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# ALABAMA REAL ESTATE FOR SALE



## 386± Acres • Coffee County

Frontage on Highway 141 a few miles north of Danley's Crossroads. Potential home sites with electricity and county water available. This is managed property with rich row cropland, planted pines (loblolly and longleaf) and hardwood bottoms along spring-fed streams. Excellent hunting with abundant wildlife! L-1600819 • \$636,900



## 155.7± Acres • Pike County

Located in the Monticello Community with frontage on paved County Road 6643. Managed timberland with 140± acres planted in loblolly pines ranging from about four to eighteen years old. Electricity and county water available. Interior roads, established food plots, and spring-fed streams. **Excellent hunting!** L-1800506 • \$366,000



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## 70± Acres • Pike County

**Was 93± Acres • Sold 23 acres...70± Acres available**

Located on the south side of Brundidge with frontage on the east side of four-lane Highway 231. **Buy the whole tract or separate parcel(s).** Parcel 1: 27± acres inside Brundidge City Limits, offered for \$81,000. **Parcels 2 and 4:** Two 22± acre parcels just south of the City Limits each offered for \$55,000. L-1500265 **Parcel No. 3 (Sold)**



## 67.97± Acres • Pike County

Located on US Highway 231 about 3-½ miles south of Troy. Average daily traffic of approximately 18,000 vehicles. Property may be divided. L-1800562 • \$375,000

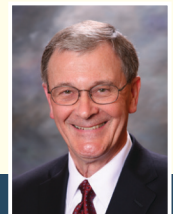


## 168± Acres • Geneva County

This wooded tract located west of Samson, Alabama, joins Geneva State Forest (Alabama's largest state forest with over 7,000 acres), and Flat Creek runs through the east side. The diverse forest includes mature loblolly and 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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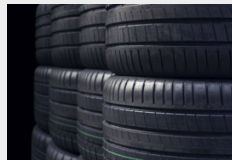
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It turns out that when someone asks you who your favorite  
child is, you supposed to pick one of your own.

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My wife didn't order anything from Amazon yesterday so the postman knocked on the door to see if we're okay.

Before having a child the most important thing to ask yourself is :

"Am I ready to watch the exact same cartoon on repeat for the next 4 years.

To be sincerely honest, in my humble opinion without being sentimental or biased and of course without offending anyone who thinks differently from my opinion but rather looking into this serious matter with perspective distinction and without condemning anyone's point of view, I honestly think and believe that I have nothing to say on this issue. ~

Politician or Lawyer

My wife and I got stuck in an elevator and when we got home, we told the story to our children. They just looked at us and said," Sooo...did you get out?"

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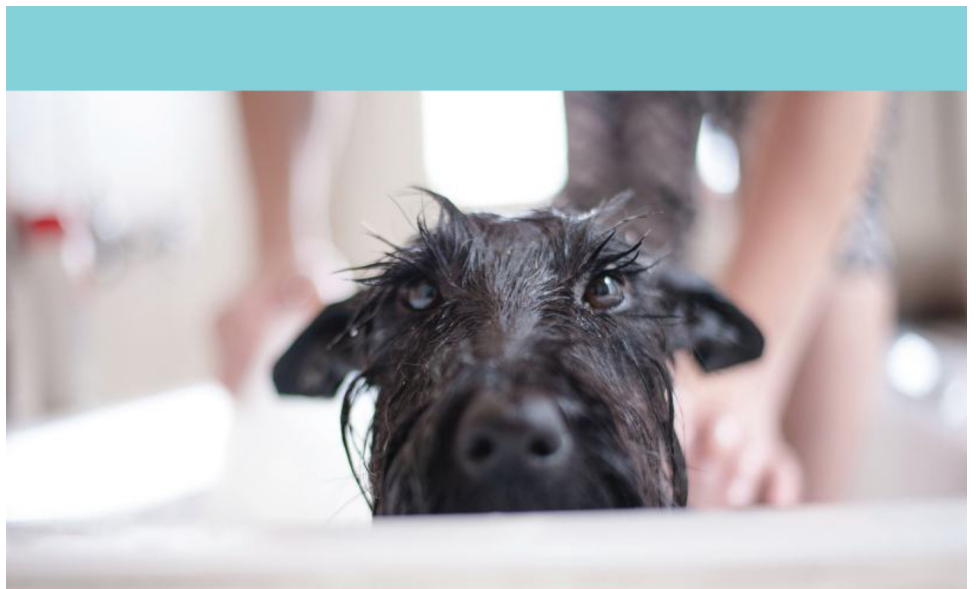


