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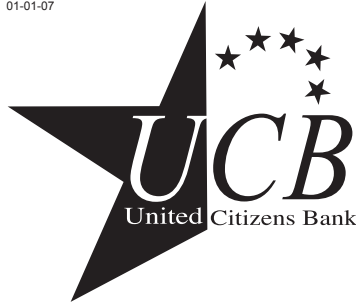
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By Ralph Roy Waggener

I have been writing a lot about local government bodies in Adair County. I actually thought that I could help by pointing out ways to improve or make sure the tax payers where getting there moneys worth. I have received a lot of e-mails and letters thanking me for the writing I have done. Something I have appreciated very much.

What I have accomplished in changes have been very little, instead of reading what I and most tax payers want, most in power ducked there heads and tried to make what I have written seem sour grapes. I feel that all I've done is to make enemies of the people in power. Seems they don't want anyone interfering, that the elected officials need not answer to the public. I did not mean to make enemies.

It has shown me how fickle some who serve are. We have been cut out of supplying printing from several offices. I'm the bad guy at Columbia City Hall as the employees are the ones that would be affected by printing their pay and perks. South Central Printing, Inc has been in business 33 years come Feb.1 2012 and we have printed very little from city hall or the utilities. I don't believe the city owes me anything for being located here in Columbia. I do believe SCP should have the right to quote any printing done, if we are the low bid then we should do the printing if not take to who has it.

I've never been one to kiss up to anyone; most likely I'll be that way the rest of my life. Don't know if that's a good thing or not, but that's me. It has bothered that what I've wrote has not had the affect I had wanted it to have, to get our government bodies to look at how we are spending tax money.

For one example take the Columbia City Police Dept. has a \$900,000 plus budget to operate on verses the Adair Co. Sheriffs Office has a \$650,000 budget. The past 3 Mayors have had a close connection to the police dept., naturally they want the best for CPD as well as all of us. The hiring of a full time person to take care of parking problem on the Public Square is a prime example



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*An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in.
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Top 10 New Year's Resolutions

1. Spend More Time with Family & Friends
2. Fit in Fitness
3. Tame the Bulge
4. Quit Smoking
5. Enjoy Life More
6. Quit Drinking
7. Get Out of Debt
8. Learn Something New
9. Help Other's
10. Get Organized

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of pure waste. We had the man power already in place that could take care of this small problem. When one person was found not to be needed, she was not let go for lack of work but was named to a newly created dept. and we are still paying this very much not needed position. Take care of the tax payer first and then personnel. No one wants to let an employ go, that's a very hard to do thing. There no doubt these 2 are good people but the city really did not need them. Something I hate to do but have to do and it easier when it's my money and not someone else's I'm spending I guess.

I know it's easier to not fire someone and make them mad. That's the job you signed on for, like it or not. We need people to use their back bone and stand up and do the right thing for our tax payers.

What I write has only one objective and that to point out ways of running government. Less expensively Judge Ann Melton changed the way Roads are maintained in Adair. County and that has meant better roads at less cost. Did some get mad because of this change, you know they did. Some people do not want any change at all because that's the way it all ways has been done. Judge Ann has made a lot of changes to the way business is done and for that I applaud her.

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The Babylonians' celebrations of New Year's lasted for eleven days?

Beliefs that exclude some foods as bad luck. These include lobsters, they move backwards and chickens, that scratch in reverse. Eating these on New Year's day might cause a reversal of fortune.

If you had lived in Mesopotamia and Babylon 4,000 years ago (c. 2000 B.C.), you probably would have celebrated the new year in mid-March



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Better wait outside. Be right back.

Cooter

**Have a favorite story in "Smiles" & want to read it again?
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Did you know that Julius Caesar was the first to set January 1st as the New Year?



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How to quit smoking in 2012

Peter, at a New Year's party, turns to his friend, Ken, and asks for a cigarette.

'I thought you made a New Year's resolution to quit smoking,' Ken responds.

'I'm in the process of quitting,' replies Peter with a grin. 'Right now, I am in the middle of phase one.'

'Phase one?' wonders Ken. 'Yeah,' laughs Peter, 'I've quit buying.'

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Inspirational And Famous Sayings For The New Year

Still deciding on your New Years resolution? Need a few words of wisdom? These quotes, both inspirational and motivational, may help.

Here's a collection of sayings to ring in your New Years with style:

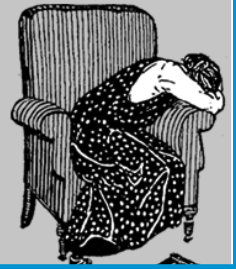
Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us. -Hal Borland

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man. -Benjamin Franklin

No one ever regarded the First of January with indifference. It is that from which all date their time, and count upon what is left. It is the nativity of our common Adam. -Charles Lamb

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other. - Abraham Lincoln

May the New Year bring you health and happiness beyond that promised by Obama.



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The traditional New Year's song, played on New Year's Eve at the stroke of midnight, was published in 1796 after Burns' death. "Auld Lang Syne" is Scottish for "old long ago".

The owner of the New York Times arranged to have an illuminated seven-hundred-pound iron and wood ball to be lowered from the tower flagpole (77 feet, 23 meters) precisely at midnight to signal the end of 1907.

Today's Time Square New Year's Eve Ball was designed by Waterford Crystal. The Ball is a geodesic sphere, 11,875-pounds and 12-foot in diameter. The ball is lowered starting at 11:59:00pm and reaching the bottom of its tower 60 seconds.

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Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.

Albert Einstein

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.
-Edith Lovejoy Pierce

The Old Year has gone. Let the dead past bury its own dead. The New Year has taken possession of the clock of time. All hail the duties and possibilities of the coming twelve months!
-Edward Payson Powell

Every man regards his own life as the New Year's Eve of time.
-Jean Paul Richter

Character is the ability to carry out a good resolution long after the excitement of the moment has passed.
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