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## $80 \pm$ Acres •Covington County

 Outdoor paradise on old Boggy Road! Electricity, county water, several potential home sites, and a great nnnd n:t- $\sim$ Ö_ Old Boggy Roac,Property include_ hardwoods and majestic cypress trees plus $50 \pm$ acres in planted longleaf pines. Hunting should be great on this tract! L-1700380 •\$174,000

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 spring-fed streams. Excellent hunting! L-1800506•\$366,000

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North, South and East. What is the name of the 4th

SOn. Answer on page 29
"Waking up when you are a parent is like being shot out of a cannon every morning right into the middle of the circus and immediately you are handed flaming batons to juggle."
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## Faces

## In Your Dreams

The human brain can do many fascinating things. One thing it can not do is create faces. The faces in your dreams are not
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all I can afford for dinner was just "Helper"

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## A PRICKLE OF PORCUPINES

What is it called when you have not one, not two, but three or more porcupines? That is called trouble! However, in scientific terms it is called a prickle of porcupines.

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My uncle just
        texts me
    asking wwhat
        does IDK
            mean?
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## Check Not Right

A building contractor was being paid by the week for a job that was likely to stretch over several months. He approached the owner of the property and held up the check he'd been given. "This is two hundred dollars less than we agreed on," he said.
"I know," the owner said, "but last week I overpaid you two hundred dollars, and you never complained."
The contractor said, "Well, I don't mind an occasional mistake. But when it gets to be a habit, I feel I have to call it to your attention."

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Tthought you might like to color this scene.

## Marriage Bliss

A Couple was celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary a few months ago. There we were in the fellowship hall of the church when the husband stood up, waving his fresh glass of water in the air and while glazing into his wonderful wife's blue eyes, He said,
"Honey after 63 years your love has been tried and true". I remember the wife looking up at him with a funny look on her face, You know that look when you're frustrated cause you can't quite hear what the person just said hoping they'll repeat the message perhaps a little louder.
Her husband knowing that look on his wife's face, cupped his hands around his mouth and shouted his message again, "SWEETIE, AFTER 63 YEARS YOUR LOVE HAS BEEN TRIED AND TRUE"
With that she stood up water glass in hand, looking very disgusted with him, said this, Well, Ya know what - I got news for you - After 63 years ... I'M TIRED OF YOU TOO

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## Senate Comeback

A member of the Senate, known for his hot temper and acid tongue, exploded one day in midsession and began to shout, "Half of this Senate is made up of cowards and corrupt politicians!"
All the other Senators pleaded to the angry member that he withdraw his statement or be removed from the remainder of the session. After a long pause, the angry member accepted. "Ok" he said, "I withdraw what I said.
Half of this Senate is NOT made up of cowards and corrupt politicians!"



> New Year's Day ... now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual.
> ~ Mark Twain ~

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Cream Cheese Pineapple Pie
Ingredients
PINEAPPLE LAYER:

- $1 / 3$ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple with juice
- CREAM CHEESE LAYER:
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened to room temperature
- $1 / 2$ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs

- $1 / 2$ cup milk
- $1 / 2$ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 9-inch unbaked pie shell
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans


## Directions

1. Combine sugar, cornstarch and pineapple plus juice in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture is thick and clear. Cool; set aside.
2. Blend cream cheese, sugar and salt in mixer bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Blend in milk and vanilla. (Mixture may look curdled.)
3. Spread cooled pineapple mixture over bottom of pie shell. Pour cream cheese mixture over pineapple layer; sprinkle with pecans.
4. Bake at $400^{\circ}$ for 10 minutes; reduce heat to $325^{\circ}$ and bake for 50 minutes. Cool.

## Pineapple Bread

## Ingredients

- $1 / 2$ cup butter (softened)
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $1 / 2$ cup walnuts (chopped and lightly toasted)
- 1 cup canned crushed pineapple (drained)



## Pinoeapple

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Grease and flour two loaf pans. 2. Cream butter and sugar in large mixing bowl. 3. Beat eggs, one at a time, and blend well after each addition.
2. Stir in the pineapple.
3. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together.
Stir in the nuts.
4. Add dry ingredient mixture to wet mixture and only mix until moistened. Do not over mix.
5. Pour the batter into pans.
 9. Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour or until a toothpick comes out clean.

## Pineapple and Cream Cheese Bread Pudding

## Ingredients

1 can (20 ounces) unsweetened DOLE pineapple chunks, undrained
10 cups cubed dinner rolls (about 17 rolls)
1 package ( 8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
5 large eggs
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
SAUCE:
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
1/4 cup butter, cubed
$1-1 / 2$ teaspoons vanilla extract

## Directions

1. Drain pineapple, reserving $1 / 3$ cup juice. Place half of the bread cubes in a greased $13 \times 9$-in. baking dish. In a small bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth; drop by tablespoonfuls over bread cubes. Top with remaining bread cubes and pineapple.

