

# Jokes, Riddles and Stories - Oh My!



HAVE A GREAT DAY!

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# THE LOCAL

## All Aboard! . . .It's Cruise Time

If you have never been on a cruise, you have really missed something. I'm sure you've heard about the fabulous meals, food basically 24/7, from early morning sunrise to 3:00 am pizza parties. And the entertainment is second to none. Every evening there is a group performing. One of the nicest things about a cruise I learned from my parents - once you're on board you don't have to pack and unpack anymore, your room goes with you! Well, if you haven't been on a cruise you can follow along with two frivolous couples who are making their second trip together and it promises to be a hoot. The Hartland Senior Activity Center is presenting their Fall Show -

**The Comedy Chronicle's**  
a tale of two cruises

Come aboard and have fun exploring the adventures of two hilarious couples who get their sea legs the second time around after 25 years of marriage.

**The Show has two performances at the Hartland Performing Arts Theater - 9525 E. Highland Road, Howell 48843. Thursday October 19th at 1:30 pm Friday October 20th at 7:00 pm**

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. You may also order online \$12 by Click/Scanning the QR code.

This unique production is led by Patrice Heath and features the musical and artistic talents of the HSAC members.

Come and enjoy an evening full of music, comedy, and dancing - you'll be glad you did.

PS - There's also a great bake sale along with many unique handmade items available during intermission and after the show!



## Readers Chime In -

I have heard from many of our readers as they request to be on our email list for our digital copy of The LOCAL. Many of these kind folks have even included jokes and items for some of our other columns. We are going to use these items as we see fit and will give the senders credit by printing their first name and their last name first initial. Feel free to send in items that you think would be appropriate in The LOCAL and we will print them as needed.

It is really great to have you think enough of our little publication to help us out and we appreciate it. You may send in your items to [wizardpmb@provide.net](mailto:wizardpmb@provide.net). If you wish to be put on our email list you may mention that also. Thank you for being a friend and a reader, enjoy the issue!



Ralph LeRoy - Editor

## TRIVIA

1. How many rows of kernels on an ear of corn?
2. When is the best time to seed your lawn.
3. What does 5G mean in the telephone world?
4. A rip saw blade is meant to cut wood with or against the Grain.
5. What western TV star played Jim Hardy a Wells Fargo detective in the 1960s.
6. What does TNT stand for as an explosive.
7. What is the name for the beet seed that grows especially well in Michigan?
8. Fill in the word from this famous commercial - "The best part of waking up is \_\_\_\_\_ in your cup!
9. Another name for checkers is . . .
10. If you were a Duncan Yo-Yo aficionado what was the trick that reminded you of taking your pet for a stroll?

## Your Volunteer Rating is?

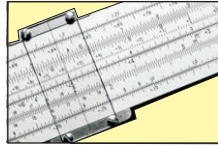
There is a great need for volunteers. You don't have to go overseas or to the jungles, you can volunteer in a much needed fashion right here at home. Every charitable organization needs volunteers. Every church, every association or group needs members or volunteers. It's just a matter of giving a few hours a week, maybe only a few hours a month to make the wheels of your favorite group run smoother. A nice thing about volunteering is it makes you feel better. So remember, if you're in charge of volunteers be sure and thank them. If you do volunteer your time or skill be sure and follow through - folks are counting on you.



# The Laughing Place

**Normal people** believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it isn't sufficiently complex yet!

ENGINEERS ONLY PLEASE



**Two engineers** were standing at the base of a flag pole, looking at its top. A lady surveyor walked by and asked what they were doing.

"We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole", said Steve, "but, we don't have a ladder. The woman took some channel locks from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her purse, took a measurement and announced "21' - 6" and walked away. One engineer shook his head and laughed "a lot of good that does us. We ask for the height and she gives us the length!" *Above two submitted by Linda F.*

**An actor** had been out of work for 15 years because he always forgot his lines. Then one day he got a phone call from a director who wanted him for a big part in a play. All he had to say was "Hark! I hear the cannon roar! After much worry the actor decided to take the role. Opening night arrived, and while he waited in the wings, the actor practiced his lines "Hark! I hear the cannon roar! Hark! I hear the cannon roar! The cue for the entrance finally came and as the actor made his way onto the stage, he heard a loud **BOOMM** behind him! He spun around and yelled, "**what the heck was that?**"



**A lady** was walking down the street when she was approached by a lady beggar asking for money. The lady took a \$20 bill out of her purse, and asked "if I give you this money will you spend it on chocolate." "Don't be ridiculous" the beggar replied "does it look like I have nothing better to spend money on?" "How about shopping?" she asked. "No," the beggar said, "don't you understand I need money just to stay alive." "Will you spend it on your hair?" the lady asked. Annoyed the beggar replied, "No, I just need money for food, and shelter. "In that case" the lady said "I don't want to just give you money I would like you to eat out with me and my husband tonight." "Why?" The beggar asked. "Well," the lady said "I think it's important for him to see what a lady looks like after she gives up chocolate, shopping, and hair appointments."

