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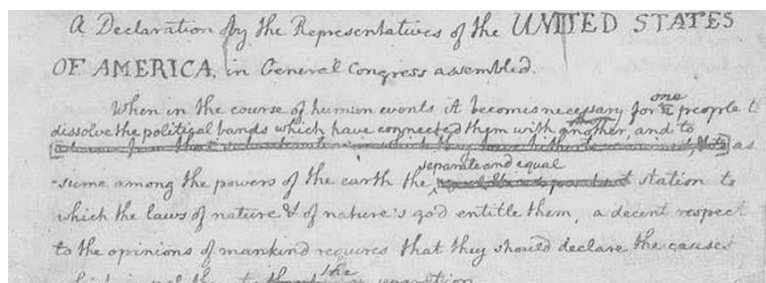
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The History of America's Independence Day



"Taxation without representation!" was the battle cry in America's 13 Colonies, which were forced to pay taxes to England's King George III despite having no representation in the British Parliament. As dissatisfaction grew, British troops were sent in to quell the early movement toward rebellion. Repeated attempts by the Colonists to resolve the crisis without military conflict proved fruitless.

On June 11, 1776, the Colonies' Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia and formed a committee whose express purpose was drafting a document that would formally sever their ties with Great Britain. The committee included Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston. Jefferson, who was considered the strongest and most eloquent writer, crafted the original draft document (as seen above). A total of 86 changes were

made to his draft and the Continental Congress officially adopted the final version on July 4, 1776.

The following day, copies of the Declaration of Independence were distributed, and on July 6, The Pennsylvania Evening Post became the first newspaper to print the extraordinary document. The Declaration of Independence has since become our nation's most cherished symbol of liberty.

Bonfires and Illuminations

On July 8, 1776, the first public readings of the Declaration were held in Philadelphia's Independence Square to the ringing of bells and band music. One year later, on July 4, 1777, Philadelphia marked Independence Day by adjourning Congress and celebrating with bonfires, bells and fireworks.

The custom eventually spread to other towns, both large and small, where the day was marked with processions, oratory, picnics, contests, games, military

displays and fireworks. Observations throughout the nation became even more common at the end of the War of 1812 with Great Britain.

In June of 1826, Thomas Jefferson sent a letter to Roger C. Weightman, declining an invitation to come to Washington, D.C. to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. It was the last letter that Jefferson, who was gravely ill, ever wrote. In it, Jefferson says of the document:

"May it be to the world, what I believe it will be ... the signal of arousing men to burst the chains ... and to assume the blessings and security of self-government. That form, which we have substituted, restores the free right to the unbounded exercise of reason and freedom of opinion. All eyes are opened, or opening, to the rights of man. ...For ourselves, let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollections of these rights, and an undiminished devotion to them."

- Thomas Jefferson
June 24, 1826 Monticello

Congress established Independence Day as a holiday in 1870, and in 1938 Congress reaffirmed it as a paid holiday for federal employees. Today, communities across the nation mark this major midsummer holiday with parades, firework displays, picnics and performances of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and marches by John Philip Sousa.

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International Plastic Bag Free Day – July 3rd.

Most of us use them every day, the thin plastic bags used by almost every retailer we visit. Whether we're shopping for groceries or the newest Prada, you can almost guarantee that you'll be leaving the store with a plastic bag stuffed full of your new goodies.

Then, when you arrive home, you'll quickly remove them like a kid opening Christmas presents, tossing aside the wrapping with thoughtless abandon. Have you ever stopped to consider what happens to those plastic bags? Has it ever occurred to you just how many of them we go through, individually, in a year?

Learn about International Plastic Bag Free Day
Plastic pollution is a global catastrophe and sadly it is a man-made one. Did you know that approximately 500 billion plastic bags are used on a global scale? Just think about how many of these bags will end up littered all over the planet. This is having an extremely detrimental effect on the environment, wildlife and indeed human health.

The marine ecosystem in particular is suffering immensely as a result of plastic pollution. 31 species of marine mammals are known to have ingested marine plastic whilst over 100 species of sea birds have ingested plastic artefacts. Over 250 species have become entangled in plastic, whilst entanglement rates of approximately eight percent have been discovered in some sea lion and seal species.

This pollution is also extremely dangerous because it is leading to the transportation of invasive species, which can have a catastrophic influence on biodiversity. We are not immune from the impact either. Plastic particles in the ocean attract toxins, which in turn affects us, as the toxins enter the food chain.

International Plastic Bag Free Day is dedicated to heightening awareness about these and very real and pressing issues brought about by this most popular of disposable carrying devices. We are reminded that those bags we pick up from the retailers are used for an incredibly short time, usually under 25 minutes, and are then disposed of.

They may pass out of our thinking then, but they do not pass out of our world. Plastic bags remain in the world for anywhere from 100-500 years before finally decaying completely, and have a profound impact upon our environment as a result.

Out in the great reaches of the ocean are massive reefs

made up of all sorts of plastic waste, and plastic bags play heavily among them. Such is the magnitude of the problem that these great floating islands reach hundreds of miles, like great monuments to mankind's wastefulness, and disregard for the world upon which we live. International Plastic Bag Free Day gives us an opportunity to remind ourselves, and others, that every action we take, and every bag we dispose of, effects the lives of everyone in the world for generations to come.

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry

86-Year-Old Woman Spends Stimulus Check Building A Front Yard 'Zoo' To Make People Happy

A woman in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, created a "zoo" in her front yard to lift people's spirits.



Nancy Connor, 86, says she used every penny of her stimulus money to build the stuffed animal zoo.

"I went through World War II which was tough but it's nothing like what's happening now everything is so sad," Connor told WJAR. "People are walking up and down the street looking very sad and I thought well what can I do? I'm handicapped. I can't go out there and do anything, but people love animals."



Connor said she started building the zoo on her lawn last week with the help of a local firefighter who lives on her street.



Ever since, people have come to see.

"Many, many they come every day," said Connor. "They come by, they walk and point, and the kids smile it's worth all the effort I've put into it because everybody looks happy that comes by."

Connor said she could've spent her stimulus check on herself, but her zoo is priceless.



"It's worth everything. It makes me happy to see people happy again, even if it's only for a couple of minutes."

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

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Little Johnny's Mom Has Issues

Little Johnny's mother was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle, the phone rang so she asked four-year-old Johnny to answer the phone.

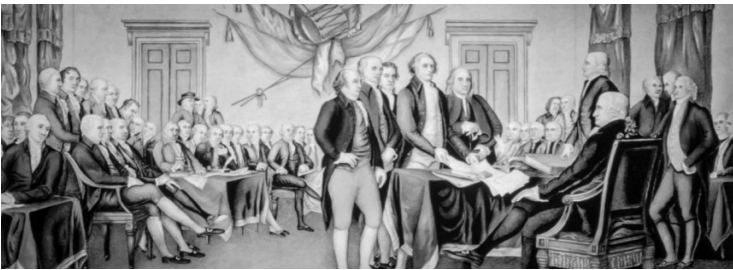
Little Johnny ran out into the living room and answered the phone. "Mommy, it's the minister," he said to his mother.

From the kitchen, Johnny's mom said, "Tell him I'll call him back."

Little Johnny spoke into the phone saying, "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

American History Quiz



1. What year was the Independence Day first established as a holiday by Congress?
2. What year was the Independence Day first established as a Paid holiday for federal employees?
3. Who was the first president to live in the White House?
4. What do the colors of the American flag symbolize?
5. Calvin Coolidge was the only U.S. president born on the Fourth of July. Three presidents, however, died on that date. Who were they?
6. On July 4, 1976, Americans all over the country celebrated our nation's 200th birthday. How many tons of fireworks were exploded in a magnificent display above the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.?
7. Where did John Philip Sousa compose The Stars and Stripes Forever, the official march of the United States?