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"Therefore to him that  
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doeth it not, to him it is sin"

(James 4:17).



Forgive others  
not because they  
deserve forgiveness, but  
because you deserve  
peace... Amen!



The most popular item at  
Walmart is bananas. They sell  
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### Five Times More

History and statistics shows  
that lightning strikes men five  
times more often than  
women.

"I'm not sure which pants to wear today - smarty or fancy?"

You have \$400.  
Your daughter texts... She  
needs \$200 and your son  
texts that he needs \$150.  
How much do you have  
left?

Me: \$400 & 2 unread  
messages

### That Was A Threat

I think the girl at the Airlines  
check-in just threatened me.  
She looked me dead in the  
eye and said, "Window or  
aisle?"

I laughed in her face and  
replied, "Window or you'll  
what?"

### Meeting Others

It is said that when the  
famous American columnist  
Dorothy Parker first came to  
work at The New Yorker, she  
found herself isolated and  
lonely in her small office  
there.

Never one to be ignored,  
she managed to convince  
one of the janitors to paint  
the word "MEN" on the  
door to her office.

After that, she said, she met  
lots of new people, and all  
of them male, too.

"Only one thing," she  
added, "they always seemed  
to be in a hurry."



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## Hand Gun Navigation

The pilot was sitting in his seat and pulled out a .38 revolver.

He placed it on top of the instrument panel, then asked the navigator, "Do you know what I use this for?"

The navigator replied timidly, "No, what's it for?"

The pilot responded, "I use this on navigators who get me lost!"

The navigator proceeded to pull out a .45 and place it on his chart table.

The pilot asked, "What's that for?"

"To be honest sir," the navigator replied, "I'll know we're lost before you will."



## Zombie Apocalypse

What would happen if the United States were ever attacked by zombies? There is no need to worry as the US Government has a plan in case such a thing were to happen. In 2011, the Pentagon revealed a Counter-Zombie Dominance Plan, also known as CONPLAN 8888-11.



## Burying Nuts

Squirrels bury their nuts in the ground. They will also dig fake holes in the ground to trick any potential thieves.

Shark pregnancies last up to four years.

## The OK Corral



A  
Shootout  
at the OK

Corral! That expression or quote has been heard in movies and even in real life conversation. Was this a real event? Did it take place? It did. It took on October 26, 1881, in Tombstone, Arizona.

The Shootout at the OK Corral was a 30 second gunfight in which the Earp brothers (Wyatt, Morgan, and Virgil) and Doc Holliday took on the 5 members of the Clanton-McLaury gang.

### I'm Exhausted

A businessman dragged himself home and barely made it to his chair before he dropped exhausted. His sympathetic wife was right there with a tall cool drink and a comforting word. "My, you look tired," she said. "You must have had a hard day today. What happened to make you so exhausted?"

"It was terrible," her husband said. "The computer broke down and all of us had to do our own thinking."

Men who wear  
glasses are so  
fine.  
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handsome.  
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# Warm you up SOUPS

## CHICKEN AND WILD RICE

### Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 celery ribs, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 carrots, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons finely chopped thyme
- Salt
- Pepper
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup wild rice (5 ounces)
- 2 quarts chicken stock or low-sodium broth
- 2 cups water
- 4 cups bite-size pieces of roasted chicken or turkey
- 1 cup heavy cream



### Directions

#### Step 1

In a large saucepan, melt the butter. Add the celery, carrots, onion, garlic, thyme and a generous pinch each of salt and pepper and cook over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables just start to soften, about 10 minutes. Sprinkle the flour over the vegetables and cook, stirring, until evenly coated and lightly browned, about 3 minutes.

