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The fortress on the top of the mountain. This is the Burg's main square...



On the way back...All downhill from here...

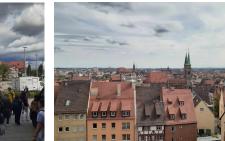


Iconic St. Lorenz church where crowds gather to visit this amazing piece of Middle Ages architecture. It was severly damaged in WWII and is now fully restored.

The Roving Reporter..... A Day In Nuernberg Germany







A music meander on a Nuernberg afternoon.....

Finally, a day without rain. With the sun partly out and a brisk wind blowing, which was trying to launch my cowboy hat into the Pegnitz River that wends its way through the big city of Nuernberg, the temperature remained cool. The inner city, which has existed since the Middle Ages behind a fortified city wall with a breathtaking fortress standing strong and high above the inhabitants below. Anytime the city was under attack, my ancestors would clamber up the steep hill to seek refuge within the virtually impenetrable fortress. Today "The Burg" remains a world-famous tourist attraction. On this day, I had set my sights upon climbing "the mountain" to get a firsthand look and let my mind imagine those days of old and people of yore. As it turned out, my visit became a musical journey, which I have tried to capture with my "handy," the German name for "cell phone." It was high noon when I entered this territory. I was walking along the way to the iconic St. Lorenz Church with its towering twin steeples. The church bells began

ringing in the noon hour. Their sound fully filled the air with their clamorous gongs, just like they had been ringing since the church beginning in the 14th century. I felt transported back in time to the land of my birth. It was 12:15 when I arrived at St. Lorenz. I stoped to look at their bulletin board. A flyer told of a free organ concert on Tuesday and Wednesday at 12:15. It being Tuesday, I went inside. I was surprised by the size of the audience. The majestic sound of the massive pipe organ filled the vast space of the Gothic hall. It also filled me with awe and wonder how mankind had built such an amazing articulation of praise and worship. Perhaps the photos will give you an idea? It was a memorable moment on my way to "the mountain top." The weather had brought out the street musicians. I next encountered a fine violinist. I took a video, dropped in some coins along with others that showed appreciation for her craft. The cobblestone street began to ascend... The way became ever steeper. People of all ages, shapes and sizes were

making the same climb. I felt I was running out of steam but when I saw folks older looking than I having no problem, it gave me a boost. My next musical treat came from the sweet sound of a flute and guitar being played by an older man and woman set-up against a fortress wall. I stopped, along with many others, to listen. The music were songs from another time, long ago. It fit in perfectly with the surroundings. I stayed a while to listen and even sang a couple of songs: Auld Lang Syne, Bonnie Banks Of Loch Lomond and Danny Boy. Oh, that gave me joy! It was the perfect punctuation!

My excursion had taken me quite a way from the train station and when I finally got there, my train ended up being cancelled. It was an expensive taxi ride back to my hotel. Still, my music meander on a Nuernberg afternoon was more than worth it! Aufwiedersehen!

John Bankel





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Psalm 37:4 KJV

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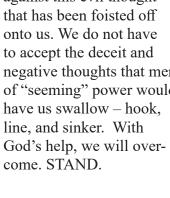
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By Donna Boecher

The heat of the summer, like the "snows" of winter, relegate us inside – inside our homes and inside our minds. Our physical being seems to be punishable, yet our spirit, heart, and mind regroup in the cool or warmth of our homes or vehicles. We can achieve our goals whether rural or urban. With faith comes

wisdom and understanding to overcome every obstacle that presents itself in our lives. The 91st Psalm says, He is our refuge, our fortress, and our deliverer. One of the loudest voices in "woke" America says that Covid awaits us in the future. I am assured from the Bible that YOU and I will and can stand

against this evil thought negative thoughts that men of "seeming" power would







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PROVERBS 29:2-"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."

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Psalms 91:1, 2

1 ¶ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Psalms 91:1, 2

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Vocabulary Word: takeover - the act of commandeering.

Ex. The police takeover happened in ten minutes.



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ADAIR COUNTY REPUBLCIAN PARTY HOSTS TOWN HALL MEETING WITH... District 2 Congressman Josh Brecheen

Commentary by John Bankel



John Bankel, Congressman Josh Brecheen, and David Pickle.

