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#### NEW LISTING! 75± Acres • Pike County **Timberland investment and hunting!**

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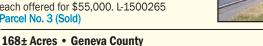
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longleaf pines, oaks, and many other species of trees. This property has interior roads and

established game food plots. L-1900117 • \$450,000

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- Competitive city employee compensation plan put in place
- Sold old equipment, garnering \$225,000 for the city coffers
- City Budget is balanced and in the black with clean audits
- Expanded the dog pound in to a true no-kill animal shelter
- Won Fort Rucker Animal Control contract, a positive for the city
- "We will not privatize city services while I am mayor."

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#### I will ...

- Actively recruit more retail & restaurants for the 231 corridor
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#### What Are Policemen Made Of?

#### By Paul Harvey

"A policeman is a composite of what all men are, I guess, a mingling of saint and sinner, dust and deity. What that really means is that they are exceptional, they are unusual. They are not commonplace. Buried under the froth is the fact, the fact is that less than one half of one percent of policeman

misfit that uniform, and that is a better average than you'd find among clergymen.

"What is a policeman?

"He of all men is at once the most needed, and the most wanted, a strangely nameless creature who is sir to his face and pig or worse behind his back. He



must be such a diplomat that he can settle differences between individuals so that each will think he won, but, if a policeman is neat, he's conceited, if he's careless he's a bum, if he's pleasant, he's a flirt, if he's not, he's a grouch. "He must make instant decisions that would require months for a lawyer but if he hurries he's careless, if he's deliberate, he's lazy. He must be first to an accident, infallible with diagnoses. He must be able to start breathing, stop bleeding, tie splints and above all, be sure the victim goes home without a limp.

"The police officer must know every gun, draw on the run and hit where it doesn't hurt.

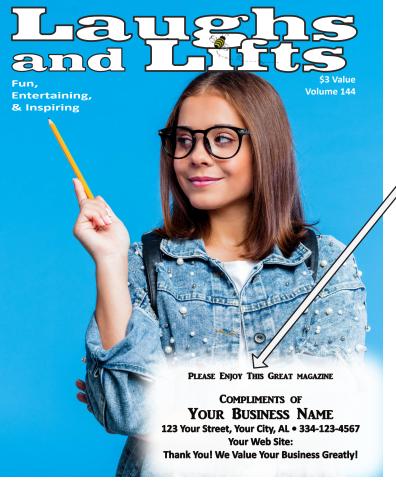
"He must be able to whip two men twice his size and half his age without damaging his uniform, and without being brutal. If you hit him he's a coward, if he hits you, he's a bully. The policeman from a single human hair must be able to describe the crime, the weapon the criminal, and tell you where the criminal is hiding but, if he catches the criminal he's lucky, if he doesn't he's a dunce.

"He runs files and writes reports until his eyes ache to build a case against some felon who will get dealt out by some shameless shamus. The policeman must be a minister, a social worker, a diplomat, a tough guy, and a gentle man. And of course, he'll have to be a genius, because he'll have to feed a family on a policeman's salary."

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"Confidence comes not from always being right but from not fearing to be wrong." -Peter T. McIntyre



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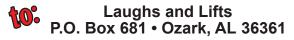
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My friend, Bobby Timmons believes instead of getting our lagniappe, we ought to be giving it. He is always doing something a little extra for people. You can never out give Mr. Timmons.

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you. "Well done is better than well said." -Benjamin Franklin

wo friends met in the street. One looked sad and almost on the verge of tears. The other man said, "Hey my friend, how come you look like the whole world has caved in? The sad fellow said, "Let me tell you. Three weeks ago, an uncle died and left me 50-thousand dollars." "That's not bad at allall...!"

"Hold on, I'm just getting started. Two weeks ago, a cousin I never knew kicked-the-bucket and left me 95-thousand, tax-free to boot."

"Well, that's great! I'd like that."

"Last week, my

grandfather passed away. I inherited almost a million.'

"So why are so glum?" "This week - nothing!"