#### Step 2

Add the wild rice to the saucepan and gradually stir in the stock and water. Bring to a boil, then simmer over moderately low heat, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are tender, about 30 minutes. Add the chicken and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the wild rice is tender, 10 to 15 minutes longer. Stir in the cream and season with salt and pepper. Ladle the soup into bowls and serve.

## CREAMY TOMATO BISQUE

### Ingredients

- 3 tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 1/2 c. chopped yellow onion (1 large)
- 3/4 c. chopped shallots (2 large)
- 1 c. chopped leek, white and light green parts only (from 2 large)
- 3 (28-ounce) cans crushed tomatoes



- 4 c. whole milk
- 2 c. heavy cream
- 1/2 tsp. saffron threads
- 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Grated Parmesan and chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, for garnish

### Directions

1. Heat butter and oil in a large pot or Dutch oven over medium-low heat. Add onion, shallots, and leek. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Add tomatoes, milk, cream, saffron, and red pepper flakes. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered and stirring occasionally, until flavors are blended and soup is slightly thickened, 30 to 40 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

2 Serve hot, garnished with Parmesan and parsley.

## GINGERY MEATBALL

### Ingredients

- 1 lb. ground pork
- 2 green onions
- 3 clove garlic
- 1 piece peeled fresh ginger
- 2 qt. lower-sodium chicken broth
- 8 oz. snow peas
- 3 c. Cooked white rice



### Directions

Arrange oven rack 6 inches from broiler heat source. Preheat broiler on high. Line large rimmed baking sheet with foil.

In medium bowl, combine pork, green onions, garlic, ginger, and 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Form mixture into bite-size meatballs (about 1 inch each); arrange in single layer on prepared baking sheet. Broil 5 to 7 minutes, or until browned.

Meanwhile, in covered 5-quart sauce pot, heat broth to simmering on high. Uncover; add snow peas, rice, and broiled meatballs. Reduce heat to medium; simmer 5 minutes, or until meatballs are cooked through and snow peas are tender.

No matter how big a hammer you use, you just can't pound common sense into stupid people.

## CHICKEN ALFREDO LASAGNA

### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 medium onion, chopped
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp. freshly chopped thyme
- 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tbsp. butter
- 3 tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 8 c. low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 lb. chicken breasts (about 3), cut into thirds
- 8 oz. lasagna noodles, broken into 2" pieces
- 1/3 c. heavy cream
- 1 shredded mozzarella
- 1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan, plus more for serving
- 4 c. loosely packed spinach
- 1 tbsp. chopped parsley, for serving



### Directions

1. In a large stock pot over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and celery and cook until slightly softened, 3 to 4 minutes. Add garlic and thyme and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Season with chili flakes if using, salt, and pepper.
2. Add butter and stir until melted. Stir in flour and cook until no longer raw, 2 to 3 minutes. Add broth and chicken and bring up to a simmer. Add noodles and cook until chicken is tender and noodles are cooked through, 12 to 14 minutes. Remove chicken and shred, then return to pot.
3. Add heavy cream, mozzarella, and Parmesan and stir until incorporated, then stir in spinach until wilted. Serve topped with more Parmesan and parsley.

## CHEDDAR SEAFOOD CHOWDER

### Ingredients

- 6 bacon strips, chopped
- 2 celery ribs, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped sweet orange pepper
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) chicken broth
- 2 cups 2% milk
- 2 medium red potatoes, cubed



- 1 teaspoon seafood seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 pound uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/2 pound bay scallops
- 1-1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

### Directions

1. In a large saucepan, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Remove to paper towels with a slotted spoon; drain, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings.
2. In the drippings, saute the celery, orange pepper and onion until crisp-tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in flour until blended; gradually add broth and milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 1 minute or until thickened.
3. Add the potatoes, seafood seasoning and salt; return to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10-15 minutes or until potatoes are tender.
4. Add shrimp and scallops; cook and stir for 3-4 minutes or until shrimp turn pink and scallops are opaque. Stir in cheese until melted. Garnish each serving with bacon.