Josh Brecheen visited Stilwell on August 16 at the Kansas City Southern Depot in a "town hall" meeting. Brecheen is making the rounds in his district with a series of "town hall" meetings where Congressman Brecheen gives an update on congressional activities and where the citizens are given an opportunity to ask whatever questions may come to their minds. As a freshman Congressman, Brecheen has managed to land on two vital committees: Homeland Security and Budget. In addition, he is a member of the Freedom Caucus, whose 20 or so members are constitutional conservatives and are currently pulling a lot of weight in determining what goes on in the Republican controlled House of Representatives. Brecheen told the audience that the biden administratio has racked up an overspend bill of \$1.5 Trillion this year alone. As a comparison, he mentioned that 40 years ago, the entire federal debt was \$1.4 Trillion. Up until now, the U.S. has sent \$113 billion in support of the Unkraine. At the same time the countries of the EU, who one might think would have a greater urgency to support Ukraine, have contributed only half that amount. It was Donald Trump who tried to shame these countries into paying their mandated share. During the question and answer portion, someone asked what can be done to

reign in the rogue DOJ? Brecheen responded with "the power of the purse." He went on to add that there are currently 2300 Federal active subsidy programs, which is twice the number of 1980. He said it is time to return power and decision making to the states. He concluded with a mention of 19 state legislatures that have passed legislation calling for a Convention Of The States for the purpose of amending the U.S. Constitution. A total of 34 is needed to get the job done. Josh Brecheen is forging a path toward restoration of fiscal responsibility and comity within our Federal Government.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

Today's Trail Treks To.....

The Town Hall Meeting

local government business with town hall meetings where all the citizens would gather to discuss and vote on things necessary for the town's well being. These meetings would generally start with prayer. The vote had to be unanimous for any proposal to pass. This is the basis of a true republican form of government. Town hall meetings are still held in at least two states, Vermont and Minnesota, although the meetings bear only scant similarities with the original, with the most striking disparity being in the vote where now only a majority is needed to pass.

America towns took care of majority vote. A democracy Let the vote be unanimous. is akin to mob rule, where the minority is given short shrift and often ignored, repressed and persecuted. One need to look no further than to observe, with candor, what is happening within the biden regime. Liberals are in; conservatives are out. Cancel culture prevails. Individual liberty is at a crossroads in danger of being wiped out. Today, America is a far cry from where our founding fathers had envisioned. It is time to return to "the republic for which it stands; one nation under God, with liberty and justice for ALL." It is time to once

In the early days of colonial Democracies are ruled by again meet in the town hall.

Today's Trail has come to an end. Perhaps we will meet once again around the bend, my friend. May your Trail end up on the right side of the fence. Happy Trails to you.

John Bankel is a freelance journalist and a retired High School Math teacher who can be reached at: writewright@journalist.

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FCCLA State Vice President Santana Scraper Presented with Coins of Excelence



Miss Santana Scraper is currently serving as FCCLA State First Vice President. Santana and her Stilwell HS club sponsor Mrs. Eubanks were given coins of excellence by Superintendent Matt Brunk and the board of education on Tuesday evening. Santana spoke about her path in FCCLA here at Stilwell Schools. It was a pleasure hearing her speak of her experiences with FCCLA.

FaceBook; Stilwell Highschool

Westville NAPA Store



Folks I get a lot of people stopping by saying that they were not aware that Westville still had an auto parts store. Well we do! My name is Danny Guinn and I run the Napa located on the South side of the loading dock at the Red Barn. I've been in the auto parts business for over 20 years and would love to help any and everybody that comes by. Please do me a favor and let your friends and family know that we are here and we are more than happy to help with your automotive needs. Thank you

Danny Guinn



Congressman Josh Brecheen emphasizes a point.

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

"NOW" THE REST OF THE STORY

It was the late Paul Harvey that coined the phrase NOW THE REST OF THE STORY; it is a sad fact today that we Americans very seldom get to hear the other side of an issue. Over the summer we are continually bombarded with the idea of climate change causing all of the excessive heat across the world. We are told that we humans are the sole cause of all of the heat, and we average humans must lower our standard of living to combat the increasing heat, all at the same time the elites feel that they should be exempt of the restrictions the rest of us would have to endure. Just a few days ago I ran across an article that proposes a logical answer to the record heat we are experiencing.

Back in January 2022, you were probably distracted by covid mandates, at the same time there was the record-shattering Hunga Tonga volcanic eruption. The short version is an underwater Pacific Ocean volcano named Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai, 490 feet under the waves, massively erupted, bigger than any other modern eruption, even bigger than Mount Pinatubo. The erupting lava instantly vaporized fantastic, unimaginable amounts of sea water, which billowed into the atmosphere, changing the water composition of Earth's atmosphere and heating it up for years. In only a few days, the superheated water from the Hunga Tonga eruption blanketed the globe, pole to pole, East to West. The underwater eruption blasted an enormous plume of water vapor into Earth's stratosphere – enough to fill more than 58,000 Olympic-size swimming pools. The sheer amount of water vapor could be enough to temporarily affect Earth's global average temperature. The excess water vapor injected by the Tonga volcano ... could remain in the stratosphere for several years. This extra water vapor could influence atmospheric chemistry, boosting certain chemical reactions that could temporarily worsen depletion of the ozone layer. It could also influence surface temperatures ... since water vapor traps heat. Water vapor — humidity — is a much more effective greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.