#### A mute who wants to buy a toothbrush goes into a store.

By imitating the action of brushing one's teeth, he successfully expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done. Now if there is a blind man who wishes to buy a pair of sunglasses, how should he express himself? Think about it first. The answer is on page 27



gate, He says with a smile, Kid you kept me very busy."

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Cheaper by the Dozen It always irked my mother that her grocery store didn't carry eggs in packages of six—just by the dozen.\_Then one day, her wish came true. She walked into the grocery and found fresh eggs in cartons of six! She was so excited, she bought two!

#### ONE SONG

can change a moment DIST 340 can change a world ONE STEP

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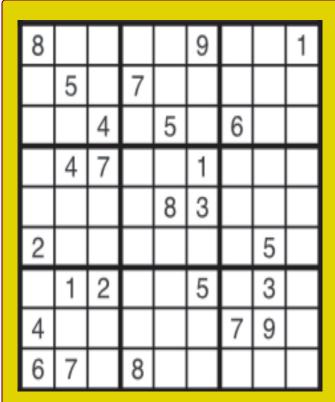


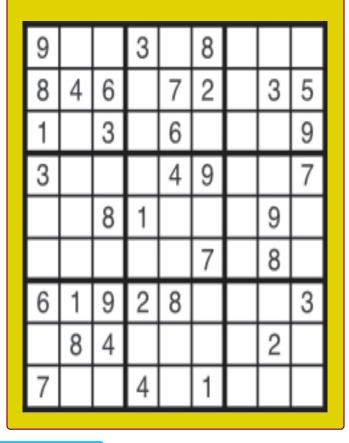


I moved to Ozark as a child, when my father was stationed at Ft. Rucker. Today, I live here with my husband Matthew, a local attorney, and our daughter. Working in Ozark and volunteering in many capacities keeps me in touch with the people and needs of our community. If elected, I promise to continue to be actively involved in the community as well as serve the citizens of Ozark with the same fervor and fresh vision that has led me to run for office.

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'Each of us has a fire in our hearts for something. It's our goal in life to find it and keep it lit." -Mary Lou Retton

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#### CORDON BLEU

- Ingredients
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten 1 carton (15 ounces) ricotta
- cheese
- 1 cup 4% cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons • minced fresh parsley, divided
- 1 jar (15 ounces) roasted garlic Alfredo sauce •
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken •
- 2 cups cubed cooked ham •
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder •
- 6 lasagna noodles, cooked and drained •
- 2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine eggs, ricotta, cottage cheese, Parmesan and 1/4 cup parsley; set aside. In another bowl, combine Alfredo sauce, chicken, ham and garlic powder.

2. Spread 1/2 cup of the chicken mixture in the bottom of a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Layer with half of the noodles and ricotta mixture. Top with half of the remaining chicken mixture and half of the mozzarella and Swiss cheeses. Repeat layers.

3. Cover and bake 40 minutes. Uncover; bake 10 minutes or a thermometer reads 160°. Let stand 15 minutes before cutting. Sprinkle with remaining parsley. Serve immediately.

#### **ARTICHOKE SPINACH**

#### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped •
  - 1/2 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
  - 4 garlic cloves, minced





- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) vegetable or chicken • broth
- 1 can (14 ounces) water-packed artichoke hearts, drained and coarsely chopped
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 jar (16 ounces) roasted garlic parmesan or roasted garlic alfredo sauce

#### Assembly:

- 12 no-cook lasagna noodles
- 3 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese •
- 1 cup crumbled tomato and basil feta cheese •
- or feta cheese
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder •
- 1/8 teaspoon each dried oregano, parsley flakes and basil

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and mushrooms; cook and stir until tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in broth, artichokes, spinach, rosemary, nutmeg and pepper; bring just to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in alfredo sauce; remove from heat.

2. Spread 1 cup sauce into a greased 13x9-in. Baking dish. Layer with 3 noodles and 2/3 cup mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers 3 times. Top with remaining sauce and mozzarella cheese. Sprinkle with feta cheese, garlic powder and herbs.

3. Bake, covered, 40 minutes. Bake, uncovered, 15 minutes longer or until noodles are tender. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.