**A man** gathered all of his children together and said "Children when George Washington knocked down the cherry tree, he told his father honestly that it was him, now answer me honestly, Who knocked down the outhouse? Finally the youngest son admitted it was him, at which he received a tongue lashing he wouldn't soon forget. "That's not fair" complained the son, "George Washington didn't get punished when he told the truth." "Son" replied the Father "The difference is, that George Washington's father wasn't in the tree when he knocked it down!"



## WORDS & PHRASES: HOW THEY CAME TO BE.

### Rummage Sale

**Meaning:** kind of goes with cleaning out the garage or getting rid of items no longer wanted.

**Origin:** rummage is from the French word "arrimage", the word for a ship's cargo. Damaged goods were sold at a "rummage sale" *Submitted by Bruce R.*



### High and Dry

**Meaning:** Stranded, without help or hope of recovery.

**Origin:** This term originally referred to ships that were beached. The 'dry' implies that, not only were they out of the water, but had been for some time and could be expected to remain so. It was used in a 'Ship News' column in The [London] Times, August 1796:



"The Russian frigate Archipelago, yesterday got aground below the Nore at high water, which; when the tide had ebbed, left her nearly high and dry."

### Play Fast and Loose

**Meaning:** Be inconstant and unreliable.

**Origin:** This derives from an old deception or cheating game in which something that appears stuck (fast) easily becomes loose. It is nicely defined in James Halliwell's A dictionary of archaic and provincial words, obsolete phrases, proverbs and ancient customs, from the fourteenth century, 1847:

"Fast-and-loose, a cheating game played with a stick and a belt or string, so arranged that a spectator would think he could make the latter fast by placing a stick through its intricate folds, whereas the operator could detach it at once."

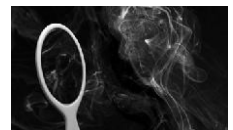


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### Smoke and Mirrors

**Meaning -** Trickery or deception, often in a political context.

**Origin -** This expression alludes to the performances of stage conjurers who use actual smoke and mirrors to deceive the audience. The figurative use that is now more common refers to the obscuring or embellishing of the truth that is employed by spin doctors and the like in order to deceive the general public. This later usage comes from the writings of the American journalist Jimmy Breslin. In his Notes from Impeachment Summer, 1975, Breslin twice refers to smoke and mirrors being used in the US political scene



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## A Hero From the Past

I usually don't read a lot of books, but once in a while I get hooked on an adventure series. I've read most of the Tom Clancy novels, then got hooked on Clive Cussler's hero Dirk Pitt.

The other day I came across a hero from the early 1900's The Scarlet Pimpernel. He is the hero of the Baroness Orczy books and was one of the first if not the first hero to have as his alter ego a meek mannered overly wardrobe concious dandy.

Sir Percy Blakeney is a wealthy English baronet who rescues individuals sentenced to death by Madame Guillotine during France's Reign of Terror. He soon reveals himself to be a master of disguise, an imaginative planner, a formidable swordsman and a quick-thinking escape artist. With each rescue he taunts his enemies by leaving behind a card showing a small flower—a scarlet pimpernel.



Finding out the identity of the Scarlet Pimpernel thus becomes a topic of widespread popular interest and the hero himself becomes the subject of an international manhunt by the French revolutionary authorities headed by Robespierre and his aide citizen Chauvin. To hide his true identity, Sir Percy presents himself in everyday life as a dim-witted, foppish playboy. His secret is kept by a band of friends known as the League of the Scarlet Pimpernel. Whose motto is "One to lead and nineteen to follow." The league operates as an undercover team in enacting Sir Percy's rescue plans. Orczy's premise of a daring hero who cultivates a secret identity disguised by a meek or ineffectual manner proved enduring. Think for a moment of Zorro - Don Diego de la Vega, the Shadow- Lamont Cranston, Superman - Clark Kent and Batman- Bruce Wayne all followed within a few decades, and the idea remains a popular one in serial fiction today. Read by Stan Lee, the famous comic book artist, as a boy, the Marvel co-creator called The Scarlet Pimpernel "the first character who could be called a superhero".

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## Can We Have a Little Peace and Quiet Please?

As you get older your hearing starts to taper off. You don't hear the high sounds so well or you don't hear the low sounds or things sound muddled. Or the music behind the dialog in a TV show is too loud for you to hear the actors words.

Can you imagine going to a rock concert? The decibel ratings are off the charts. It seems that every form of entertainment and advertising is trying to use all of your senses to lure you in to their selling proposition. Loud sound, bright strobe type lights and vivid colors all play their part in the selling game. But, every so often people are opting out. They are going for walks - just the sound of nature. They are wearing ear plugs or just listening to quiet music on their phone playlists. They even listen to movies with the title captions on and no sound! If the noise is getting to you here's a few things you can try. Get an audio book uses just your sense of hearing. Go to a museum or art shop - just use your eyes. Go to



www.OTR.com (Old Time Radio) and listen to your favorite old radio shows.

I still feel one of the best ways to enjoy peace and quiet is to read a book. You just have to use your brain here and with all of these suggestions - there's NO commercials!

