

Jokes, Riddles and Stories - Oh My!



HAVE A GREAT DAY!

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THE LOCAL

What Makes a Small Town Special

I know many might not think we're small any more and in some ways we aren't, but in other ways thankfully we are! Some of the things we have going for us is our outdoor markets and perhaps even more of a small town thing is our outdoor concerts.

The Kiwanis Club Concert and Car Show is moving to the Brighton High School football field this year due to the Brighton Downtown construction. Not to worry, some of your favorite bands and even a new one or two will be on hand to bring back some memories and keep your toes tapping. Show goes having dinner downtown will have a Humvee donated by Conely Auto to bring them back and forth from the concert area. Food will be available with Tony's Dogs, Hungry Howie's Pizza and the famous Kiwanis Popcorn machine!



Crowd at a past Kiwanis Concert

So bring your friends and family, lawn chairs and blankets and get set to continue the tradition and enjoy some of our small town atmosphere. The concerts start **Sunday, July 23rd** with *Steve King and The Dittlies* and continue for six weeks. They are followed by **July 30 - Toppermost Beatles Tribute Band**, **Aug. 6 - Fast Eddie**, **Aug 13 - Billy Mack and the Juke Joint Johnnies**, **Aug 20 - Local Heros**, **Aug 27 - Power Play Detroit**. **Classic Cars** will have a reserved parking area near the football stadium. Cars can arrive starting at 5:30 PM. Concerts start at 6:30 pm. Oh and what else makes a small town great - YOU!

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From Casual Fridays to Pajamas

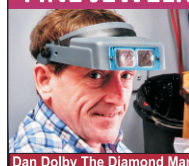
It started with casual Fridays - wait, maybe that isn't correct, it may have started in Silicon Valley where tech folks like Google and others encouraged employees to have fun, relax, undue the stress of a job and just work comfortably. You know, the big exercise facilities, game rooms and of course very casual clothing. Now, after the pandemic where staying at home led to a large work force just being casual every day of the week, you were able to walk the dog, take care of kids and still get paid for doing work, it seemed like the best of both worlds. Now, however, corporate America doesn't think so. They feel that the camaraderie of the workplace and the social inter-action yields a higher production output. This return to the office will probably mean a change of clothes to suit the job site.

I remember when a suit was what you wore to work in the office. Then it became a suit jacket with shirt and tie. And then the jacket was lost in exchange for a V necked sweater. Going to church was the same way. It wasn't just Easter that you wore a suit. It was every time you attended a church service. This showed the respect you had for the Lord. We have dropped a long way from those days and yet I don't think you can deny that you feel better when you are dressed up. Feel better when your shoes are polished, feel better when your wardrobe reflects who you are. I always felt my car ran better after it was washed. I think we should dress for the occasion, and do it in spades! You're worth it.

Shhh - Best Kept Secret!

I've been around this area for over 40 years and I've been involved with a lot of folks and businesses. Somehow this one got by me. It wasn't until I was getting my new glasses that Jeff Gysel told me about Dan "The Diamond Man". I went to **The Jewelry Depot** founded by Dan and Rochelle Dolby and was impressed by all I saw. Dan's claim to fame is that he is an artist at creating unique pieces of jewelry from old pieces you may have. He also has a great selection of diamonds. Yet, with all of this he still installs batteries in your watch, cleans rings for free and does a lot of little extras relating to your jewelry. I know you will find it a pleasure to meet him. - Don't tell anybody!

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The Laughing Place

Putin is held hostage by a terrorist. A Russian truck driver stops at the back of a long queue on the motorway. He sees a policeman walking down the line of stopped cars to briefly talk to the drivers. As the policeman approaches the truck, the truck driver rolls down his window and asks, "What's going on?"



Policeman: "A terrorist is holding Putin hostage in a car. He's demanding 10 million rubles, or he'll douse Putin in petrol and set him on fire. So we're asking drivers for donations."

Driver: "Oh, ok. How much do people donate on average?"

Policeman: "About a gallon."

A man and his wife are at a restaurant, and the husband keeps staring at an old drunken lady swigging her gin at a nearby table.

His wife asks, "Do you know her?"

"Yes," sighs the husband. "She's my ex-wife. She took to drinking right after we divorced seven years ago, and I hear she hasn't stopped since."