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I like to help people find things by pointing out that it's got to be around here somewhere!



#### **CHICKEN CHILI**

#### Ingredients

- 6 ounces cream cheese, • softened
- 1 medium onion, chopped •
- 8 green onions, chopped 2 cups shredded Mexican • •
- cheese blend, divided •
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cumin, divided •
- 1/2 teaspoon minced fresh cilantro • 3 cups cubed cooked chicken •
- 1/4 cup butter •
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 cups chicken broth • 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese •
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chilies, • drained
- 1/8 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/8 teaspoon salt •
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper •
- 12 flour tortillas (6 inches), halved Directions

1. In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, onions, 1-1/2 cups Mexican-cheese blend, garlic, 1/4 teaspoon cumin and cilantro until blended. Stir in chicken; set aside.

2. In a large saucepan, melt butter. Stir in flour until smooth; gradually add broth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat. Stir in Monterey Jack cheese, sour cream, chilies, thyme, salt, pepper and remaining cumin. 3. Spread 1/2 cup of the cheese sauce in a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Top with six tortilla halves, a third of the chicken mixture and a fourth of the cheese sauce. Repeat tortilla, chicken and cheese sauce layers twice. Top with remaining tortillas, cheese sauce and Mexican cheese.

4. Cover and bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Uncover; bake 10 minutes longer or until heated through. Let stand 5 minutes before cutting.

#### SEAFOOD

- Ingredients •
- 1 green onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons canola oil •
- 2 tablespoons plus 1/2 cup butter, divided •
- 1/2 cup chicken broth •
- 1 bottle (8 ounces) clam juice •
- 1 pound bay scallops •
- 1 pound uncooked small shrimp, peeled and • deveined
- 1 package (8 ounces) imitation crabmeat, • chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper, divided •
- 1 cup all-purpose flour •
- 1-1/2 cups 2% milk •
- 1/2 teaspoon salt •
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream •
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, divided
- 9 lasagna noodles, cooked and drained

#### Directions

1. In a large skillet, saute onion in oil and 2 tablespoons butter until tender. Stir in broth and clam juice; bring to a boil. Add scallops, shrimp, crab and 1/8 teaspoon pepper; return to a boil.

Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 4-5 minutes or until shrimp turn pink and scallops are firm and opaque, stirring gently. Drain, reserving cooking liquid; set seafood mixture aside.

2. In a large saucepan, melt the remaining butter; stir in flour until smooth. Combine milk and

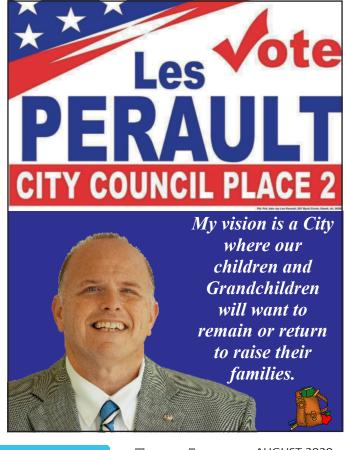


reserved cooking liquid; gradually add to the saucepan. Add salt and remaining pepper. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened.

3. Remove from the heat; stir in cream and 1/4cup cheese. Stir 3/4 cup white sauce into the seafood mixture.

4. Preheat oven to 350°. Spread 1/2 cup white sauce in a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Top with three noodles; spread with half of the seafood mixture and 1-1/4 cups sauce. Repeat layers. Top with remaining noodles, sauce and cheese.