2. In a large bowl, whisk eggs, milk, cream, vanilla and reserved pineapple juice until blended; pour over pineapple. Refrigerate, covered several hours or overnight.
3. Preheat oven to $350^{\circ}$. Remove bread pudding from refrigerator while oven heats. Bake, uncovered, until lightly browned, 25-35 minutes.
4. In a small saucepan, heat milk and butter until butter is melted. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Just before serving, drizzle over warm bread pudding.

## Ingredients

## Tropical Delight Cake

1 box (about 18 Oz. Size) Yellow Cake Mix
1 box (about 3.9 Oz. Size) Instant Vanilla Pudding
3 Eggs
1-1/4 Cup Water
$1 / 2$ cups Canola Or Vegetable Oil
20 ounces, Can Crushed Pineapple With Juice
1 cup Brown Sugar
$3 / 4$ cups Shredded Coconut, Toasted
4 ounces, weight Cream Cheese, Room Temperature $1 / 4$ cups Sugar
8 ounces, weight Cool Whip

## Directions

## Preheat oven to $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

1. Mix cake mix, pudding, eggs, water, and oil in a large bowl for 1 minute until completely smooth and light yellow in color. Pour into a $9 \times 13$ baking dish that has been sprayed with a cooking spray.
2. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the middle comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. 3. While the cake is cooking, place the pineapple and juice in a sauce pan with the brown sugar and bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer and cook for 10 minutes. 4. After cake has cooled for 10 minutes, poke slits in the cake without going all the way through to the dish using a butter knife. Pour the pineapple mixture over the holes, covering the whole cake. 5 . Set aside until cake is completely cooled, approximately 1 hour.
3. While cake is cooling heat oven to $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ and place the coconut on a cookie sheet, spreading out in an even layer. Bake 7 minutes then stir and bake another 5-7 minutes until toasted and golden.
4. Once cake has cooled, in a medium bowl place the room temperature cream cheese and sugar and beat until
smooth. Add the Cool Whip and mix until completely smooth.
5. Pour onto the cake and smooth out over the whole top. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving ( 4 is even better). Just before serving, sprinkle the whole top of the cake with the toasted coconut.
Serves 12.
Note: this cake takes about 4 hours to make from start to finish, including refrigerator time.

## Pineapple Cheese Ball

## Ingredients

2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
1 can ( 8 ounces) DOLE
unsweetened crushed pineapple, drained
1/4 cup finely chopped green
pepper
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
2 teaspoons seasoned salt
1-1/2 cups finely chopped walnuts Assorted crackers


## Directions

1. In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese, pineapple, green pepper, onion and seasoned salt until blended. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Shape into a ball; roll in walnuts. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Serve with crackers.

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When she knell down to loosen his collar, a man emerged from the crowd, pushed her aside, and said, "Il's all
right, I know first aid."
The woman stood up and watched as he took the ill man's pulse and prepared to administer artificial respiration.

At this point she tapped him on the shoulder and said, "When you get to the part about calling a doctor, l'm already here."

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## It's So Sudden

Floyd had taken his girlfriend on their third date and she had spoken to a nice-looking man at the next table.
"Is that man a friend of yours?" ask Floyd. "Yes," she replied.
"Then I think I'll ask him to join us."
"Oh Floyd, this is so sudden!"
"What's so sudden?"
"Why he's our minister."

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I don't always carry all the groceries on one arm, but when I do, my keys are in the wrong pocket.

## First Marathon

I entered my first marathon and finished first!
Two steps into it I stubbed my toe and finished... first.

## Long In The Tooth

When someone or something is "long in the tooth", that means it's old, worn out, on it's last leg, about to give, etc. But where did the saying come from? It comes from horses. The teeth of a horse continue to grow as it gets older. So as the years go by, each tooth gets longer and longer,

Interviewer: How do you explain the 4 year gap in your resume?

Me: That was when I went to Yale.

Interviewer: That's impressive. You are hired.

Me: Thanks. I really need this Yob.

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## Pressing Forward Into My Future By: Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

Paul Speaking: I don't mean that I am exactly what God wants me to be. I have not yet reached that goal. But I continue trying to reach it and make it mine. That's what Christ Jesus wants me to do. It is the reason he made me his.
 Brothers and sisters, I know that I still have a long way to go. But there is one thing I do: I forget what is in the past and try as hard as I can to reach the goal before me. I keep running hard toward the finish line to get the prize that is mine because God has called me through Christ Jesus to life up there in heaven. Philippians 3:12-14 (ERV)

Be encouraged my friends, we all have a past that may be affecting us in negative ways which can lead to the end result of controlling and impacting our future. When we chose to cling onto past events that hurt us, and caused us pain and suffering. When this is the case we miss God's blessings and purposes in our lives.

