

Today's anacrostic puzzle solution

Title: With idioms, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts

Quote: *Idioms often go beyond their literal meanings acting as linguistic time capsules that preserve the values, norms, and global influences of the past ... They aren't just decorative language — they're emotional, historical, and cultural.*

- A. LAST DITCH ... *Final "effort"
- B. IN A JAM ... *" pickle" [... or maybe "pinch"]
- C. GET COLD FEET ... *Lose one's nerve, particularly on a risky proposal
- D. HUSH MONEY ... *Cash for silence
- E. THE GLOBE ... We've used this answer six previous times over the years and that's because this Goshen College agency has won national awards time and time again ... including "Best College Radio Station" this year
- F. FACE THE MUSIC ... *"Well, son, you did the crime. It's time to " [accept the consequences]
- G. ONE POINT ... It tragically separated the Westview boys hoopsters from a state title
- H. OUT OF LINE ... *Outside the boundaries of acceptability
- I. TALL ORDER ... *"Son, that's a mighty you're asking for. Maybe dial it down a bit, okay?"
- J. PASS MUSTER ... *Measure up under inspection
- K. ARTEMIS ... Greek goddess for whom the moon-destined space mission launched this week was named
- L. THE DEVIL ... *He's hiding "in the details"
- M. EG. ... For example
- N. LAST LEGS ... *"This old tractor is on its but maybe it'll get me through one last plowing"
- O. BIG TEN ... NCAA conference where half the final eight and half the final four were out of
- P. RINGS TRUE ... *Metric of a believable alibi
- Q. IN A ... *Start of many idioms: " [flash, bind, heartbeat, huff, jiffy]."
- R. TANG ... Morning drink we got from the first trip to the moon
- S. IVY ... Wall-climbing plant
- T. SPACE TREE ... Former Indiana astronaut Jerry Ross took 92 seeds, one for each Indiana county, into orbit so that today each county could have one of these ... and ours locally is at the fairgrounds
- U. HAD ... Past tense of "have"
- V. COUSIN ... Relationship of abolitionist John Brown to Hawpatch, Indiana (now Topeka) physician, also John Brown.
- W. ON A ROLL ... *Riding the Good Luck Train
- X. UV ... Solar rays you might want protection from
- Y. NAIL IN ... *"That's the last the coffin"
- Z. CARRY A TUNE ... *Good singers effortlessly do it
- AA. IA ... Dyslexic AI
- BB. LAST ... *Kind of "ditch," "hurrah," or "laugh"

Acrostic: *Lightfoot & Patel 'British Council'*