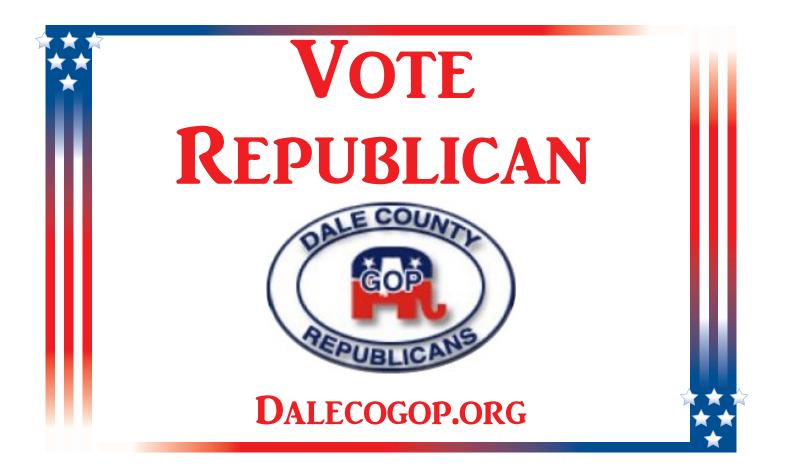
5. Bake, uncovered, at for 35-40 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand for 15 minutes before cutting.

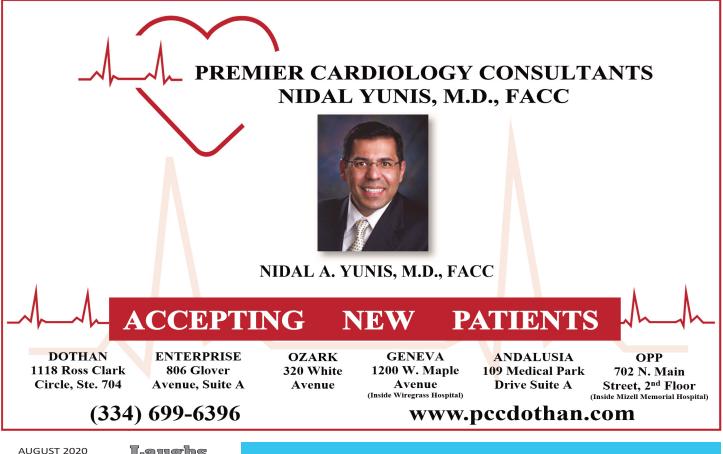


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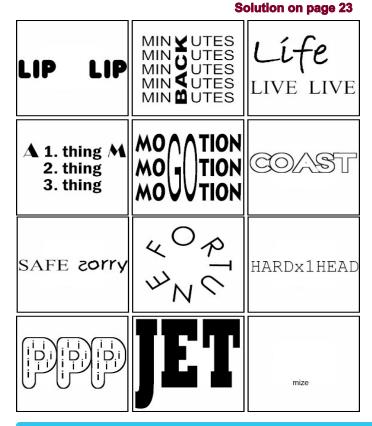
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"A letter carrier career is a mail dominated profession."



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#### **A WALK THROUGH THE WOODS**

A man was going to the county fair one day with a pig under one arm and a chicken under one arm, and a basket on his head. He came to a crossroads and didn't know which

way to turn.

While he stood there deciding, a young woman approached him, heading the same direction. "Please, ma'am, I'm on the way to the county fair. Can you tell me which way to go?" "Yes," she replied.

"I'm on my way there, too. We'll go right down this way about a mile, turn left about a mile and a half, left again about a mile and we're right there."

He said, "Wait a minute... down here, turn left and left again? Couldn't we save a lot of time by walking through these woods?"

She replied, "Yes, we could. But I couldn't walk through those woods with you. Why... you might try to kiss me!"

"Listen," he said, "how could I possibly kiss anybody with a pig under one arm, a chicken under one arm and a basket on my head?" "Well," she replied, "you could put that chicken on the ground, turn the basket upside down over the chicken, and I could hold that little bitty ole piq."

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#### LIFE IS COFFEE

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old



university professor. The conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life.

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plainlooking, some expensive, and some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

After all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is but normal for you to want only the best for yourselves that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases, it's just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups and then began eyeing each other's cups."

Now consider this: Life is the coffee, and the jobs, houses, cars, things, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life, and the type of cup we have does not define nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee.

Enjoy your coffee. Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect. It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections.

