

Yep, 42-years is a fur piece, from back then until now

This week is another landmark for me and The Lake News. We are marking the completion of 42 years of operation. Forty-two years is a long time, certainly not as long as some, but as my people used to say it is a fur piece. Lots of things have happened, some of them good or great things and other not so good or great. I feel I have done the best I could do to cover the news of the communities we serve. I appreciate this wonderful opportunity I have had over all these many years to provide a dedicated community news source. It has been an honor and a privilege.

Things have certainly changed since 1984 when we opened and began publishing in an old store front. No air conditioning when we opened and never enough heat although the electric meter spun like crazy all winter long. We built our new building 39-years ago. It is funny to say it like that, but to me our building, as old as it is, will always be our new building. The best thing about it now is that it is paid for, except for the ever-present insurance and taxes.

My education and previous experience in the newspaper business nev-



Northwest Passage
By Loyd Ford

er prepared me for the coming of the internet, and a lot of other modern technology. Technological changes, advance cellular communications, social media and essentially a redefining of how and when information is delivered has carried me and everyone else who works here forward into a 24-hour delivery system for all information. I would be lying to you if I told you we have it figured out, we don't. We keep on getting up every day and keep giving it our best shot, that is all we can really do.

We are working at a time in history when readers or viewers expect instant delivery of videos, photos and print information, some of it may be news and other times it may be just information that entertains. We are tasked with de-

livering this information, which may or may not be news. It is a challenge.

In 42-years we have printed 2,184 weekly issues of The Lake News. We have never missed an issue. In addition to those 2,184 weekly issues, we have also printed literally hundreds of other printed products like The Lake Light which is delivered free to locations throughout the lakes area. The Lake Light is the only true periodical free recreational product still publishing

in the lakes area.

In addition to the printed copies of The Lake News we also have our website thelakenews.com which also includes free electronic copies of The Lake Light. TheLakeneNews.com contains many more stories each week other than those which are included in The Lake News, plus full access to TheLakeNews.com is available to subscribers at no additional cost. The Lake News also gives subscribers total access to stories and

newspaper issues that were posted as long ago as January 6, 2015.

I have been doing this for a long time and I hope to be able to continue to work doing what I do for as long as I can. Publishing The Lake News is part of me, I don't know if I could just not do it. It is my hope that The Lake News can escape the fate that so many other newspapers have experienced across this country. There are too many communities that no longer have a local news-

paper. There are some towns that have such a watered-down version of what their papers once were it is disheartening for the people who at one time counted on them.

It takes a toll on you when sometimes you have to say things people don't want to hear. I believe it is up to the local newspaper to stand up and say so when things aren't right. We have done that. As long as I am here we will keep on doing that.

Remember, This Land is Our Land

America's 250th Anniversary is just around the corner. My optimistic heart that yearns after the lofty ideals set forth by our founding fathers is ready to set out the bunting and banners and flags. Even on days shadowed by injustice, I try to keep faith in our shared principles.

June is full of preparatory patriotic pageantry. There's June 4. Technically it is of no special significance. However, it is one month out from Independence Day, so



By Emily Morrison

why not have a practice run for the Fourth of July? Then there's Flag Day. Who doesn't live to see Old Glory waving proudly? Finally comes

Juneteenth. A day of celebration and remembrance.

In recent years Juneteenth had gained attention on the wider national platform. It has grown from a niche cultural event of the African American community to a federally recognized holiday. All holidays are designated to help people recognize a moment of significance. Juneteenth helps us remember that as a people we believe that everyone deserves to be free. Independ-

ence Day signifies that we sought freedom for some. Juneteenth signifies that we secured freedom for all. Juneteenth symbolizes the continuation and expansion of our nation's vision of freedom.

I get a little misty-eyed listening to Woody Guthrie or Peter, Paul and Mary singing "This Land is Your Land." America is meant to be for everyone. Every time liberty expands over our land is a time to celebrate.



Our View

Disinformation leads to disconnection

The loads of disinformation and outright lies on the internet is having a profoundly negative effect on people. The immeasurable quantity of disinformation and frankly outright lies, according to some researchers is causing people to withdraw from interaction, to take part in discussions about politics and current events.

Apparently, we as human being can only take so much conflicting information, and untrue information before we simply turn everything off. That is a dangerous response because it allows the bad and untrue statements of other to take over.

It is our responsibility as a news media organization to remind people that our democracy is dependent on people being both well informed and to actively participate in the process. If you don't you will lose your democracy.

Seek the truth and be willing to share it with others. We are all dependent on that.