Paul lets us know that he is not perfect, and doesn't know everything that is to be known, but he has figured one thing out, that is vitally important, that is: he had to let go of the past and press towards God's purpose for his life.

Listen, we have to forgive those that caused the hurt or pain and forgive ourselves for the mistakes and bad choices we made. God made this promise to us: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9. And concerning others Jesus said: Yes, if you forgive others for the wrongs they do to you, then your Father in heaven will also forgive your wrongs. Matthew 6:14

Forgiving others, forgiving ourselves, and allowing the past hurts to influence our response to life may not be easy. Paul stated he will have to press which means in the Greek translation: (1) to make to run or flee, put to flight, drive away. (2) To run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing, to run after. (3) To press on: figuratively of one who in a race runs swiftly to reach the goal. (4) To seek after eagerly, earnestly endeavor to acquire. The Holy Spirit is in us and with us to help us walk a successful life of faith.

In closing: We cannot afford to carry around the weight of the bad things that happened to us in 2019 and that will result in a negative impact on our life in 2020. It's time to stop carrying the heavy weight which slows down your momentum, causes you to be slow and sluggish and it is time to move forward in your God given purpose. You were created for more, now move forward in who God has predestined you to become.
Happy New Year! May you be prosperous, in good health and growing in the knowledge of God.


## A WINNER

Submitted by: Jo-Ellen Willis
What traits make a person a winner in life? Some would say that wealth, beauty, status, and intelligence guarantee winning. Others seem convinced that kindness, patience, honesty, and goal setting are more significant. All these traits may hold value, yet void of Divine Wisdom and guidance, none of the combinations guarantees a winning mentality.

It would seem that a winner in life may be of any age, social status, political adherence, ethnic loyalty, or spiritual persuasion. It seems that a winner has a creed that states the following: "I am. I have. I see, and I will."

One might ask himself or herself: "Do I have the courage of my convictions to become a winner in life during the year of 2020?"

## TRAITS OF 2020

1. A winner accepts himself physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.
2. A winner has gained patience through trial and error.
3. A winner knows how to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
4. A winner keeps his promises, because he knows that a man is as good as his word.
5. A winner exhibits wisdom when he can lose a battle but win a war.
6. A winner knows how to stretch limits, to the extent of "going the extra mile."
7. A winner is disciplined, so that he plans his work and works his plan.
8. A winner knows how to face adversity, by "using lemons to make lemonade."
9. A winner has the thrill of learning, as he satisfies his curiosity.
10. A winner knows how to balance the seriousness of life with a sense of humor, so that he can laugh at his own mistakes.

Apply these traits of the winning mentality in 2020 and you will exhibit a sparkle in your eyes, love in your heart, truth in your speech, a spring in your step, and peace in your soul.

## In the Middle of a Miracle



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When we think about Jesus, we typically think about His birth and His resurrection. What we don't typically think about is the time spent inbetween. We think about the teachings of Jesus, but, many times after His physical ascension, we look at the works of the early church. We must remember why miracles were happening in the early church. Matthew 10:7-8 says, "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give." These are the words of Jesus. Jesus commissioned His disciples and gave them the authority necessary to go. Let's look at an example. In Acts chapter 3, verses 1 through 9, we see the account of Peter and John as they encountered a man that was handicapped. The lame man was begging for money, and Peter began interacting with him. In verse 6, "Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." In between this man's handicap and miracle stood Jesus. Sure, Peter was the physical vessel used, but it was the authority and work of Jesus that healed this man. Friends, I want to encourage you. In whatever stage of life you are in or whatever miracle you may need, look to Jesus because He is right in the middle of your situation. I pray that year 2020 brings greater revelation of who Jesus is for you and your family.


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## My Favorite Animal

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken."
She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed.
My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken
is my favorite animal.
I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of RSPCA. He said they love animals very much.
I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office.
I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.
The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.
I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.
Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most. I told her, "Colonel Sanders." Guess where I am now...
"I sure miss the day when someone else pumped your gas for you - it was much cheaper back then.