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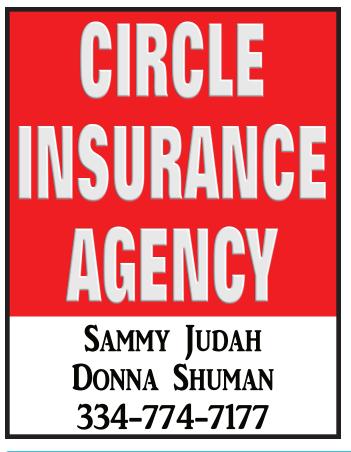


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## **Fullness of Joy**

Pastor Josh Sims

Joy, an expression or emotion that many people have not experienced in some time now. I can remember singing the children's song in church, I've got the



joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. Where? Down in my heart. Down in my heart to stay. I apologize for making that song stick in your head now. We have slowly adjusted to "Social Distancing" but I am afraid we are moving from "distancing" to "Isolation". Joy seems fleeting. There are so many articles and videos circulating that leave you feeling like Joy is a thing of the past driving us further into isolation. Friends we must stop and take time to breathe. Trust me, I understand the pressure we are facing and I am by no means diminishing or making light of our present situation. What I have realized during this time is that Joy is our responsibility. So, let's take some moments each day to experience Joy. Psalms 16:11 says, "You will show me the path of life; In **Your presence is** fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." Talk about hitting home! The Psalmist is coming to the realization that it is God who can show him the path to life and in God's presence there is Joy. Friend, will you join me in taking time out of your day to seek the Lord? What would our lives look like after 2 days of doing this? It's not too late to start. Let's find joy again.

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#### Get An Understanding By: Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding. **Proverbs 4:7** 

Wisdom is: The knowledge and use of what is best, exercise of sound judgment, "knowledge, and the capacity to make-due use of it." In



Scripture theology, wisdom is true religion; godliness; piety; the knowledge and fear of God, and sincere and uniform obedience to his commands. This is the wisdom which is from above. Psalm 90. Job 28.

**Understanding:** The fact that King Solomon asked for (not just knowledge) but insight on how to apply the knowledge effectively, he was granted things like riches, wealth, and honor.

#### Knowledge is paramount: Hosea said God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge ... Hosea 4:6

So then, wisdom is knowledge applied. We need a "revelation" of what the Scripture is saying to gain knowledge and the Holy Spirit will help us with an application to how to apply God's Word to our lives.

Be encouraged, we are not in this alone. John **14:26** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. The Bible is a life time of study and comes with a "Tutor" the Holy Spirit

Secondly, Jesus gives us gifted people: **Ephesians 4:10-12** He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

We can not live by physical food alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Job Said: I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food. Job 23:12

Jeremiah 15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them. Your words became my joy and my heart's delight. For I bear Your name, O LORD God of Hosts.

If you attend church or some form of Christian education, it is imperative when you leave that setting, you have information that you can apply to your life and also share with others. God's Word makes things come to life, everlasting, and God watches over His Word to perform it, and will not return to Him void.

"In All Our Getting, Get An Understanding Of What God Is Saying"



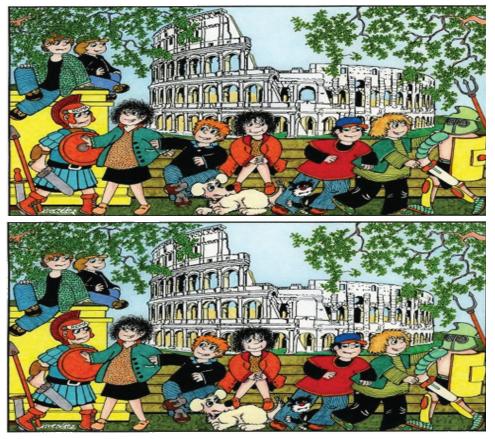


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Cop: Anything in the car I should know about? Driver: Nah just stuff you shouldn't know about. SEE IF YOU CAN FIND 10 DIFFERENCES IN THE PHOTOS BELOW. **SOLUTION ON PAGE 30** 



y wife told me I was a fool to build a car out of spaghetti. You should have seen the look on her face as I drove pasta.

#### **Family Trim**

A wealthy man had a falling out with his two sons.

It was serious enough that he

decided to change his will.