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"We cannot protect ourselves from trouble, but we can dance through the puddles of life with a rainbow smile, twirling the only umbrella we need - the umbrella of God's love." - Barbara Johnson

Despite the wet weather, I took my grandsons outside while they visited last week. The three of us walked through the rain in very different ways. I stepped gingerly, placing my feet carefully to avoid the puddles in the yard, the driveway, and the sagging parts of the front porch. My goal was to keep my shoes dry.

The boys stomped vigorously, drawn instinctively to the same puddles I tried to avoid. They could not have cared less about the state of their shoes. Their



Tales of Grace
By Leigh Ann Northcutt

only concern was the size of the splashes they made. Knowing they would not slip and fall because I was holding tightly to their hands, they marched bravely through the rain.

They enjoyed the walk a lot more than I did.

Stepping gingerly becomes a way of life as we age. Those of us who have lived for a while have experienced the

consequences of carelessly stepping into the puddles and potholes along our paths. We can wind up with a lot more than wet shoes. One foot placed wrong, and we can find ourselves in an emergency room with our knees pointing in opposite directions.

We also learn to walk carefully through the figurative puddles and potholes of our lives. Some we can avoid; some we cannot. Sometimes, we remain dry and comfortable. At other times, no matter how carefully we step, we fall into gullies so deep we have to fight to keep our heads above water.

There is an option. We can sit on our porches until the water dries up, protecting ourselves from things that make us uncomfortable. But

there is a problem with that approach. God didn't create us to be afraid of the rain.

"Don't panic. I'm with you. There's no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength. I'll help you. I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you." (Isaiah 41:10, The Message)

And, with this promise, I become like my grandchildren. Confident to walk without worry. With no concern about where I place my feet. Because the one in whom I put my trust has a firm grip on me and holds me steady.

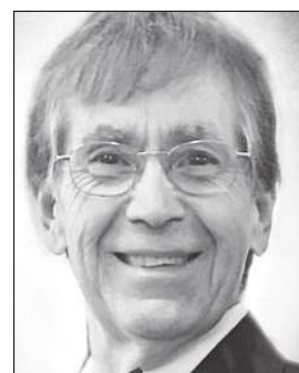
So, while my physical body steps carefully to stay safe and dry, my spirit holds tightly to God's hand and walks confidently through the rain.

Memories of graduation and my first TV

I might have to go out on a limb and say, it might rain. I really can't be certain, but it might. My grass really loves it and appears to be reaching up for more. At least it is a lot taller in that reach up. It will probably get even taller before it gets mowed.

Well, school is out. I know a lot of happy people. Some of them are even students. I know several that will be working more hours since they don't have to go to school.

I asked my Sunday school class a question that I had asked several former students before their class reunion a couple of weeks ago. Who spoke at your graduation? Guess what? No one remembered. I have been in or attended over 20 graduations and can tell you what three speakers talked about. However, who they were is another question. Everyone could remem-



My Side of the Fence
By Mike Harrell

ber certain things about their graduation itself. I remember singing "Moon River" at ours and who I marched with, but that is pretty much it. Can you remember who spoke at yours?

Today kids want an iPhone at the same age I was thrilled to get a box of 64 crayons. I used to go to a friend's house on Saturday mornings to watch cartoons. We didn't have a TV.

Having only 3 channels, they all signed off at midnight. I may be old to remember that, but I

sure do not remember the first TV broadcast in 1926. Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first president to be on TV when he opened the New York World's Fair. Yes, I attended the New York World's Fair, just not that one. RCA sold its first TVs at the fair. In 1941, CBS and NBC got the first commercial television license on the same day.

Leave it to Beaver was the first time a toilet was shown on TV. You couldn't even say the word before that. They were hiding a baby alligator in the tank, and that was all that was shown.

In 1941, a baseball game between the Phillies and the "Brooklyn" Dodgers had the first commercial. It was just 10 seconds long (things have changed) and was for the Bulova Watch Company. It cost the company a whopping \$9.00 (yep, things have

changed). Commercial prices have certainly gone up and in an hour-long program, the commercial time has gone to 15-20 minutes.

Ervin Poe was repairing our TV and gave us a loaner, it was a color set. He thought my father would buy it. HA HA! The only shows in color were Howdy Doody and Bonanza, but the World Series was on and we had a living room full of visitors to watch it in color.

Happy Birthday to Marilyn Thompson, Adam Smith, Silas Traylor, Billy Sewell, Valera Brooks, Robin Davis, Amanda Joyce, Rhonda Evans and Donna Driver. Celebrate and eat the cake.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Rick Cocke and Mr. & Mrs. Greg Northcutt. Celebrate your day.

Stay safe, stay well and as always, stay in touch.