8. Where and when was The Stars and Stripes Forever performed for the first time?
9. Where was the first Fourth of July celebration with a fireworks display held?
10. Was Pierre L'Enfant fired from his position before the National Mall and the Capitol Building were completed.

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American History Quiz Answers

1. Congress proclaimed the Fourth of July a national holiday in 1870

2. 1938

3. John Adams took up residence in the White House on November 1, 1800. In the first few days of his residency, he wrote a letter to his wife, Abigail, containing this prayer:

"I pray Heaven to bestow the best of blessings on this House, and all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but honest and wise men ever rule under this roof."

4. The full symbolism of the flag colors is as follows: red symbolizes hardiness and valor; white symbolizes purity and innocence; and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

5. Former Presidents Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were the last surviving members of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence, when on July 4, 1826 they both passed away within hours of each other. Interestingly enough, July 4, 1826 was also the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Former President James Monroe died on July 4, 1831.

6. 33 tons! That is heavier than the average humpback whale! In addition, during the Washington, D.C. 200th birthday celebration, laser beams spelled out "1776-1976, Happy Birthday, USA" across the sky.

7. John Philip Sousa composed the famous march on Christmas Day after he learned of the death of David Blakely, the Sousa Band manager.

8. It was performed for the first time at Willow Grove Park in Philadelphia on May 14, 1897.

9. Boston, Massachusetts held the first Fourth of July celebration with a fireworks display on July 4, 1777.

10. Architect Pierre L'Enfant was a dear friend of George Washington, who hated having to ask him to step down. Unfortunately, however, L'Enfant became unresponsive and headstrong in the planning of the Mall, and his hot temper conflicted with the various building projects he oversaw. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery overlooking the city he designed.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Little Johnny's Friend Gets His Comeuppance

Little Johnny and Silly Billy were engaging in the time-honored tradition of a verbal battle like little boys all over the world. "My Father is better than your Father!" Billy declared.

"No, he's not!" Johnny responded.

"My brother is better than your brother!" Billy said.

"He is not! He is not!" yelled Little Johnny.

"My Mother is better than your Mother!" Billy continued.

A long pause ensued, then Little Johnny said, "Well, I guess ya got me there. I've heard my father say the same thing more than once."

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Argentinian Farmer Finds Family Of 20,000-Year-Old Car-Sized Armadillos

Four ancient armadillos that are believed to have roamed the earth 20,000 years ago have been discovered at the bottom of a riverbed in Argentina.



The remains of the prehistoric armadillos named "glyptodonts" were found near Buenos Aires by an Argentinian farmer.

Juan de Dios Sota said he was taking his cows out to graze near a dried-out river bed when he noticed two strange formations.

After taking a closer look, he knew he had stumbled upon something amazing.

Pablo Messineo, one of the archaeologists at the scene, said: "We went there expecting to find two glyptodonts when the excavation started and then two more were found!"



Messineo added that the sizes indicate the group was comprised of two adults and two younglings.

Glyptodonts are the early ancestors of our modern armadillos.

They are believed to have weighed around 2,000 lbs and could grow to the size of a Volkswagen Beetle.

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Born on the East Coast, Susan has been married but says, "Never again." Her 2 girls and 1 boy have given her 4 grandchildren.

Even though she is a private kind of person with most, Susan loves the residents and takes good care of them. Her favorite thing is talking with them and listening to their interesting stories.

"They may forget your name, but they will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou

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He's Got A Funny Face, Antifreeze In His Blood, And Loves To Cuddle With Divers

The wolffish has the face only a mother could love, but these goofy looking fish are surprisingly affectionate.



Wolffish inhabit both the west and east coasts of the Atlantic Ocean. They are benthic dwellers, living on the hard ocean floor, frequently seen in nooks and small caves. They are usually found in water temperatures of -1 to 11 °C.

In order to resist freezing in their very cold habitat, wolffish produce natural antifreeze to keep their blood moving fluidly.


And that's not the only thing that makes these creatures so unique!

Unlike most fish species, which "broadcast spawn" (females release thousands of eggs into the water, and males compete to fertilize them externally), wolffish pair up and fertilize the female's eggs internally (much in the same way mammals mate). The female incubates the eggs for four to nine months (depending on the water temperature) before laying them in large clusters, which the male then aggressively protects for about four months until they hatch.

Divers often befriend their local wolffish because these deep sea monsters are the opposite of aggressive -- they're very affectionate!



DATA MASTER: Heather Conn



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She Calls Me Father

I did not remember her, but recently a young woman's email note surprised me and brought tears of joy.

Her email began, "We met in a subway train in Queens, New York..."

Fate had seated us next to each other.

She wrote that she had been sad and depressed. She did not want to talk or face a genuine smile from someone like me. Life meant nothing to her at that moment. Her sad feelings did not stop me. I continued to talk to her about hope, faith and love. I gave her quote cards that she put in her bag.

At home she was shocked to find the words on the quote cards resonated with her present situation. She became very happy and forgot the dark side of her life. Her grateful heart wanted to see me again to thank me about the kindness she received.

She felt that God had sent me to help her feel better. This made her believe more in God.

She talked about me on many occasions. She spoke about me at her graduation from Columbia in 2017. She even shared about our meeting in class presentations.

She searched for me for 3 years with no results. She did not know I was connected to KindSpring. Last week she talked with her family and thought I might be working at KindSpring.org. She prayed a lot during the last 3 years to find me.

In an email to KindSpring, not knowing my name, she explained my face and our meeting. I am very grateful to KindSpring for going the extra mile to find my email ID and be the connecting bridge between us.

Fatemah is eager to meet me when I visit New York next year. She said my talk changed her life, but I am just an instrument of God.

I have given away probably over fifty thousand cards, but the one she received is priceless.

I salute her perseverance, self-confidence and prayers from a heart filled with gratitude.

These are the keys to success and she proved it.

I consider her email and connect as a precious gift in time as a Father's Day gift.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Little Johnny and Geometry

Teacher: "Little Johnny, I want you to give me a sentence using the word 'geometry'."

Johnny: "The tiny seed grew and grew until it was finally big enough to say, 'Gee, I'm a tree!'"

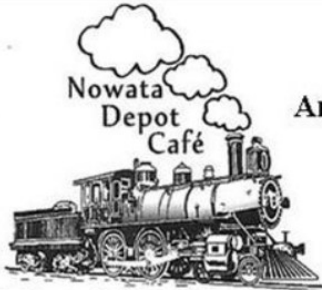
Little Johnny's Report Card

When Little Johnny's dad asked for his report card, he replied that he didn't have one.

"Why not?" asked his father.

"Because my friend borrowed it to scare his ma and pa," Johnny replied, laughing hysterically.

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Meet August, The Oldest Living Golden Retriever At 20 Years Old!

A Golden Retriever named "August" is the oldest known, oldest living Golden Retriever at 20 years of age.



August turned 20 on April 24, 2020. She lives with her owners Jennifer and Steve Hetterscheidt in Oakland, Tennessee. Most Golden Retrievers only live to be 10 to 12 years old. Some have lived beyond that, even reaching 19 years old. But no Golden Retriever has been known to reach 20 before August.

Jennifer Hetterscheidt told TODAY that August is still in great health for her age, despite experiencing some early-stage kidney failure that is treated with diet and supplements. But the kidney problems don't take much toll on August's daily life. She still loves going on walks and playing fetch in the family pool.

The Hetterscheidts own three other goldens that keep August company. "She's happy doing something, she's happy doing nothing," Jennifer said. "She's showing her age, she's slowing down, but she's got gusto, this old girl."

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Little Johnny and the Football Tickets

While sitting in the front row of a football match, Little Johnny's friend asks him where he got the tickets from.

"From my brother," replied Johnny.

"Awesome," said his friend. "And where is your brother?"

Little Johnny chuckled, and then said, "At home, looking for his tickets!"

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Texas Man Saves Woman's Life At Kroger

A milk run to a grocery store turned into a life-saving situation for a man in League City, Texas.



Justin Thomas said he stopped at his local Kroger to buy milk for his twins when he heard someone screaming.

"I heard someone scream out," Thomas told Click2Houston. "So, I moved toward the direction of the scream then I saw a lady splayed out on the floor."

Relying on his former medical background and ten years of service with the U.S. Coast Guard, Thomas immediately began administering CPR.

The woman appeared to be in cardiac arrest, Thomas said. He and another customer in the store took turns administering chest compressions until paramedics arrived.

Thomas said he has since heard from the woman's family.

"The doctors told her that if it wasn't for the quick actions, she wouldn't have made it," Thomas said.

"I just saw someone in need. I didn't even think about it, I just jumped in to help," Thomas said. "Afterward was kind of strange, a strange feeling... like I have all this adrenaline and I still have to go get the milk."

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn



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Little Johnny Says a Prayer

At the start of the English lesson, Little Johnny's teacher spotted him with his hands clasped together in prayer.

"What are you doing, Johnny?" she asked him.

"My mom told me that I should always say a prayer before going to sleep," Little Johnny replied.

Little Johnny and His Crying Sister

"Little Johnny, why is your sister crying?" yelled Grandma.

"Because I helped her," came the reply.

"What on Earth did you help her with, then"

"I helped her eat all her candy!"

Little Johnny's Math Problem

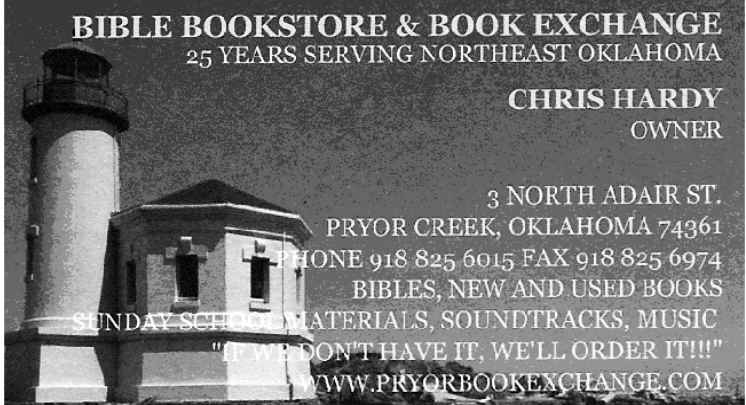
Little Johnny's math teacher asks the class, "If you have a dollar and you ask your father for another one, how much would you have?"

"One dollar," yells Little Johnny from the back of the class.

"Oh, come on!" says the teacher. "Surely someone your age knows how to count, Johnny!"

"It isn't that I don't know how to count," replies Johnny. "It's that I know my dad a lot better than you do!"

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The United States issued its first postage stamp on July 1, 1847. At that time, stamps were not required. A letter could be mailed without a stamp and delivery paid for by the recipient. In 1855, the postage stamp became mandatory.

Philately is the study of stamps and postal history. Stamps often have a fascinating history. Everything from the inspiration and the artist to the postal rate in a given year affects the value of a stamp. Collectors look at quality and rarity as well.

While the digital age may have slowed the flow of snail mail, it doesn't reduce the excitement associated with receiving a letter or a card in the mail. A handwritten note in an envelope with a postage stamp in the corner holds so much more charm than most of the emails people receive. A colorful postcard from an exotic location or missive with crayon-drawn artwork improves one's day when it comes delivered by a familiar postal worker.

Birthday wishes that come via text message or social media are one thing, but an unexpected delivery through the mail in a bright envelope brings more smiles than all the likes in the world. Put a stamp on it!

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NATIONAL US POSTAGE STAMP DAY HISTORY

Within our research, we were unable to identify the creator of National U.S. Postage Stamp Day.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Teacher Goes Above And Beyond To Help Student Who Graduated Alone

A high school teacher in Alabama took a student to lunch after learning the teen had no one to support him at his graduation ceremony and has raised more than \$5,000 for his future.



Dominique Moore teaches at Bessemer City High School, which held its graduation ceremony on Thursday.

While cleaning up after the festivities ended, he noticed one of his graduates was still there, alone.

"I know his moods and I knew he wasn't himself," Moore said. "I asked him, 'Where are your people?' and he was like, 'Nobody's here!'"

Moore told him, "I expect big things from you and it's going to be okay."

Moore learned the student didn't have a ride home, so he offered him a ride and asked him if he wanted to grab lunch.

Moore said he fought back tears the entire lunch at Cheesecake Factory.

"Man, I couldn't imagine graduating high school and my folks not being there," he said, adding that he did not ask for details about why his family was not there.

"I didn't care," Moore said. "At that moment, I just wanted to celebrate him. It was an amazing time."

Moore posted about the incident on Facebook, something he normally doesn't do, because the situation did not sit well with him.

on my own," he said. "You don't always have to show everybody or tell everybody when you do something but this one just didn't sit well with me. I don't know what it was."

In the Facebook post, Moore added his Cash App – \$mooredaeducator – in case anyone wanted to be a "blessing" to the teen.

As of June 19, more than \$5,000 had poured in.

Moore, who has been driving the teen to and from his new job, hopes to use the money to gift him his own car.

Moore even helped him open up a checking account.

"He is out done at the out pour of support you all are showing," Moore wrote in a follow-up post. "I let him read every comment and post you all posted!!!! I told him ain't no crying in my whip lil homie!!!! For real I was about to, can't Let them see me like that."

Moore added that college is in the future, but housing and transportation is of more importance right now.

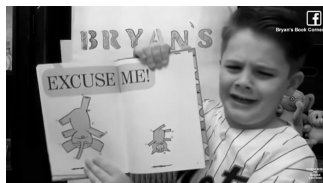
"We take people and life for granted," Moore concluded. "Even though we have bad, in this moment it shows that mankind is good."

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

7-Year-Old Boy Reads To Kids Who Miss Story Time At School

A 7-year-old boy in New York who loves to read has launched a Facebook group to read to other kids who are missing story time at school.

Bryan Rumfelt, 7, of Brooklyn, loves to read and shares his favorite books with anyone who wants to hear a good story.



Bryan was previously reading books to his grandmother every night when she suggested he read to kids who don't have story time because of the coronavirus lockdown.

So, he started a Facebook group called "Bryan's Book Corner" where he reads to kids online and so far more than a thousand people have joined.

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry

She Was Laid Off. So, She Became The 'Lasagna Lady' Serving Thousands Of Free Meals To Those In Need

What started out as a silly comment on a social media site about lasagna has turned into a community truly paying it forward.

After Michelle Brenner was furloughed from her job at a menswear store in Gig Harbor, Wash, she decided to make herself a huge pan of lasagna. Then she got on her community Facebook page and wrote that frozen, store-bought lasagna could not compare to the real Italian homemade deal.



She followed up with an offer: "If any of you want some fresh homemade, no calorie counting lasagna, please let me know and I will gladly prepare it."

Brenner set aside her \$1,200 stimulus check to buy ingredients, and the requests began to trickle in. First from a retired neighbor, then an out-of-work friend. Soon, many people started showing up, including strangers.

Nearly three months and more than 1,000 pans later, Brenner is still at it. About eight hours a day, seven days a week, she helps feed people in her community - from hospital workers and first responders to single parents struggling without paychecks.

"The world as we know it is falling apart, but my two little hands are capable of making a difference," she said. "I can't change the world, but I can make lasagna."

To help pay for ingredients, Brenner launched an online fundraiser that quickly reached her \$10,000 goal.

To date, people have contributed more than \$22,000.

"This is nothing less than a blessing, miracle and true journey," she wrote in an update. "My goal which has now changed is to raise a total of \$20,000 which will provide over 1,000 made fresh daily, homemade lasagna meals to the families of this great community and the essential workers who are leading our community to a better place."

To date some of the essential workers who have enjoyed some homemade lasagna include, law enforcement, fire departments, medical staff, grocery retailers, military, senior homes etc. We truly have made a difference and I am sure we will continue to do so! It is with great pleasure that I hope you will continue to join me on this great journey and be apart of something so great at a time that we are all so uncertain. There is no charge for a lasagna nor will I profit from this in any way. All donations go to lasagna in which YOUR donations pays forward, potentially to even your neighbor what a great way to say, 'Hey I am here for you.' Thank you so much and together I know we can do this!"

Brenner says she expects to return to work at some point this summer but plans to still make time for lasagna.

"I'll bet I could continue this for the rest of my life. I love creating in the kitchen, but more importantly, I love the people I've met," she said.

"Those warm smells help people to know that somebody cares about them. You can be in the most awful place in your life, and then a big plate of lasagna will provide some peace and hope."

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry

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Remembering the Elderly

I am a mother of two and always have had a special spot in my heart for people that have spent many years on this earth. I somehow fall into these peoples lives for some reason or another.

One elderly woman needed a lot of care such as cooking, cleaning, dr. appts and so on which I was more than happy to help until she passed. Of course it broke my heart.

Since then, I've befriended several others -- some just want to have lunch and tell their stories while others need help going to the store and getting their hair fixed every week. The main thing I have noticed is that when you get older for some reason people start to ignore you and they lose their voice? I understand that sometimes there is memory loss, however, it upsets me to see dr's and even family treat them as children.

We need to take a minute out of our busy lives and do something special for an older member of our community. It really makes their day when someone takes time to talk and show we care. I encourage you to find out about their lives ... I have heard some amazing stories from this generation.

It hurts when they are gone but, you will always have the memory and maybe you can give them a little comfort in knowing we still love and respect them. I wish I would have heard my grandparents stories before they left this earth.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Little Johnny Goes to Science Class

During science class, Little Johnny's teacher asked who knew the chemical formula for water.

"Easy peasy!" shouted Little Johnny. "It's HIJKLM-NO!"

"Wrong!"

"But how can it be wrong, miss?" said Johnny. "Only yesterday you told us it's H to O!"

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Dog Days of Summer



When is the Dog Days of Summer? July 3 to August 11

Wow, it's sure hot and muggy. That's because we're in the Dog Days of Summer, the hottest, muggiest days of the year. As the song goes "roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer". If you are feeling the effects of hot, muggy, sultry, "weather that you can wear", you can be certain that you are in the Dog Days of Summer. It is also a period of drought and occasional strong thunderstorms.

By definition, the Dog Days Summer are the hottest and steamiest part of summer. Typically, this is the period when Sirius, the Dog Star, rises at the same time as the Sun, from July 3 -August 11.

When the Dog Days of Summer arrive, it's time to do those memorable summer time activities, that help us to keep our cool. They include:

- Take a dip in the pool.
- Go to the beach
- Take the kids to a water park
- Watch the sultry days go by in a cozy hammock
- Laze under a shady tree.
- Quaff your thirst with a frozen summer drink.
- Go to an evening baseball game

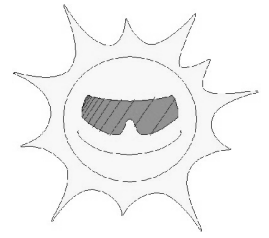


Whatever your favorite pastime for the Dog Days of Summer, we do not believe it should be spent indoors all day long, in air conditioned comfort. Rather, get out and enjoy the hot weather while it is here. After all, the days are already growing shorter, and you know what that ultimately leads to.....

History and Origin of the Dog Days of Summer

Day:

God made these dog days for us to either enjoy, or suffer through ...depending upon your point of view.



It was the ancient Romans who defined the period between July 3 - August 11 as the dog days. Typical of many ancient cultures, the Romans used a relationship between the stars and the sun to define the exact period of time.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

London Cabbie's Payment-in-Kind!

Last week, I was running a little late on my way to my first day at a new job in East London. I had injured my achilles heal a couple of days before and didn't want to put too much pressure on it by running to the tube station so I decided to jump in a cab just to get to the station.

The cab driver was really warm and friendly and happened to ask me where I was off to. So, I told him how I was on my way to start a new job and was running a little late to get to the tube station. En route, about half way there, he realized that the road was closed ahead and told me that as a result this is as far as he'll be able to take me. Of course I said no worries and pulled out my wallet to pay him for his services.

At this point, he turned around and said to me with a huge smile, "Don't worry about it. I feel bad that I couldn't get you all the way to the station when you are running late for your first day of work. This one's on me! Good luck with your new job."

I was floored -- London cabs are generally really expensive, and he really didn't have to do this for some random stranger off the street. But he just felt like being nice and bringing a smile to someone else's day and so he did it anyway. Thank you, to this anonymous cab driver, for bringing a smile to my face every time I think of this experience.

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry

A Firefighter's Point of View

Back in the day when I wasn't sure what I wanted to do with my life, I was studying to become a firefighter. I was a volunteer fire aide with the city of Milpitas, and was studying at mission college. As a firefighter, you're constantly thinking of other people and trying to help children. That's the mindset, at least for someone trying to get into a fraternity of brothers that is the No. 1 most difficult job in the country to get!

One night after going to class I was heading home and decided to stop off at a burrito place. This was in a part of San Jose that wasn't very good. It was dark, and it was obvious that I wasn't in a place that I would normally go to. Well I got my burrito and started to head for my car when I was approached by a homeless man. He was very dirty and obviously very hungry. He asked me for some change to buy a little food. As I was pulling some change out, I had an idea.

I decided to see if he wanted to eat a real dinner, so I asked him to follow me back into the burrito joint to order. He was ashamed of the way he looked and said he did not want to go in there. But I insisted. When he finally followed me in, the people behind the counter refused to let him in, but I told them that I was buying him dinner and he had a right to be there. After some haggling, they finally let him in where he sat down. It seemed like he was relieved a bit to be sitting at a table. Well, I asked him to order whatever he wanted. He only ordered a burrito, so I had to encourage him to order whatever and however much he wanted.

SubmitFor someone who has been on the fringes of society it seemed like he was very surprised at my generosity. But to me, it was what any "human being" should do or at least offer. I know we see these people everyday asking for money and I admit it gets a little tiring after awhile, especially knowing there's a bunch of fraudsters out there just hustling money for alcohol or drugs. You had to be there to see the look in his face. To me it reminded me when I was young and my mom brought out a big birthday cake for me on my birthday, with all the candy, chocolate and goodies that we were about to eat. He was like that kid again, getting to experience a feast. And I think he felt special, like he was getting attention. Again something that I could see he hadn't experienced in a long time.

Well he ended up ordering enough to fill his stomach at least 3 times over! I often think about this story, because to me it's not just about helping someone out by feeding them, but giving him the respect and dignity of being a human being and allowing him to feel good about himself was very rewarding.

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry

Warm Story From Ethiopia

I traveled to Ethiopia last year with my business partner and president of OLA's Exotic Coffee & Tea. We are a coffee company that imports coffee from Africa and traveled to Ethiopia to visit the coffee plantations and speak with the government about investing.

One day our entourage traveled about 4 hours from the capital to visit the Yirgacheffe coffee region. There we were looking to survey some coffee processing plants to possibly purchase. It rained heavily that day and there was a flash flood in a nearby village that we had to travel through to reach the farm.

After we surveyed our last coffee farm, we climbed into the 4 cars we traveled in and began the long journey back to our hotels. As we were leaving though, through the rain and soggy conditions, Ola our CEO waved his hands to stop the cars. He got out and put his hand to his ear and asked us if we knew where the music was coming from. Being that we were piratically in the jungle, we all just shrugged.

Ola is a unique individual, he is my partner and president of Ola's Exotic Coffee & Tea, and a very compassionate person. As we made our way through the jungle we happened upon a very primitive building. It was made of trees stripped of bark and aligned together to form a single square building. We entered and soon learned that this building was a church and we were in the middle of a mass. Well Ola decided he wanted to get involved and encouraged all of us to dance and sing along with the churchgoers. As we did, Ola put the equivalent of \$100 in local currency of Bir on their table, well the singing got louder and louder. Then another person from our group put another \$100 worth of Bir on the table. At this point, the singing was at a fever pitch!

At this point the priest gave a blessing and thanked us for our gift and mentioned to us that when we return, they will use the money to fix up their church. And Ola said, "when I return I will build you a new church!"

After we shook hands with everyone and shared smiles and laughter, we headed back to our hotels. And upon arriving Ola got a phone call from the guide that took us to the farm to say that word had spread throughout the village that "the visitors" had made a generous donation to fixing their church. Ola was just being himself, generous and compassionate.

The reason they were so happy, is that they had been praying to God for months to find a miracle to fixing their church, and when Ola arrived and donated all that money, they felt their prayers were answered! It was one of the many stories and experiences I've had with

Ola and I hope I can continue doing with him and our company.

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry

50 Years Together!

A couple was celebrating 50 years together. Their three kids, all very successful, agreed to a Sunday dinner in their honor.

"Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad," gushed son number one, "Sorry I'm running late. I had an emergency at the hospital with a patient, you know how it is, and I didn't have time to get you a gift."

"Not to worry," said the father. "The important thing is that we're all together today."

Son number two arrived and announced, "You and Mom look great, Dad. I just flew in from Los Angeles between depositions and didn't have time to shop for you."

"It's nothing," said the father. "We're glad you were able to come."

Just then the daughter arrived. "Hello and happy anniversary! I'm sorry, but my boss is sending me out of town and I was really busy packing so I didn't have time to get you anything."

After they had finished dessert, the father said, "There's something your mother and I have wanted to tell you for a long time. You see, we were very poor. Despite this, we were able to send each of you to college. Throughout the years your mother and I knew that we loved each other very much, but we just never found the time to get married."

The three children gasped and all said, "You mean we're illegitimate?"

"Yep," said the father. "And cheap ones too."

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

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Convenience Store Employee Goes Above And Beyond For Mother And Her Daughter

A mother in Newnan, Georgia, shared a touching story on Facebook after a cashier went above and beyond to help her daughter.



Chelsie Farr said she stopped at a QuikTrip when her daughter, Adeley, fell and scraped her knee.

"We just had the sweetest experience (and best customer service!) when we stopped for ice water at Quiktrip in Newnan," Farr said.

"Adeley had fallen and scraped her knee and was being totally over the top about it. When we went to the cashier (Dedrick) I asked if he had any bandaids I could just put on her knee.

This sweet man went and changed gloves, got neosporin and went and opened a box of band aids off the shelf. He then came out and doctored her up and made her giggle.

I almost didn't post this because maybe it seems like something so small but I seriously was just blown away by his care and concern for customers that were just purchasing \$1.00 in ice waters.

And also this world needs more positivity."

Farr said she hopes someone from QuikTrip's corporate office sees her post so they can know how "awesome of an employee" Dedrick is.

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry

Up-coming Events

TOPS #570 We meet 9am to 11am Monday morning at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Miami 2337 N. Main St. "Taking off pounds sensibly!"

TOPS #567 meet every Thursday at 10am 433 N Mississippi in Nowata.

TOPS #506 in Miami Heavenly Winds Worship Center meet every 6pm Thursday evening. For more info call Susan Walls at 918-540-0570

Every 4th Saturday of the month Veteran's Support Group: Veterans for Veterans. Have you served in the military? Are you struggling with readjustment? Anxious about the future? Struggling to connect with friends and family? Struggling with school? WE CAN HELP! Free veterans support group at 10am every 4th Saturday of the month. The Landing 502 West Corner Fairland, Ok. For more information call Larry Boyd (918) 541-7592 or Cindy (918) 676-3228.

Food Truck Wednesdays —Every Wednesday, grab some tasty eats and gather on the grounds of Guthrie Green. During Food Truck Wednesdays, lunchtime transforms into a community-wide affair, with roaming food trucks posting up at this Tulsa park. While you dine on delicious food, be sure to enjoy the live music and fresh air. Guthrie Green 111 E Brady St Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-574-2421

Big Cabin Senior Exercise Program—Fitness program for seniors held at the Big Cabin Baptist Church gym three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 to 11 a.m.

American Legion Post 178 in Grove, OK – Bingo every Saturday evening at 6pm. Family atmosphere. Contact Lee Cathy for any questions at: 901-487-9060

PRYOR DANCE—Every 1st. and 3rd. Thursday of the month. 6:15 pm—9 pm—Cost is \$5.00 per person, Double H Band will be playing. Cookies and Coffee will be serving. It's for seniors but all ages are welcome. Mayes County Nutrition Center 851 SE 9th Pryor (just east of 9th and Elliott intersection)

Jun 5, 2020 - Sep 30, 2020 Butterfly House at the Papilion - Get an up-close look at beautiful butterflies at Honor Heights Park in Muskogee. The Papilion is a teaching garden and open air butterfly house that welcomes visitors to get a great view of these winged wonders. The Papilion is currently the only captive butterfly house in Oklahoma, with up to 26 varieties native to the southeast United States. See butterflies emerging daily in the chrysalis house, along with themed displays

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in the teaching gardens. Border beds are full of butterfly nectar and host plants that attract countless native butterflies to the area. A children's garden offers kids an opportunity to explore herbs, vegetables and flowers through sensory observations. Please note: Potential visitors should check at 918-684-6303 for specific dates and times, or on the Butterfly Papilion Facebook page. The butterfly house is closed in inclement weather or if lightning is in the area. Monday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Wednesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Sunday: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Holiday hours: 9am-2pm. Honor Heights Park 1513 N 48th St Muskogee, OK 74401 Phone: 918-684-6303, 918-684-6302

Jul 8, 2020 - Jul 11, 2020 Route 66 Morgan Classic - At the Route 66 Morgan Classic, Morgan horses will fill the Tulsa Expo Square Pavilion to compete for top prizes. Head to this thrilling equestrian event, and watch horses compete in show jumping, dressage and Western pleasure categories. See which horses and riders take home awards at the Route 66 Morgan Classic in Tulsa. Tulsa Expo Square 4145 E 21st St Tulsa, OK 74114 Phone: 248-207-4956

Jul 10, 2020 - Jul 12, 2020 An Affair of the Heart - An Affair of the Heart, one of the largest arts and craft shows in the United States, is known for its quality and variety of merchandise. Come to An Affair of the Heart, held at Expo Square in Tulsa, for a truly unique marketplace and shopper's dream, with booths occupying multiple buildings throughout the fairgrounds. Voted the No. 1 contemporary craft show in the U.S. by Sunshine Artist magazine's readership, an Affair of the Heart offers a vast array of arts, crafts, antiques, collectibles, furniture, decorative items, accessories, jewelry, clothing, gourmet foods and more. An Affair of the Heart is a shopping paradise with one-of-a-kind merchandise and so much more displayed at nearly 850 vendor booths. Thousands of exhibitors from across the nation make this show one of the most amazing shopping experiences you and your friends will ever indulge in. The show features a small admission fee that covers all three days. Information booths and ATM machines will be provided for convenience. Join thousands of attendees at each show and enjoy everything An Affair of the Heart has to offer. Friday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Tulsa Expo Square 4145 E 21st St Tulsa, OK 74112 Phone: 405-632-2652 Toll-Free Office: 800-755-5488

Jul 11, 2020 - Jul 12, 2020 Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society Rock, Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show - Head to Tulsa Expo Square to join other gem & mineral enthusiasts in a two-day gathering. Head inside the Exchange Center to browse through vendor booths filled with unique gemstones and pieces of art created from minerals. From sands collected across the continent to jewelry showcas-

ing precious gems, visitors have plenty of options to choose from. Fossils, beads and crystals are also available for purchase, and some vendor spaces will include working exhibits. This kid-friendly event will even feature a free kid's zone and educational demonstrations like concrete-making workshops. Saturday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Tulsa Expo Square 4145 E 21st St Tulsa, OK 74114 Phone: 918-230-1094, 918-346-7299

