

New Business coming to Munfordville

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The Munfordville City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 10. Council Members Jessica Nunn, Tara Wilson, Martha Taylor, Cassie Eldridge and Marcia Lenz were in attendance, as well as City Attorney Matthew Roberts, City Clerk Neva Brent, and Mayor Ricky Line.

New Business on Old Main

The city council voted to approve a zoning change on Old Main to allow construction of a new archery store. The property, located just off Skyline Drive, will shift from industrial zoning to Business 2 (commercial), a change already recommended by the Planning Commission.

City officials noted that the area had been incorrectly zoned as industrial for years, preventing previous business attempts. Council members agreed the new shop would help revive the long-unused property.

Some concerns were raised about the narrow roadway on Old Main, though members said similar streets in town manage business traffic without issue. The city plans to look into possible improvements to the road in the future.



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Munfordville Tourism Commission members (some not pictured) with Mayor Ricky Line after his 16-year service award presentation.

Ricky Line Honored

Munfordville Tourism Director Aaron Jaggers awarded Mayor Ricky Line for his 16 years of service, having first joined the tourism board in February 2008. Jaggers noted that Ricky “did a phenomenal job” and even served on the team that hired him years ago.

Line, who stepped down after accepting a new

position as Mayor, said the hardest part of the transition was leaving the tourism board.

“The only reason I hesitated was because I knew I’d have to give up tourism,” he said. “But it was the right move for me, and the board was ready to move forward without me.”

A plaque was presented in Line’s honor.

“Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus.”

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There is no newspaper editorial perhaps as well known as The New York Sun’s response to Virginia O’Hanlon’s letter to the editor, published on September 21, 1897. That response was written by Francis Pharcellus “Frank” Church, the alternate editor-in-chief to the newspaper at that time. Frank’s response to Virginia’s letter has transcended generations, earning it a place as the most reprinted editorial in history.
With that in mind, I have chosen to reprint that editorial here in the Hart County News-Herald. I was recently made aware of a longtime reader who, years ago, clipped this editorial from our pages and kept it inside her Bible, reading it each Christmas. Due to unforeseen circumstances, she lost the only copy of the “Yes, Virginia” clipping she had treasured for so many years.
Therefore, it is my pleasure to once again share this beloved editorial - one that, even more than 125 years later, continues to remind us of the importance of holding on to the childlike wonder, hope, and faith that define the true spirit of

Christmas.
This one’s for you,
Martha Smith.
- Mary Beth Sallee,
Managing Editor

“Is there a Santa Claus?”

Dear Editor: I am 8-years-old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, “If you see it in The Sun, it’s so.”

Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O’HANLON
115 West Ninety-fifth Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except (what) they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men’s or children’s, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the



intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire

men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that’s no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby’s rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all the numbers from one to nine.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

MY WIFE IS NOW UPSET WITH ME BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE'S UPSET. SHOULDN'T THAT BE AGAINST THE RULES?



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the puzzle!

Booster
TOCKER

Consume
OUDERV

Intellect
NABIR

Guide
CORSET

TODAY'S WORD

FEAR & KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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NORDUA
▼ODORN
▼REWA
▼DELSAM
▼EPR
▼RPDO
ODHER
WPO
GULPEN
SONEO
RTME

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (▼) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ▼RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

HOCUS - FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mailbox is smaller. 2. Patch on sleeve is higher. 3. Mouth is open. 4. Roof is smaller. 5. Cap is different. 6. Mitten is missing.

POPEYE

By RANDY MILLIOLAND

I JUST WISH THE UNIVERSE WOULD SEND ME A SIGN THAT THINGS ARE GONNA BE OKAY.

KRAKABOOM!

THE UNIVERSE HAS REALLY GOTTA WORK ON ITS MIXED SIGNALS.

ARE YOU OKAY, OLIVE?

NOT REALLY, SUZIE.

EVERY HOLIDAY SEASON I WANT TO SPOIL THE PEOPLE I LOVE WITH GIFTS. BUT EVERY YEAR, I'M JUST TOO BROKE.

IT MAKES ME FEEL WORTHLESS.

YOU'RE NOT WORTHLESS. A LOT OF PEOPLE FEEL LIKE THIS, Y'KNOW.

PRESENTS ARE NICE, BUT THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE JUST WANNA BE THOUGHT OF, CARED ABOUT, AND LOVED.

NOW YOU JUST NEED TO FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN DO THAT FOR THEM, SINCE YOU HAVE THE EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE OF A SHAPPING TURTLE.

THE JOKE'S ON YOU! MY BONES AREN'T AS FRAGILE AS YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR!