for its general obligation bonds.

"Bond Resolution" means the resolution to be adopted by the governing body of the City prescribing the terms and details of the Bonds and making covenants with respect thereto.

"Bonds" means the City's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007, in the aggregate principal amount of \$515,000, and dated September 1, 2007, authorized by this Ordinance.

"City" means the City of Norton, Kansas.

"Clerk" means the duly appointed and acting Clerk of the City or, in the Clerk's absence, the duly appointed Deputy Clerk or Acting Clerk.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the applicable regulations proposed or promulgated thereunder of the United States Department of the Treasury.

"Improvements" means the improvements referred to in the preamble to this Ordinance.

"Mayor" means the duly elected and acting Mayor or, in the Mayor's absence, the duly appointed and/or elected Vice Mayor or Acting Mayor of the City.

"Ordinance" means this Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Bonds.

"State" means the State of Kansas.

Section 2. Authorization of the Bonds. There shall be issued and hereby are authorized and directed to be issued the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007, of the City in the principal amount of \$515,000, for the purpose of providing funds to: (a) pay the costs of the Improvements; and (b) pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.

Section 3. Security for the Bonds. The Bonds shall be general obligations of the City payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the City. The full faith, credit and resources of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due.

Section 4. Terms, Details and Conditions of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be dated and bear interest, shall mature and be payable at such times, shall be in such forms, shall be subject to redemption and payment prior to the maturity thereof, and shall be issued and delivered in the manner prescribed and subject to the provisions, covenants and agreements set forth in a resolution hereafter adopted by the governing body of the City.

Section 5. Levy and Collection of Annual Tax. The governing body of the City shall annually make provision for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds as the same become due by levying and collecting the necessary taxes upon all of the taxable tangible property within

the City in the manner provided by law.

The taxes above referred to shall be extended upon the tax rolls in each of the several years, respectively, and shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the general ad valorem taxes of the City are levied and collected, shall be used solely for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when the same become due and the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent. The proceeds derived from said taxes shall be deposited in the Bond and Interest Fund.

If at any time said taxes are not collected in time to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds when due, the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay said principal or interest out of the general funds of the City and to reimburse said general funds for money so expended when said taxes are collected.

Section 6. Tax Covenants. The City covenants and agrees that (a) it will comply with all applicable provisions of the Code, including Code § 103 and 141 through 150, necessary to maintain the exclusion from federal gross income of the interest on the Bonds; and (b) it will not use or permit the use of any proceeds of Bonds or any other funds of the City, nor take or permit any other action, or fail to take any action, which would adversely affect the exclusion from federal gross income of the interest on the Bonds. The City will also adopt such other ordinances or resolutions and take such other actions as may be necessary to comply with the Code and with other applicable future law, in order to ensure that the interest on the Bonds will remain excluded from federal gross income, to the extent any such actions can be taken by the City.

Section 7. Further Authority. The Mayor, Clerk and other City officials are hereby further authorized and directed to execute any and all documents and take such actions as they may deem necessary or advisable in order to carry out and perform the purposes of the Ordinance, and to make alterations, changes or additions in the foregoing agreements, statements, instruments and other documents herein approved, authorized and confirmed which they may approve, and the execution or taking of such action shall be conclusive evidence of such necessity or advisability.

Section 8. Governing Law. This Ordinance and the Bonds shall be governed exclusively by and construed in accordance with the applicable laws of the State.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the governing body of the City, approval by the Mayor and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED by the governing body of the City on August 16, 2007 and **APPROVED AND SIGNED** by the Mayor.

David N. Corns
Mayor

ATTEST:
Darla R. Ellis
City Clerk

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