



# Clint Hill Service Award

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## Karl Brubaker

Karl Brubaker has found joy in sharing the inspirational side of sports in Goessel, Kansas, where he has written human interest “articles” since 2010. His focus is on team contributions, not statistics, and aims to highlight how sports events uplift everyone involved, from players to spectators. Inspired by helping his best friend Delbert Peters, a local sports writer, Brubaker began writing longer, detailed pieces about Goessel’s sports teams, which were often missing from the local news.

Originally from Harrisonburg, Virginia, Brubaker moved to Goessel in 1978 for work, and later married Marcia, a local music teacher. They raised three children, all of whom participated in Goessel sports and music programs. Brubaker has worked as a Controller at Hesston College since 1986.

His articles are typically written within an hour of each event, and shared with coaches for distribution on the school website and social media.

While not published in the local paper, Brubaker’s pieces capture highlights, unique occurrences, and moments that bring out the spirit of the game, ranging from 300 to 2500 words. Over 15 years, he’s written nearly half a million words, primarily covering volleyball and basketball, with occasional coverage of other sports and activities.



These stories, paired with photos from events, have helped keep the community engaged in Goessel’s school activities. Brubaker’s writing has been appreciated by parents, grandparents, and athletes, with many reaching out years later to reminisce about specific moments. His most cherished article was about Goessel’s 2015 Scholar’s Bowl state championship. One of the team’s captains recently reached out to thank him for the lasting impact of that write-up. Brubaker finds great satisfaction in knowing his articles continue to inspire others. His writings have and continue to be a cherished gift to Goessel students, families, and community.

