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Halloween

Dear Angela:

Thanks for your response to our request to write an article for People's Culture Newsletter. You requested a focus for your article that would made a good fit to the aim of the magazine. As I see it, the readership of PC is a group of people who have grown weary of complaining about the social ills of our day, i.e. depopulation of the countryside, urban decay, child neglect, etc.etc. and wish to band together with other groups to effect positive change.

Telling once again the story of Nicodemus Homecoming, the last weekend in July and Pioneer Days in October is a good place to begin. The confident "Can Do" spirit that emerges from those gatherings is just the kind of starter to get divergent groups working together in new enterprises. Have you considered having round table forums?

The initial article need not be lengthy. A short history of life and times of Nicodemus, the amazing story of cars lined up for miles returning to Homecoming from all across the county, the dates for Homecoming and Pioneer Days and other events you wish to advertise; that plus the fact that your community has thrown their door open to people of all races and persuasions.

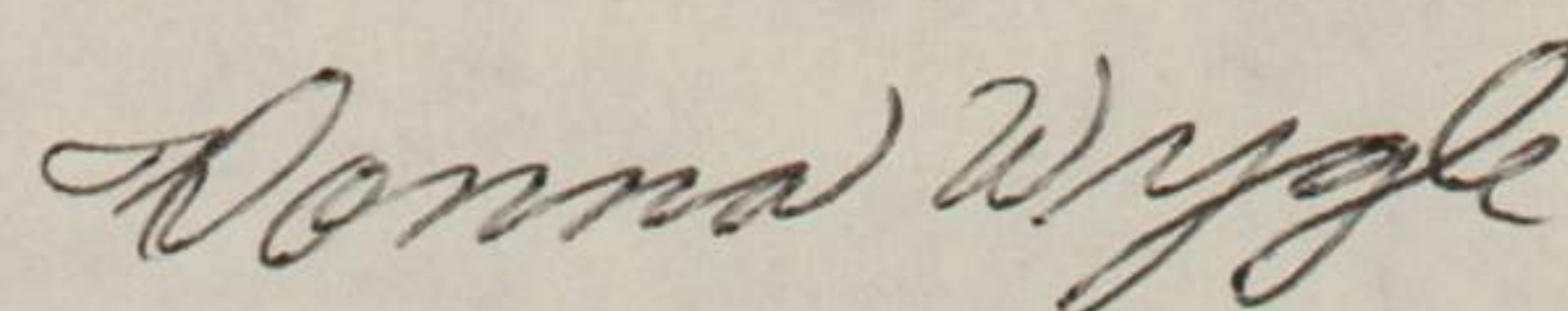
For challenges to tackle there seems to be no end, to name a few of interest: What is more segregated than rural Kansas? Not only is the countryside segregated, it is losing population to the urban area whose centers social fabric is in need of care and attention. These seem to be two faces of the same problem, and we need to be working on solutions.

Some of the best jobs today are technical ones, but not everyone is prepared to assume these. On the other hand pursuit of this competitive technology has frayed the social fabric. We need to once again lavish care on children and to create jobs for their fathers.

There is so much wide open space along the I 70 corridor. Couldn't some entrepreneur start a theme park along there? "Grazing Animals of Africa". You've no doubt seen the pictures of the Camel next to a Kansas farm silo at Nickerson. People slam on their brakes when they see that driving by. Again the open prairies of Kansas have similarities to the savannahs of Africa. It's your heritage. Share it.

Once again, I humbly thank you for considering writing for PC.

Sincerely,



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