

Opinion—**So,****Anyway...****Congratulations**

By Greg Wells, editor

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So, there are a lot of congratulations to be handed out to all of you. The storm last week was a harrowing experience for many in our community and proof of the dedication among community members to the welfare of the entire community.

There was ample proof that community volunteers are willing to step up and help those in need. There was also repeated proof that those who are paid to provide services do much more than what they're paid for.

There are some that say the trials of life are punishments for some infraction in life or in thought. There are some that say the trials we face are necessary for each of us to grow.

I think that perhaps last week's trial by ice and cold was an opportunity for proving who

we are.

From the Red Cross volunteers manning the shelter, to the fire-fighters rescue squad members and other volunteers who were out cutting away the trees and limbs that blocked our roads and pulled down our power lines; to the road crews scraping the streets and spreading the salt, to the members of law enforcement and the ambulance service who braved treacherous roads to check on those homebound by the storm; not to mention the long-suffering utility workers who braved the weather and the dangers of high-voltage electricity restoring power across the area:

you have once again earned all of our heartfelt thanks and proven your dedication to your county and all who live within it.

All of your friends and neighbors who worked to keep all of us safe deserve your thanks and

appreciation.

There is one group deserving everyone's appreciation, though it may escape everyone's attention.

All of you who looked at the weather forecast and decided to stock up, to prepare and to not just get ready for the coming storm but also to stay off the roads.

So much death, injury, or just property loss was avoided when people stayed at home. I, for one, thank all of you who didn't just go out joyriding and sightseeing in the ice and snow.

Your restraint likely saved lives, maybe even your own. The cold continues, and we must remain attentive to those who may need help because of it. But we have passed this first challenge of the new year, and hopefully, that is a good sign of things to come.

Melton,**—Continued from Page One**

He has served more than 10 years with the Marrowbone Volunteer Fire Department, working alongside Cumberland County's first responders to serve the community whenever called upon.

In addition to his service work, Melton spent 12 years working at — and later owning and operating — Highway 90 Tire Shop. He says those years taught him the value of responsibility,

accountability, and treating people fairly.

"This county isn't just where I work — it's home," Melton said. "I believe in hard work, accountability, and taking care of our community. As jailer, I will ensure every person is treated fairly and equally."

Melton says he has enjoyed visiting with residents across the county and looks forward to meeting many more voters in

the weeks ahead. He notes that voters may see him and his sons out visiting neighborhoods soon.

Residents with questions or concerns may contact Melton at 270-459-3280.

The Cumberland County primary election will be held in May.

Vote Chad Melton for Cumberland County Jailer.

Leveridge,**—Continued from Page One**

wife, Harley, now reside in the same community, where they are raising their two sons, Jase and Jarrett.

Leveridge is a 2013 graduate of Cumberland County High School and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal

justice from Lindsey Wilson College in 2017. For nearly the past decade, he has worked locally with C&C Land Surveying, gaining hands-on experience related to property and land valuation across the county.

Leveridge said his decision to run is rooted in a strong commitment to serving the community he has always called home. He and his family are asking for the support and votes of Cumberland County residents in the May Primary.

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Super Crossword**FILLED FOOD**

| ACROSS | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 |
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| 1 "Thank U, Next" singer Grande | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | |
| 7 Yachts, e.g. | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | |
| 12 Keto dieter's nutrient calculation | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | |
| 20 Right-rear bowling target | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | |
| 21 Like Viking script | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 Call to have food delivered | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 Chief justice before William Rehnquist | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 Runaway | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 Fruity drink | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 Reclined | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 Actress Russo | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 Chaplin of "Game of Thrones" | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 Makeovers | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 Application to improve blood flow | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 41 Glazer of "Broad City" | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 43 Person not getting deserved acclaim | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 52 Joan of Arc actress Sobieski | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 53 Acorn trees | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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