## Card Party - Foursomes Wanted

### LIVINGSTON WOMEN'S CLUB

#### Card Party & Games

Wednesday October 11, 2023 - 10:00 am

Lakelands Golf and Country Club

8760 Chilson Rd.

Brighton, MI 48116

Cost - \$180 per table (\$45 per person)

Join us for our fun filled event. Price includes lunch and refreshments. You won't need your golf clubs for this, just your favorite card playing friends. This charitable event benefits the residents of Livingston County.

We have an all New Raffle, Silent Auction, Secret Gift Card Pull, and a Wine Pull.

Send your check to Kathy Schram c/o Livingston Women's Club PO Box 435, Brighton, MI 48116

## How do the Farmers Do it?

This year I didn't water my garden enough. The tomatoes and cucumbers really suffered. However, the peppers and potatoes heavily mulched did just fine. I try and do the no till garden and it usually works, but without regular watering or heavy mulch - not so much! Next year I'll be sure and water on a regular basis or mulch the heck out of things after a good watering.

Praise to the farmers who keep us well fed!

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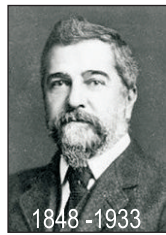
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## Louis Comfort Tiffany



American painter, craftsman, philanthropist, decorator, and designer. He was internationally recognized as one of the greatest forces of the Art Nouveau style, making significant contributions to the art of glassmaking.

Tiffany started out as a painter, but developed an interest in glassmaking from about 1875. As the first Art Director at his family company, Tiffany & Co., he designed stained glass windows and lamps, glass mosaics, blown glass, ceramics, jewelry, enamels, and metalwork.

He opened his own glass factory in order to improve the quality of contemporary glass. By the 1890s he was a leading glass producer, experimenting with a unique means of coloring. He soon became internationally famous for the glass that he named Favrile, from the old French word for handmade. Favrile glass was uniquely colored; iridescent and freely shaped.

Having established a decorating firm, Tiffany served wealthy New Yorkers, and was commissioned by U.S. Pres. Chester A. Arthur to redecorate the reception rooms at the White House, for which he created the great stained glass screen in the entrance hall (later removed and destroyed).

Of all of Tiffany's artistic endeavors, leaded-glass brought him the greatest recognition. Tiffany and his early rival, John La Farge, revolutionized the look of stained glass, which had remained essentially unchanged since medieval times.

Aside from his fame for glass and jewelry, in 1877, Tiffany & Company created a police medal of honor for a New York police officer with an interlocking "N" and "Y." The Yankees ditched the American flag top hat symbol for the "NY" instead.



The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art in Winter Park, Florida, houses the world's most comprehensive collection of the works of Louis Comfort Tiffany, including the Tiffany Chapel he designed for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Indiana, has a

collection of 62 Tiffany windows which are still in their original placements.



Daffodils - 1916

## What Are You Collecting Now?

Most of us have collected several different items over the years. Sometimes they go along with a hobby like a fisherman may collect dozens of lures. I'll bet you still collect something or if not avidly collecting you perk up at seeing something you used to collect and it may even trigger you to take up the collecting game again. Have you ever collected baseball cards, marbles, barettes, coins, Christmas ornaments, toy soldiers, games, stamps or maybe even hat pins? Many have grand collections of sea shells. QSL cards used to be big in the ham radio days and still are. These were basically a postcard with the license number of the radio operator printed on them. When you contacted someone a good distance from you, say overseas you would exchange QSL cards. My wife collects colored glass to go on her sun shelf. I collect wizards, soldiers and old books. I mean books like Tom Swift and the Electric Car! Maybe that's why I enjoy going through the antique shops so much. The large one up near Tanagers is a really good place to enhance your collection. Salt and pepper shakers anyone?



## ? RIDDLE ME THIS ?

1. - If 2 is company and 3 is a crowd, what are 4 and 5?
2. - Rachel goes to the supermarket and buys 10 tomatoes. Unfortunately, on the way back home, all but 9 get ruined. How many tomatoes are left in a good condition?
3. - If a zookeeper had 100 pairs of animals in her zoo, and two pairs of babies are born for each one of the original animals, then (sadly) 23 animals don't survive, how many animals do you have left in total?
4. - Four cars come to a four-way stop, each coming from a different direction. They can't decide who got there first, so they all go forward at the same time. All 4 cars go, but none crash into each other. How is this possible?
5. - Paul's height is six feet, he's an assistant at a butcher's shop, and wears size 9 shoes. What does he weigh?
6. - Throw away the outside and cook the inside, then eat the outside and throw away the inside. What is it?



## Answers Below

TRIVIA ANSWERS - 1. 16 rows about 800 kernels; 2. FALL; 3. 5th Generation; 4. With the grain; 5. Dale Robertson; 6. - Trinitrotoluene; 7. - Detroit Dark Red; 8. - FOLGERS; 9. - Draughts; 10. Walk the dog.

Riddle Answers - 1. - nine; 2. - nine; 3. - 977 animals (100 x 2 = 200; 200 + 800 = 1000; 1000 - 23 = 977); 4. - They all made right hand turns; 5. - meat; 6. - Corn on the cob