"My God!" says the wife. "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"



A climber fell off a cliff, and, as he tumbled down, he caught hold of a small rock. "Help! Is there anybody up there?" he shouted.



A majestic voice boomed through the gorge: "I will help you, my son, but first you must have faith in me."

"Yes, yes, I trust you!", cried the man.

"Let go of the ledge", boomed the voice.

There was a long pause, and the man shouted up again, "Is there anybody else up there?"

As my two sons were climbing into the back seat of our car, Eric, five, yelled, "I call the left side!" That didn't sit well with Ron, four. "No, I want the left side!" "I want the left side!" "No, I want the left side!" Intervening, I said, "Since Eric is older, he can have the left side." "Thanks, Dad!" said Eric. "Which side is left?"



An old man went to the doctor complaining of a terrible pain in his leg. "I am afraid it's just old age", replied the doctor, "there is nothing we can do about it." "That can't be" fumed the old man, "you don't know what you are doing." "How can you possibly know I am wrong?" countered the doctor. "Well it's quite obvious," the old man replied, "my other leg is fine, and it's the exact same age!"



WORDS & PHRASES: HOW THEY CAME TO BE.

Winging It

Meaning: To do something in an impromptu manner, improvising, with little preparation.

Origin: 'Winging It' is a theatrical expression which refers to impromptu performances that given by actors who had hurriedly learned their lines while waiting in the wings and then received prompts from there.



This phrase dates from the late 19th century and the verb 'to wing' was defined in an 1885 edition of *Stage* magazine.

Mad as a Hatter

Meaning: To be completely crazy

Origin: In 17th century France, poisoning occurred among hat makers who used mercury for the hat felt. The "Mad Hatter Disease" was marked by shyness, irritability, and tremors that would make the person appear "mad."



Barking up the Wrong Tree

Meaning: To have misguided thoughts about an event or situation, a false lead

Origin: This refers to hunting dogs that may have chased their prey up a tree. The dogs bark, assuming that the prey is still in the tree, when the prey is no longer there.



Giving the Cold Shoulder

Meaning: Being un-welcoming or antisocial toward someone

Origin: In medieval England, it was customary to give a guest a cold piece of meat from the shoulder of mutton, pork, or beef chop when the host felt it was time for the guest to leave. This was a polite way to communicate, "You may leave, now."



Read the Riot Act

Meaning: When you read someone the riot act you give a stern warning.

Origin: The Riot Act was a British law passed in 1714 to prevent riots. It went into effect only when read aloud by an official. If too many people were gathering and looking ready for trouble, an officer would let them know that if they didn't disperse, they would face punishment.

THE RIOT ACT.

If any persons to the number of 12 or more unlawfully, riotously and tumultuously assemble together to the disturbance of the public peace and being required by any Justice by proclamation in the King's name in the exact form of the Riot Act, I George I, sess. 2 c. 5 a.2, to disperse themselves and peaceably depart, shall to the number of 12 or more unlawfully, and tumultuously remain or contain together for an hour after such proclamation shall be guilty of a felony.

Where Have All the White Walls Gone?

It was time for new tires for my 2004 Honda and I really thought that a pair of whitewalls would really look sharp! Well they didn't make them in her size. So I settled for a set of Michelins. So what really happened to all of the whitewalls that were so popular in the years gone by? Well, here's the story.



A guy can dream can't he?

Early automobile tires were made of pure natural rubber with various chemicals mixed into the tread compounds to make them wear better. The best of these was zinc oxide, a pure white substance that increased traction and also made the entire tire white. However, the white rubber did not offer sufficient endurance, so carbon black was added to the rubber to greatly increase tread life. The availability of whitewall tires was limited in the U.S. during the supply shortages of raw materials during World War II and the Korean War.

Another part of their demise was the cleaning issue. You may remember "Curb Feelers" that scraped along the curb to warn you about running your white walls into the curb.

Wide whitewall tires reached their height in popularity by the early-1950s. The 1957 production version of the Cadillac Eldorado Brougham was fitted with whitewalls that were reduced to a 1" wide stripe floating on the tire sidewall with a black area between this stripe and the wheel rim. The whitewall stripe width began to diminish as an attempt to reduce the perceived height of the wheel/tire. During the decade, increasingly lower vehicle heights were in vogue. During the 1950s, Fender skirts also covered up white wall tires.