## Bamboozable Answers

1. Total Mess
2. Paint by Numbers
3. Four Part Harmony
4. Poison Ivy
5. Tilt a Whirl
6. Internet Site



SHOREWOOD, TX—Faith-based pharmaceutical company Healio announced that the FDA has approved a new drug that would help people with potty mouths watch their language. The new drug Darnitol has gone through
 rigorous testing and has shown impressive results in taming naughty tongues.
Subjects who underwent testing experienced a sudden shift every time they attempted to swear. The drug caused users to replace swear words with cleaner alternatives such as, "golly," "darn it," and, "fiddle-faddle." Even when the subject's thumbs were smashed with hammers or they were cut off in traffic, the worst words uttered were, "balderdash!" and "by gum."
While the reception of Darnitol has been overwhelmingly positive, one angry test subject filed a lawsuit against Healio, claiming his life has been destroyed by the drug. Rapper Bomb-Dizzle says the drug has destroyed his career as a professional rap artist.
In a statement to the press, Bomb-Dizzle said, "These pickle-brains destroyed my high-falutin' rap career! Golly McJeepers I'm finna diddle-doo these stinkers fo real Dad-gum!"

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## MODERATE CROSSWORD



## Across

1. Will
2. Bad actors
3. Stuffing herb
4. Prohibition
5. Revise text
6. She, in Valencia
7. Draw pictures for a book
8. Woeful word
9. $\qquad$ versus Wade
10. Lariat user
11. Achy
12. Fabric pattern
13. Overacted
14. Actress Meryl $\qquad$
15. Borrowed money
16. Valentine symbol
17. Rental agreement
18. Contains
19. Select group
20. Artist Yoko $\qquad$
21. Mink wrap
22. Total amount
23. Fawn's fathers
24. Keyed up
25. Small earring
26. Portland's state
27. Accent
28. Honeydew, e.g.
29. Big cat
30. Window blind
31. Time past
32. Mexican water
33. Lawmaker
34. Cozy abode
35. Rock's $\qquad$ Clapton
36. Sun-dried brick
37. Birch or spruce
38. Church group
39. Large trucks

## Down

1. Agitate
2. Angelic symbol
3. Skillful
4. Yankee $\qquad$ Gehrig
5. $\qquad$ Alamos
6. Wading bird
7. Conform
8. Tiny insect
9. Sound systems
10. Spring, e.g.
11. Mete out
12. Blinding light
13. Relieved
14. Stumble
15. Cheeky
16. Quizzes again
17. Conductor's title
18. Mets' old stadium
19. Tattle
20. Racetrack fence
21. Thailand's neighbor
22. Heavy burden
23. Liverpool's country (abbr.)
24. $\qquad$ Kong
25. Additionally
26. Noticed
27. Adolescent
28. Scuffles
29. Legislative body
30. Spanish cheers
31. Slope
32. Golfer $\qquad$ Woods
33. Awaken
34. Sorcery
35. Proclamation
36. Present!
37. Molecule component
38. Asian desert
39. Sources of metal
40. "Leaving $\qquad$ Vegas"
41. Picnic beverage

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Iwent to the airport. I had three pieces of luggage. I said that I wanted one piece to go to Cleveland, one piece to Toronto, and one piece to Florida.
The airline agent said, "We can't do that."
I replied, "Oh really? Well, you did it last week..."
(by Henny Youngman)

## A new man is brought into Prison

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The old-timer says, "Look at me. I'm old and worn out. You'd never believe that I used to live the life of Riley. I wintered on the Riviera, had a boat, four fine cars, the most beautiful women, and I ate in all the best restaurants of France."
The new man asked, "What
happened?"
"One day Riley reported his credit cards missing!"

## I was getting my hair cut at a

 neighborhood shop, and I asked the barber when would be the best time to bring in my two-year-old son. Without hesitation, the barber answered, "When he's four."
## THE SPONGE

On a recent trip to the grocery store I discovered a new kitchen product. It has probably been on the market for years, but I just haven't noticed it before. It is a sponge, similar to the one I use in my kitchen. One side is just like my old sponge, dried and brittle before soaking, and the other side is made of a material for scrubbing.
I bought the sponge, took it home, and tried it. First I soaked the sponge side with water, added some detergent and then I used the scrubbing side and went to the task at hand. Yes, it worked wonderfully well! I was glad I didn't have to drag out other cleaning materials from under the sink and tackle the dirty pot with them!! The sponge did the job quite well, using one side, then the other. The sponge would have been useless if it hadn't absorbed the water before I had started my task. If it were all dried up and impenetrable, the entire procedure would have been for nil.

The same is true for a Christian. We must allow God to penetrate our hearts through His Word, to soften us up and make us pliable as we absorb His truth as it applies to our lives as well as the lives of others. After we have soaked up a good store of His truths He is ready to send us into the work field. The "scrubbing" side of us- the working side- is now more equipped and able to do the job God needs us to do, and we will be effective workers for Him. We must always remember to go back to His Word to be prepared for the work force, or we will become dry and brittle once again.



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## IT IS IN THE CARDS

Two little boys were talking. One said to the other, "Do you believe anyone can predict the future with cards?" "Oh, yes," said the other boy, "my mom can. She took one look at my report card and told me exactly what would happen when my father got home!"

## THE DEBT CEILING

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