Jul 13, 2020 - Jul 19, 2020 International Round-Up Club Cavalcade - The International Round-Up Club Cavalcade in Pawhuska is the world's largest amateur rodeo. Gather for rodeo competition, camping and dancing under the stars. This event keeps the spirit of the Old West alive by bringing together the best cowboys and cowgirls from nationwide amateur roping and riding clubs to compete for trophies and prize money. Exciting rodeo action abounds as contestants compete in a wide array of traditional rodeo events. The festivities kick off with the queen horsemanship. Tuesday morning will be filled with timed events, performances, barbecue and a street dance. Come back throughout the week for even more entertainment, competitions and fun. Enjoy a downtown parade on Saturday morning, then cheer from the stands as cowboys and cowgirls compete in bareback bronc riding, bull riding, wild horse racing, team roping, chuckwagon races and much more. There will be plenty of food, drinks and novelty vendors, so come hungry and browse through booths filled with a variety of Western items. Stay for the Dance Under the Stars on Wednesday through Saturday night and dance to the sounds of local and national performers. The Cavalcade also features a large pasture to accommodate a vast number of RVs, campers and trucks. This grand spectacle of Western culture and tradition features something for everyone. Osage County Fairgrounds Pawhuska, OK 74056 Phone: 918-978-7633

Do You have an event that you would like to share ?

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In this big picture find the spoon, candle, piece of pie, golf club, hoe, pencil, screwdriver, elf's head, banana, nail, mushroom, scrub brush, table knife, slice of bread, cap, and light bulb.

Can you find these Hidden Pictures?





Getting to know the Lutherans

Change for the Better

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:52

After 130 years, its hard to believe that their will be no more Aunt Jemimah pancake syrup. In response to the sensitivities of racial stereotypes, the company is going to change the name and image on the packaging. But we can all relax because the product will not change. God, the Father of all the living, also doesn't change. He remains our loving provider of all that we need to support this body and life.

Though God doesn't change, 2000 years ago, in Palestine, God did put on a new look. In Bethlehem God took on human flesh by His virgin mother and appeared in human form. The God/Man Jesus, took on this new form to share in our human weaknesses, especially being tempted by the devil, which He endured perfectly. And after suffering for the sins of the whole world, He returned to His heavenly glory to prepare a place for you. For those who put their faith in Jesus, change is coming! We will be called from this world of pain and woe and be made glorious forever.

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

<p>Messiah Lutheran Church 460 N. Wilson, Vinita, OK. Sunday School and Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 918-256-3223 Email: messiahvinita@aol.com</p>	<p>St. Paul Lutheran Church Washington and Pine, Fairland, OK. Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. 918-676-3059 Email: stpaulluthch@aol.com</p>
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*Guests are always welcome.
See you Sunday at worship.*

Crossword Puzzle

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Down

- Cow, in Cuba
- End of the Jewish calendar
- 1999 comedy directed by Ron Howard
- Memorization
- One-time television host Milton
- Applies holy oil to
- Penn. neighbor
- Fate
- With "co," a major food serv. co.
- Television host Dick
- Preacher Roberts
- Part of a church
- Satirical heavy metal band
- Lottery equipment
- Some dashes
- Winter Games gp.
- Greek T
- Miniature maelstrom
- Island near Curacao
- Baskin-Robbins orders
- Angry fits
- Big 12 sch.
- Prepare for a swimsuit shoot
- Amin predecessor
- Sounded like a cow
- Not of the cloth
- Stray
- W.C.
- Feline
- Dug in
- Scottie or Yorkie
- Gain possession of
- Coral islet
- Suffix with pod- or psych-
- California's ____ Valley
- Publisher Chandler
- Baum princess
- Bursae
- Eleven in France
- Future GP's exam
- "Que _____"
- "Cool"
- RCA competitor
- Wharton School deg.

Across

- Quick change
- Cries out loud
- Legis. branch
- Actor Ray
- Emissary
- Hit ____ nerve (bring up touchy topics)
- Murderers
- Voom starter
- Air cells in the lung
- Moray hunter
- Contrite
- Have ____ on one's shoulder
- Poisonous mushroom
- Cause to wake
- Gulf War weapon
- Nigerian language
- Roll out, as a Jolly Roger
- Cowardly
- Not aft.
- One-____ (old game with a stick)
- Course
- Business partner
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- Mail-in payment
- Puccini heroine
- Shade of yellow
- Old Russian autocrat
- Pet Shop Boys tune "Happiness ____ Option"
- Journal of private thoughts
- ____ date

Solution is printed in page 37

Word Search Puzzle

Word Search Puzzle #Y485MX

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CryptoQuote Puzzles

Title: Past was good with an exception **From:** Catherine Cookson

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Title: Look Fear In The Face **From:** Catherine Cookson

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 D V G U F V Q N S P V G B F

Title: To feel love requires to have soul **From:** James Herriot

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 J U R T R N N R U H Q Q N A J D J K H N
 H Q A W C J D Z

Solution is on page 34

Idioms and Proverbs Puzzle

Idioms

1. A bitter pill
 - A. Intoxicating
 - B. Nasty
 - C. Fine
 - D. A situation or information that is unpleasant but must be accepted
2. Couch potato
 - A. Busy
 - B. Lazy person
 - C. Sluggish
 - D. Uninterested
3. Have a blast
 - A. Enjoy
 - B. Delight
 - C. Relaxation
 - D. Recreation
4. Pushing up daisies
 - A. Death
 - B. Deceased
 - C. Passed away
 - D. Perishing
5. He's / she's the big fish
 - A. Being the boss
 - B. administrator
 - C. Ruler
 - D. Commander

Proverbs

1. A drowning man will clutch at a straw
 - A. Try any route to get out of a desperate situation, no matter how unlikely it is to succeed
 - B. Hopeless
 - C. Doleful
 - D. Saddened
2. A golden key open any door
 - A. Adequate
 - B. Reasonable
 - C. Acceptable
 - D. A golden key opens any door is the opinion that sufficient money, of the promise of it, will allow the possessor of it to do anything they wish.
3. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing
 - A. Expresses the idea that a small amount of knowledge can mislead people into thinking that they're more expert than they really are, which can lead to mistakes being made.
 - B. Defraud
 - C. Bamboozle
 - D. Bluff
4. A nod's as good as a wink to a blind horse
 - A. Express the idea that, to a person who's ready to understand or undertake something, any subtle signaling of it's sufficient
 - B. Pursue
 - C. Gain
 - D. Chase
5. A problem shared is a problem halved
 - A. A problem shared is a problem halved express the idea that, when in difficulties is a useful to talk to someone about them.
 - B. Misfortunes
 - C. Challenges
 - D. Conflicts

By: Breanna McDowell

Answer on page 28

A School Librarian Is Using Drones To Deliver Books To Kids All Summer

A middle-school librarian in Virginia has found a way to ensure kids can still rent books during a time when libraries are closed to the public.

She's delivering them by drone.



Kelly Passek was one of the first customers of a drone delivery service launched in Christiansburg, Va., last year by Wing. After seeing how quickly her household items were delivered, she petitioned the company to take on library books, too.

She asked the school's superintendent, Mark Mear, who was "immediately on board."

"Montgomery County Public Schools will be the first public school system in the world to use Wing to deliver library books to our students," Passek said. "We are thrilled for this opportunity to have a really unique way to deliver resources to our students and do it practically on demand."

Passek coordinates the delivery process with Wing. Students can request to take out library books using an online form. Passek then packs the books up in special delivery boxes, then drops them off at Wing, which handles the deliveries.

"Our libraries are essential and unique parts of our community and it is extremely important for our students to continue to have access to the resources that are here in our libraries in order to guarantee their success," Passek said.

Now, students in Montgomery County can choose from the library's more than 150,000 titles, and have their

books delivered right to their front yard.