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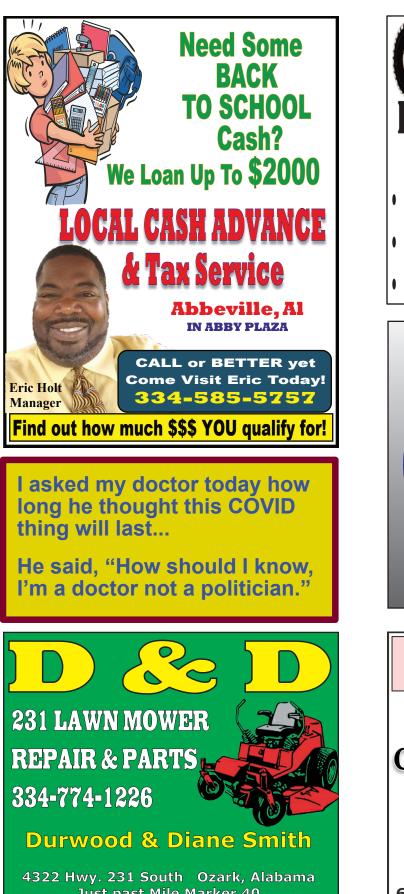
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I said to my wife, "I need to call the doctor today." "Which doctor?" she asked. "No, I said. The regular kind." Laughs

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Better to get laugh wrinkles than to have worry warts!

#### Claybank Master Gardeners

Hello Gardeners!

#### **More About Composting**

In the June issue of **Laughs and Lifts** we listed some composting basics, about how to use your kitchen scraps and yard cuttings



to make healthy soil. While it's never too late to begin a compost pile, the heat of the summer months here in the Wiregrass area will give your pile a good jump start. Whether you have a small yard or multiple acres, you can have working and productive compost piles, which provide you with free fertilizer, healthy nutritional soil to balance your garden or growing pots, and conditioner to help your sandy garden soil retain moisture, or help clay soil to drain better.

There are different ways to keep your compost together and productive. **Enclosed compost bins** hold your kitchen scraps, grass clippings, leaves, and healthy yard debris. They can be made from a chicken wire enclosure, plastic rotating barrels mounted on a rack, or wood constructed bins, or purchased plastic compost bins. Enclosed bins also keep roaming critters out. In our smaller yard, instead of using bins, we keep the compost in piles hidden in various areas of the yard under mulch or pine straw which make it easier to add scraps and yard cuttings and to stir the pile for aeration. The piles are in partly shady spots under trees but still have some sunlight during the day.

Compost needs 4 basic elements to keep the microbes (fungi and bacteria) alive and working 24/7: 1. brown matter, 2. green matter, 3. water, 4. air. Browns are decomposing leaves and twigs, coffee grounds, cardboard tubes, torn newspaper or paper towels. Greens would be grass clippings, kitchen veggie scraps, eggshells, and plant debris that is not diseased. A good balance would be 30 parts brown debris to one part green debris. NEVER use dairy products, grease, meat or bones in outdoor compost piles. These things will make your pile smelly and attract animals. Stir the pile now and then to give it air and provide enough water to keep the earthworms and microorganisms moist and alive. The temperature in a well-balanced working pile should be 130° to 150° to kill seeds and pathogens (disease producing micro-organisms). (Figures provided by the Alabama Extension System)

The best part of composting is using it to work into the soil around your plants and/or using it to make "compost tea". Sickly or dehydrated plants will revive and THRIVE from a compost boost or watering with compost tea. Make the tea by mixing a scoop of well composted soil in a bucket, or a watering can (I put some in an old sock or stocking) and soak it in a watering can or bucket. Or just swish it around in the water until it turns brownish and pour it on your plants. Compost will provide the nutritional boost to your plants get through the summer heat better. Your garden will love it.



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You are probably a dog.