Wide whitewalls generally fell out of favor in the U.S. by the 1962 model year. - *Some extrapolation from Wikipedia*

You Don't See these Anymore

Before smart phones, blue tooth connections, even before almost every road was a major highway we made our family trips on two lane roads. Today we would call them "back roads". There were some bill boards to be sure, but there were also these rhyming safety slogans put out by Burma-Shave that we always looked forward to seeing.

The company used these to advertise their brushless shaving cream. Wherever they were used - sales went way up.

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1. How many cards in a Poker Deck (not counting jokers),
2. in a Pinocchle Deck, 3. in a Tarot Deck?
4. How many squares are in a chess/checker board?
5. In games of pool what is the game called where the balls are racked into a diamond shape?
6. What automobile was named after a famous explorer?
7. What is the loose cover of a newly purchased book called?
8. What do the Fertilizer letters NPK stand for?
9. The North Star is part of what constellation?
10. What is another name for the North Star?

Art Corner

**Raphael
in Italian
Raffaello Santi**



Raphael was born in 1483 in Urbino, Italy. As a young boy, Raphael learned the basics of painting from his father, Giovanni, a painter and poet. His father died when he was eleven, and over the next several years, Raphael honed his artistic skill and gained a reputation as one of the most skilled artists in Urbino.

When Raphael turned seventeen he moved to Perugia, where he worked with a famous artist named Pietro Perugino for four years. He continued to improve his painting, developing his own style. In 1504, Raphael moved to Florence. He was now considered a master painter and took on commissions from various patrons including the church. From 1504 to 1508 Raphael spent most of his time in Florence. In this great cultural center he met Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, and Fra Bartolomeo. His works from this period were chiefly Madonnas more idealized than realistic. In his lifetime Raphael painted more than 300 pictures on the Madonna theme. As a master painter and architect of the Italian High Renaissance, Raphael produced works that rivaled the well-known masterpieces of Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo.



Sistine Madonna

Raphael spent the last 12 years of his life in Rome. Pope Julius II decided to have certain rooms in the Vatican redecorated, and called him to Rome in 1508. When he saw Raphael's sketches, he commissioned the young artist to redecorate with frescoes the walls of four rooms in the pope's private apartments, the Stanza della Segnatura. In these murals Raphael showed his genius for grouping crowds of magnificent figures. He is at his best in the *School of Athens* and the *Disputa*.

After Julius II died, his successor, Leo X, appointed Raphael to work alongside Donato Bramante in the rebuilding of St. Peter's Basilica. Following Bramante's death, Leo made Raphael chief architect and commissioned him to make full-scale cartoons for ten tapestries that were woven in Brussels for the Sistine Chapel.

With Michelangelo and Leonardo, Raphael is regarded as one of the three great painters in whom the Italian Renaissance flowered. He died in Rome on his 37th birthday, April 6, 1520.

She's Back!!!

Our mother robin is in the midst of her second nesting. She is currently feeding her second brood on our windowsill, I wasn't sure she would use the same nest, but after some cleanup and a few new batches of nest material she settled right in. More later. . .



Feeding time, again!

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? RIDDLE ME THIS ?



1. - I am not alive, but I grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air; I don't have a mouth, but water kills me. What am I?
2. - Two fathers and two sons went fishing one day. They were there the whole day and only caught 3 fish. One father said, that is enough for all of us, we will have one each. How can this be possible?
3. - Who is that with a neck and no head, two arms and no hands? What is it?
4. - A doctor drops off a young boy at school every morning before work. The doctor is not the child's father, but the child is the doctor's son. How does this work?
5. - What 4-letter word can be written forward, backward or upside down, and can still be read from left to right?

Answers Below

1. - Five; 2. - The fishermen were Grandfather, Son and Grand son; 3. - a shirt! 4. - The doctor is the mother 5. - NOON

TRIVIA ANSWERS - 1. 52, 2. -48, 3. -78, 4. -64, 5. -Nine ball, 6. - DeSoto, 7. - Dust cover or Dust Jacket, 8. - Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium (the symbol K comes from Kallium, the Mediaeval Latin for potash), 9. - Ursa Minor, 10. - Polaris