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry

Party Cheese Ball



Ingredients

- 2- 8 ounce packages Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese
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- 1 tbs chopped pimiento
- 1 tbs chopped green pepper
- 1 tbs finely chopped onion
- 2 tbs Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 tbs lemon juice
- Dash of cayenne
- Dash of salt
- Finely chopped pecans

Instructions

Combine softened cream cheese and cheddar cheese, mixing until well blended add pimiento, green pepper, Onion, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice and seasonings; mix well chill. Shape into ball; roll in nuts. Serve with crackers. During the party season, leftover cheese ball can be reshaped and refrigerated until the next event. Will keep up to one week.

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn



Just for Fun

An elderly couple were on a cruise and it was really stormy. They were standing on the back of the boat watching the moon, when a wave came up and washed the old woman overboard. They searched for days and couldn't find her, so the captain sent the old man back to shore with the promise that he would notify him as soon as they found something. Three weeks went by and finally the old man got a fax from the boat. It read: "Sir, sorry to inform you, we found your wife dead at the bottom of the ocean. We hauled her up to the deck and attached to her back was an oyster and in it was a pearl worth \$50,000 . please advise." The old man faxed back: "Send me the pearl and re-bait the trap."

A funeral service is being held for a woman who has just passed away. At the end of the service, the pall bearers are carrying the casket out when they accidentally bump into a wall, jarring the casket. They hear a faint moan. They open the casket and find that the woman is actually alive! She lives for ten more years, and then dies. Once again, a ceremony is held, and at the end of it, the pall bearers are again carrying out the casket. As they carry the casket towards the door, the husband cries out, "Watch that wall!"

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me....I know we've been friends for a long time.....but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is." Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you

need to know?"

When I went to lunch today, I noticed an old lady sitting on a park bench sobbing her eyes out. I stopped and asked her what was wrong. She said, "I have a 22 year old husband at home. He makes love to me every morning and then gets up and makes me pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and freshly ground coffee." I said, "Well, then why are you crying?" She said, "He makes me homemade soup for lunch and my favorite brownies and then makes love to me for half the afternoon. I said, "Well, why are you crying?" She said, "For dinner he makes me a gourmet meal with wine and my favorite dessert and then makes love to me until 2:00 a.m." I said, "Well, why in the world would you be crying?" She said, "I can't remember where I live!"

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton



Idioms and Proverbs Puzzle Answers

Idioms

1. D

2. B

3. A

4. A

5. A

Proverbs

1. A

2. D

3. A

4. A

5. A

Dot To Dot Picture Puzzle (Connect dots to complete the picture)

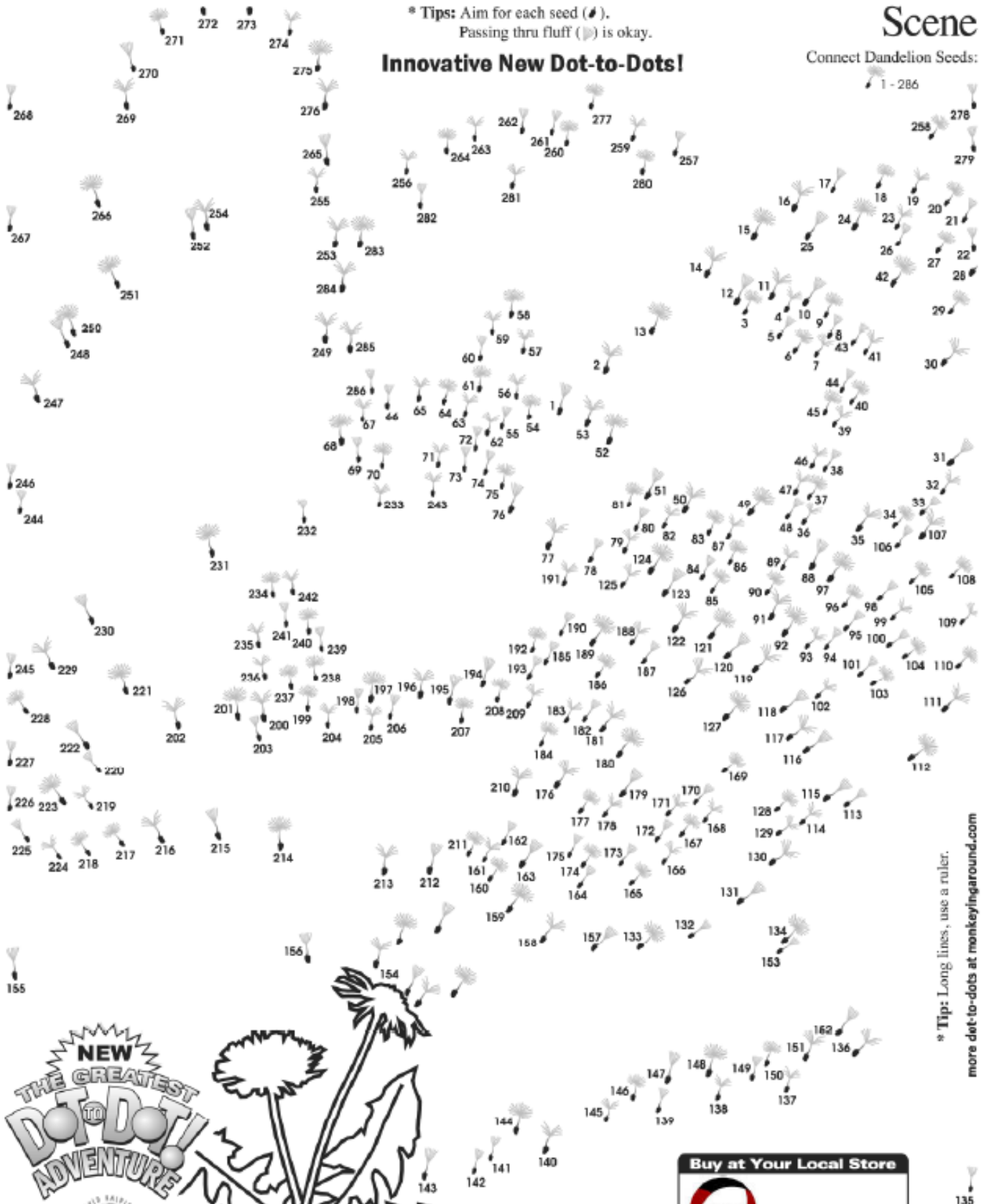
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Teen Invents Wristband That Could Curb Infection by Warning Users Against Touching Their Face



This teenage entrepreneur is responsible for inventing a simple, yet brilliant way to help curb coronavirus infections.

15-year-old Max Melia designed and developed a wearable wristband which alerts users whenever they are about to touch their face

He first came up with the brilliant idea two years ago as a means of reducing the spread of the cold and flu. After both of Max's parents contracted COVID-19 four months ago, however, he threw all his efforts into developing a working prototype.

"Watching this pandemic unfold on the news, it was clear the devastating effect it was having on people lives' across the world," says Max. "However, it wasn't until I saw the severity of the virus first-hand, when my parents both contracted COVID-19, did I truly appreciate just what we were dealing with."

The tech-savvy English teen has since produced the VybPro, which warns users whenever they are about to subconsciously touch their face.

The gesture has been recognized as one of the key ways that coronavirus can be transmitted, making it a potentially live-saving invention.



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CryptoQuote Puzzles Solution

Title: Past was good with an exception **From:** Catherine Cookson

Life was good except for—oh, yes, there was always an except

Title: Look Fear In The Face **From:** Catherine Cookson

Fear is the enemy, fear is the foe, if you run before it down you'll go. But if you stand and look it in the face, God will pour into you the bravery of grace.

Title: To feel love requires to have soul **From:** James Herriot

If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans.

