

# EDITORIAL

## WISE AND OTHERWISE

By Kent A. Stock



Time to think about baseball!

"Don't turn the station," said my grandfather Martin Stock who was supposedly asleep on the couch when his daughters snuck in to turn the radio dial from the Cubs game playing on the radio. Yup, even half asleep, my grandpa and the rest of the family were big fans of the Chicago Cubs.

Well my parent's families both got off the boat, so to speak, in the late 1800's for my dad's side much earlier

for my mom's side. When baseball came to be, not only did they instantly gravitate to the Chicago squad, they remained there, well, through their entire lives. The Chicago Cubs were "our" team do or die no matter what. Here I am still today.

Was it just the men? OH NO! Both men and women on both sides of the family tree passionately adopted the Cubs as their team along with baseball and softball as a sport to play. At least my (very) oldest relatives got to

see them win something and then 2016 came along and WE got to see them win. Whatever loyalty for the team it was that started in those young years was passed down from generation to generation. It was a passion for the game of baseball and an activity added to almost any family event over the years on the radio, the TV and then the internet.

Our Chicago Cubs were part of holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, and every family event including funerals. Grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins had a Cubs tribute at their own funeral. Many hats, gloves and other paraphernalia were buried with them. My own mom was sent to rest with a Cubs blanket that was a favorite.

I have to admit, I tried to break free from this Cubs fandom thing. I knew the rivals from St. Lou were off limits if I wanted to remain at home even as a ten year old. I tried the White Sox and the Kansas City Royals for a while too.

My folks knew better. I had been to **Cont. on pg. 5**

## Holding It All Together

by Amy McCollom



**But There's A Catch**  
How many times in our life have we heard, "You can be anything you want to be." Not to burst anyone's bubble, but this is a lie. No you can't. There is a catch. There is ALWAYS a catch.

I am reminded of a Family Circus cartoon I saw years ago. Dolly, the little girl, is standing in front of a mother holding twins, and exclaims loudly, "When I grow up, I'm not having babies...I'm having puppies instead!"

I am not trying to dissuade anyone from trying to reach their goals or having dreams. Hard work does pay off, and goals are still worth setting. Don't sell yourself short; you can do more than you think you can do. You really can. But if you are a human, you cannot have puppies, nor should you try.

Climbing Mt. Everest when you have never been mountain climbing would be a really dumb thing to do. As my mom would always say, "Oh, you can do it, but you'll wish you hadn't!" This is true about a lot of things in life.

I believed I could do just about anything. All the times

I heard, 'you can do anything if you put your mind to it,' and 'where there's a will there's a way.' It never occurred to me until lately that maybe I just shouldn't have.

I always believed I was tougher, stronger, smarter, and that I could find an answer to any dilemma if I just thought about it long enough. I am also a little bit stubborn, impatient, independent, and don't like to be told no. I'm also only 5 feet tall and have the arms of a T-Rex, but I am very creative. Too creative for my own good at times.

I have personally moved a recliner, picked up a couch by myself and carried it over my head and out the door, moved large bookshelves, beds, dressers, entertainment centers, and even a piano, all by myself. I have taken heavy oak doors off of hinges, painted 10 foot tall ceilings, sanded wood floors for hours, pulled 4 kids in a metal wagon for 5 miles, and carried 2 cars up a tall flight of stairs with babies in each of them, with a 3-year old on my back at the same time, more than once. I thought I was some kind of Wonder Woman. My body

thought differently.

Yes, I could do all those things that I set my mind to; but now I have had neck surgery for bulging discs, had rotator cuff surgery on my right shoulder, had surgery on both of my wrists, I have a damaged rotator cuff in my left shoulder, my right hip now has chronic calcific tendonitis and bursitis from multiple injuries to the tendons and muscles and I also have a labral tear in my right hip as well. I also have moderate to severe osteoarthritis in all of my joints. I would say I paid quite the price for my Wonder Woman powers.

Perhaps I should have waited until someone was there to help me move furniture and do all of the heavy lifting and such. Patience, obedience, humbleness, and contentment would have been of greater value to me.

No, we can't be anything we want to be. The legless man may never be a dancer, the blind woman may never be a pilot, I may never climb Mt. Everest. But maybe God has something greater in mind for all of us.

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ginning in 2021. Mrs. Acton secured weeks one and two for that year. However we will not know districts until January 2021 and still lots of unanswered questions. Track sign-ups have begun. Students interested in early graduation have begun classes and CEO recruitment for next year is underway. Online registration for classes may be available in the next few weeks.

The junior high dance

team has placed first in several competitions, volleyball is off to a great start and the track sign-ups have begun. Additionally the FFA will compete in its first ever competition on January 23, 2019.

Congratulations to Mr. Blake Swan on his nomination for teacher of the month

The Board of Education's next regular meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
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Walkers are welcome Monday-Friday during office hours in the Henson New Life Center  
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Join us for Lent starting with Jazz Sunday, March 3, 10:30 am;  
Ash Wednesday Services,  
March 6, 7:00 PM  
Palm Sunday,  
April 14, 10:30 am  
Holy Thursday,  
April 18, 7:00 pm  
Easter Sunday,  
April 21, 10:30 am

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