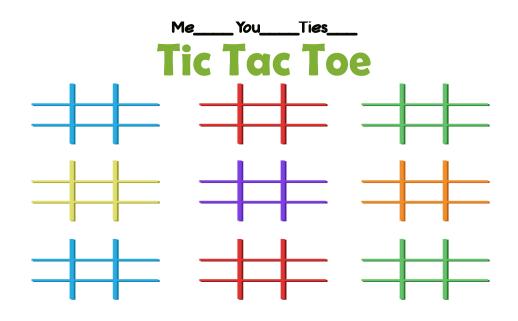
Jack Kornfield

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#### Mama's Apron By Roger Parrish First printed in 2011

My Mama (Ms. Gladys as most folks called her) and most all the women out at the Crossroads near Red Oak, Florida wore aprons when at home.

The principal use of Mama's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served many purposes, among which was a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying me and my sister's, Velma Jo and Graci tears, after we had a date with a switch or the belt. About 5:30 every morning Mama and I walked to the barn to milk the 2 or 3 cows from which we had separated the calves. You would be surprised how handy that apron was for cleaning Ole Beauty's udders. That reminds me of that fresh milk with the cream on top. Now that was good with syrup and biscuits.

When company came, Mama's apron was an ideal hiding place for my shy little sister Graci who would somehow wrap up in that apron and hold on to Mama. Graci is gone now and I sure miss her.

Mama's big old apron wiped many a perspiring brow, as Mama bent over the hot rows of peas and butterbeans that Mama planted, hoed, picked, shelled, and put up in that big ole chest freezer on the back porch. From that garden, that apron carried all sorts of vegetables. Egg Plants, okra tomatoes, peas, butterbeans, squash, collards, turnips and mustard have all filled Mama's apron. After the peas had been shelled and the veggies prepared, it served to carry out the hulls and stems.

In the fall and winter, splinters of fat lightered were brought into the house in Mama's apron and placed by the fireplace so Daddy could quickly get a fire going when he got up at 4:30 to go to work in Tallahassee. The fireplace was our only source of heat in the winter except for the four hand made guilts on every bed. It was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds, when Mama heard a car slowing down on the gravel highway and, Gal, our white German shepherd began barking to alert Mama of the unexpected company who had started driving up the quarter mile dirt road to the house. Now that dirt road is J.C. Parrish Lane. Mama drove the school bus and made the boys sit on the right side and the girls on the left side. Some mornings she would be a little

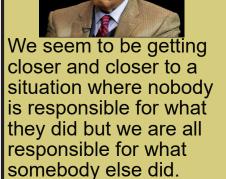
sit on the right side and the gins on the left side. Some mornings she would be a little embarrassed when she got to school with her apron still on. She had been so busy fixing Daddy's lunch of pineapple sandwiches and thermos of iced tea, not to mention milking the cows and getting me and my sisters ready to get on that school bus at 6:30. For twelve years we were the first ones on the bus and the last ones off the bus.

When supper was ready, or if it was getting dark and I had not made it home, Mama walked out onto the porch waved her apron, and yelled ROOGGEERR so loud I could hear her up at Gene's house, about a quarter mile up the gravel road. Gene sure has done well for himself. Retired now, he was the President of the Chipola College in Marianna.

My sister Velma Jo has moved back to the old property. I visited her recently and she sure reminds me a lot of Mama. All she needed was an apron.



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#### **BLIND MANS SUNGLASSES!** He simply asks the clerk for some sunglasses.



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#### WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

A stranger was seated next to Little Johnny on the plane when the stranger turned to the Little Johnny and said, "Let's talk. I've heard that flights will go quicker if you strike up a conversation with your fellow passenger." Little Johnny, who had just opened his book, closed it slowly, and said to the stranger, "What would you like to discuss?" "Oh, I don't know," said the stranger. "How about nuclear power?" "OK," said Little Johnny. "That could be an interesting topic. But let me ask you a question first." "A horse, a cow, and a deer all eat grass. The same stuff. Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, and a horse produces clumps of dried grass. Why do you suppose that is?" "Jeez," said the stranger. "I have no idea." "Well, then," said Little Johnny, "How is it that you feel qualified to discuss nuclear power when you don't know crap?"



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You can't have everything...where would you put it?

#### I Just Made You Half Owner!

A very successful businessman had a meeting with his new son-in-law. "I welcome you into the family!" said the man. "To show you how much we care for you, I am making you a 50-50 partner in my business. All you have to do is go to the factory everyday and learn the operation."