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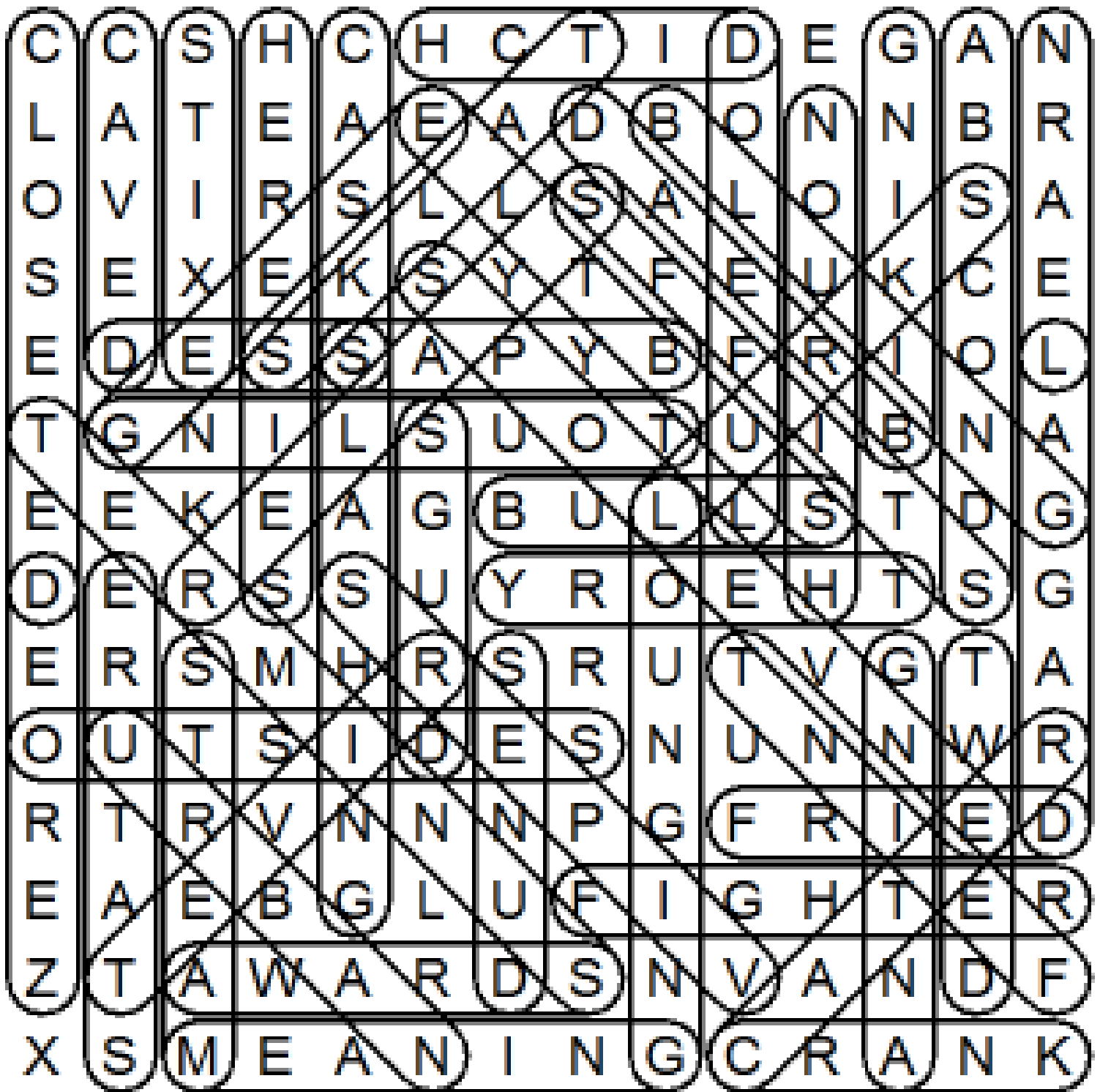


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7	6	8	9	5	1	3	2	4
4	1	9	8	3	2	7	6	5
5	2	3	7	6	4	1	8	9
6	4	5	2	7	8	9	3	1
1	9	2	5	4	3	8	7	6
8	3	7	1	9	6	4	5	2

Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution

1	5	7	6	9	3	2	8	4
6	4	3	8	1	2	7	9	5
9	2	8	4	7	5	1	6	3
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5	8	1	3	6	4	9	7	2
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Crossword Puzzle Solution

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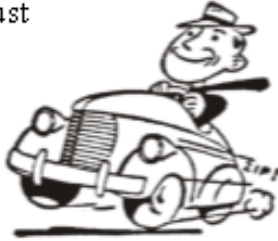
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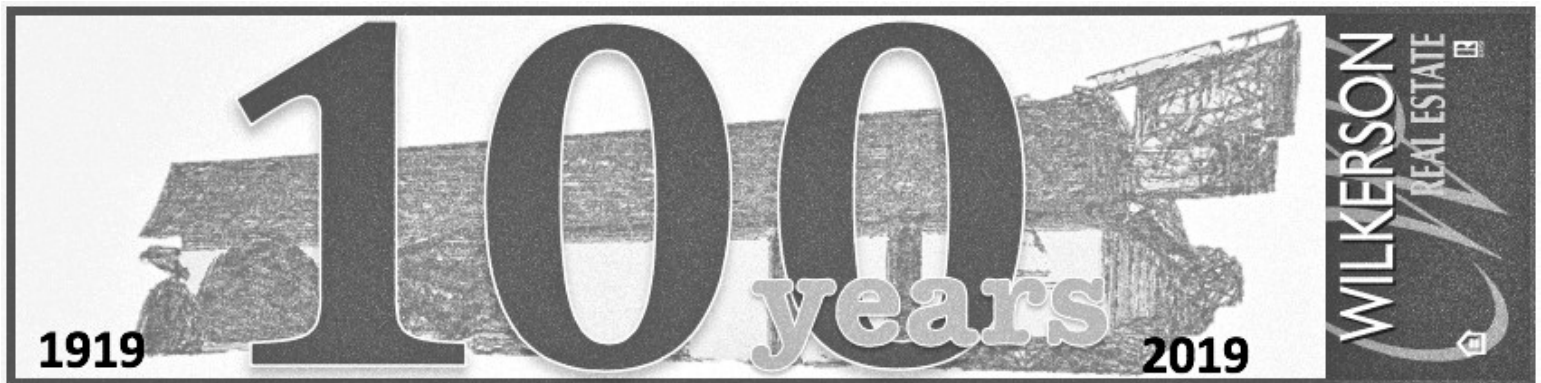
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Teen Invents Wristband...

(Continued from page 33)

Worn on both wrists, the intelligent device is expected to retail for £89 (\$112) with the patent currently pending.

It uses position-sending technology algorithms to distinguish between predicted face touching and other hand motions. A vibration on the device then alerts the user to hand gestures that are dangerously near the face.

“We came up with the concept a few years ago when my family was repeatedly catching cold and flu viruses from traveling in and out of London and I could see how easy it was to pick up germs—especially from using public transport,” said Max.

“It was only when the World Health Organization began urging people to avoid touching their eyes, nose and face to stop the spread of the virus from contaminated surfaces, did I realize that it could make a real difference in slowing the transmission of coronavirus.”

Max, who is from Bristol, launched a £60,000 (\$75,000) crowdfunding campaign on Kickstarter earlier this week to further his project and turn the prototype into a public reality.

“The main priority of this project is not to make money, but to get it onto the wrists of those it can help keep safe,” he added. “Any profits made from early sales via the crowdfunding site will be reinvested into providing free devices to organizations that help people such as NHS staff and nursing homes.

“I believe that this device can make a real difference in the fight against coronavirus and I’m determined to do all that I can to bring it to market.

“I really hope that the general public can see the potential and are inspired to get behind the campaign to fund the next stage of the development.

Available in a choice of two colors, VybPro is rechargeable, splash-resistant, and made from waterproof silicon. It can also easily be turned off when eating and drinking.

For more information on the device, you can either visit the VybPro website or the Kickstarter crowdfunding page.

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