The story made the science news, which makes it even more surprising that corporate mainstream media somehow found a way to successfully ignore the story. The media is ignoring the most dramatic climate even in modern history: because you can't legislate underwater volcanoes.

For all of you who think that volcanoes can't influence global temperatures, I would like to share some history that happened in the 19th century. In April 1815, a volcano known as Mount Tambora erupted in a massive explosion on the island of Sumbawa in present-day Indonesia. The eruption was the largest volcanic eruption in recorded history. It obliterated the top of the mountain and produced tsunamis, pyroclastic flows, and ash killing at least 10,000 islanders. The explosion propelled ash, pumice, and sulfur dioxide into the atmosphere and impacted global temperatures. As a result, the year 1816 was known as the Year Without a Summer. With nearly 36 cubic miles of ash, pumice, rock, and sulfur dioxide expelled into the atmosphere; the sunlight had difficulty reaching Earth. On June 25, 1816, The Franklin Repository in Pennsylvania reported that snow blanketed the area. Around the same time, The Evening Post in New York described freezing temperatures and nearly a foot of snow. Farm animals in Vermont succumbed to the freezing temperatures as long-time residents said they'd never seen anything like it! As fall approached, the Hartford Courant noted that 1816 would go down in history because there had been frost every month of the year. European papers complained that constant rains had ruined crops and created a famine. It would

take scientists well into

the 20th century to link the volcanic eruption and unusual weather of 1816.

Hysterical corporate media articles about global warming ignore all these facts. They ignore Hunga Tonga and run clips of cantankerous teenage climate propagandist Greta Thunberg whining that your SUV is literally killing everybody's grandma and will eventually burn the Earth into a pile of hot ash. They will also tell us that cows passing gas will also kill us. It is imperative that we all do all we can to make our planet a good place to live, but we need to stop listening to a bunch of people who blame us humans and ignore the very things that we cannot control. The manipulation by the elites of this world has gotten totally gotten out of hand, if we don't start using our God-given intelligence, we will all be serfs to those same elites.



"The right is a bunch of conspiracy theorists, the left is pure science and facts"

WHAT'S SO PUNNY? PUN FUN

PUN FUN is back again for another round of hilarious funnies, the punny kind. Today we make merry of mom with memorable mom puns. So everyone who knows that moms can be funny, gather 'round to read a quintet of momma puns.

- 1. Weight a minute: How do you weigh a millenial? In Instagrams.
- 2. Can't Beat It: Good moms let you lick the beaters after making brownies. Great moms turn them off first.
- 3. Fit Fits: Mom, can you put my shoes on? No, I don't think they will fit me!
- 4. Alarming: If a child refuses to nap, are they guilty of resisting a rest?
- 5. Tell Tale: Motherhood is like a fairy tale, but in reverse. You begin in a beautiful ball gown and end up in stained rags cleaning up after people.

And the beat goes on. Hope these funnies cracked you up, tickled your funny bone or tickled your ribs. Keep that smile going until the next "What's So Punny? PUN FUN...



State Representative David Hardin attended Repbublican town hall meeting. He looks on and interacts with guest speaker Congressman Josh Brecheen.

WATTS COMMUNTITY BUILDING BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER AUGUST 19, 2023

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10:10am-Horseshoe Contest

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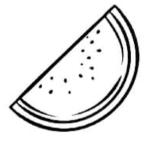
1pm-Watermelon Call Contest

1:30pm-Watermelon Eating Contest

3pm- Free Watermelon Slices

4pm- Best Barbecue Contest

6pm- End of Festival



Contest Awards

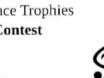
Horseshoes: 1st and 2nd Place Trophies
Largest Watermelon: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Ribbons
Watermelon Call: 1st Place Medals- 6 & Under, 7-12, 13-17, 18 & Over
Watermelon Eating Contest: 1st Place Medals- 6 & Under, 7-12, 13-17, 18 and over
Best Barbecue: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Trophies

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Alcoholics Anonymous meeting being held at the Stilwell Depot on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm.



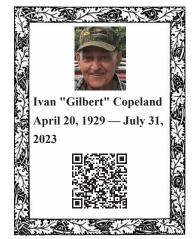
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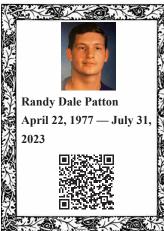




















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