The son-in-law interrupted. "I hate factories. I can't stand the noise."

"I see," replied the father-in-law. "Well, then you'll work in the office and take charge of some of the operations."

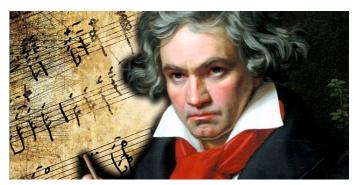
"I hate office work," said the son-in-law. "I can't stand being stuck behind a desk."

"Wait a minute," said the father-in-law. "I just made you half owner of a money-making industry, but you don't like factories, and won't work in an office. What am I going to do with you?"

"Easy," said the son-in-law. "Buy me out."

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On a wintry day, my 90-yearold father was in the supermarket trying to pay for his groceries. Bundled up against the cold, his gloved hands were having trouble retrieving and counting the exact change.

The transaction evidently took too long for the man behind him in line, who muttered a curse.

Dad stopped counting, turned around, and warned, "Be quiet or I'll write a check."

The world is changed by your example not by your opinion.

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#### SPILLED COFFEE

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along

and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? "Because someone bumped into



me!!!" Wrong answer. You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. \*Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.\* Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled. \*So we have to ask ourselves... "what's in my cup?"\* When life gets tough, what spills over? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions? Life provides the cup, YOU choose how to fill it.

Let's fill our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation; and kindness, gentleness and love for others.

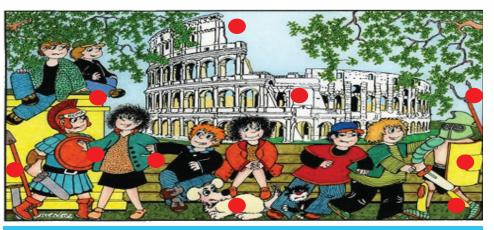


Shouting to make your children obey is like using the horn to steer your car, and you get the same results.

The doctor answered the phone and heard the familiar voice of a colleague on the other end of the line. "We need a fourth for poker," said the friend. "I'll be right over," whispered the doctor. As he was putting on his coat, his wife asked, "Is it serious?" "Oh yes, quite serious," said the doctor gravely. "In fact, there are three doctors there already!"

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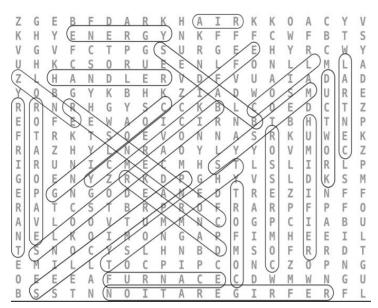
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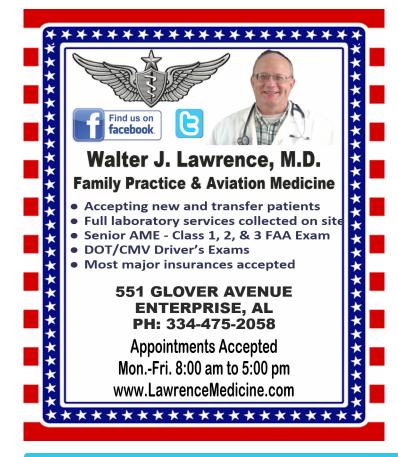
Do not grow old, no matter how long you live. Never cease to stand like curious children ... Albert Einstein



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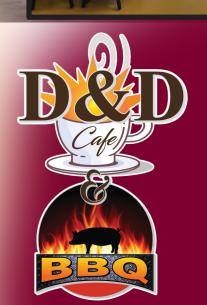
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Our new steak house location is directly across the street from our old location on the corner of Hwy 231 and CR 18. Call for take-outs 334-299-0331

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D&D Rib-eye Steak House Hours: Wednesday & Thursday, 3:30 - 8:00 Friday & Saturday 3:30 - 9:00

Ask about our gift certificates! Available Year Round



**NOW OPEN** Breakfast & Lunch Monday - Friday 6am - 2pm

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