## TORTELLINI SOUP

### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 ounces pancetta or bacon, finely diced
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 can (49-1/2 ounces) chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 package (9 ounces) refrigerated cheese tortellini
- 1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes in puree
- 8 ounces fresh spinach, rinsed and chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup freshly shredded Parmesan cheese



### Directions

1. Heat the oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add pancetta. Cook until crisp. Add onion; cook 3-4 minutes or until tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Add broth and Italian seasoning; bring to a boil and simmer for 5 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, cook tortellini according to package directions; drain. Add cooked tortellini to soup mixture. Stir in crushed tomatoes and simmer 5 minutes. Add spinach and cook just until wilted. Season with salt and pepper. Garnish with Parmesan cheese.

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hobbles out to the drinking fountain, forces the pill down his throat and gobbles down water until the pill clears his throat. He hobbles back to the examining room. Just then the doctor comes back with a bucket of warm water.

“Okay, after the tablet dissolves, soak that foot for about 20 minutes.”



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Once a man asked, “What did you gain by regularly praying to God? The man replied, “Nothing... But let me tell you what I lost; *Anger, Ego, Greed, Depression, Insecurity, and Fear of Death.*”

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.” – Robert Louis Stevenson

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There was a snake that crawled over a sharp saw and was cut. In



anger the snake wrapped the saw with its thick body and proceeded to squeeze the life out of the saw.

With each angry squeeze it felt more pain but continued because it wasn't going to let the saw get away with the pain it caused it. The snake, refusing to let go of the saw, eventually died; not knowing the whole time, he needed to let go of the initial pain and focus on its future and where it was going. Instead, the snake, unfortunately, lost its life and didn't even see it coming.

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## A NEW SEASON

By: Wallace Kennedy, Jr.



I really love the changing of the seasons: Winter, Spring Summer, and Fall. Each one has special characteristics and their own beauty that can be appreciated.

Our lives are like seasons, we appreciate the good and learn from the not so good ones. Our brother Paul gives us a very important principle that can enable us to make the very best of our new season. *Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.*

One of the key points Paul makes is: We must forget those things which are behind! You may be asking yourself, "How can I forget my failures, hurts, disappointments, and bad decisions?" All of us certainly will remember the pandemic (COVID19). Here is my take away from this, we must NOT allow what happened in the past to weight us down as we move into our New Season.

We must approach our New Season with a purpose in mind, and that is: *We must press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. Philippians 3:14-16* None of us can change what happened in the past, but we all can make a difference how our New Season will turn out.

Stay focused, *Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;* Don't get distracted, discouraged nor allow what has happened make us quit. Fight the good fight of faith. Our better days are in front of us.

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## Wake up Sleeper

Pastor Josh and Kayla Sims

Congratulations, you have made it through 2020 and are now embarking on a new year full of fresh opportunities. Hopefully, 2020 has taught us many lessons and one being to not take this time we have



together lightly. I was having a time of prayer a few weeks back and I felt the Lord share something with me, and I want to share it with you as well. See in my prayer time that day I dozed off. Now I know that doesn't seem like a very "preachery" thing to do, but just remember I am human. When I woke up a few minutes later, I began to apologize to the Lord and this scripture from the book of Matthew came to mind. Matthew 25:45 says, "Then He came to His disciples and said to them, *"Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners."* Yikes, that stings a bit. See Jesus took Peter, James and John along to go and pray. Jesus stopped at a place and told the three to wait and watch (pray) while He went a little further by himself. Jesus returned to them 3 times finding them asleep each time then waking them up on the third time, because He was about to be arrested and His trial was to begin. I want to share with you today the importance of the church to be awakened. The commands of Jesus to reach the world with His gospel still rings true today and I'm afraid that the church has become complacent in our mission. Maybe 2020 was the wake up call the church needed to rise to the occasion and carry the Mission of Jesus to those who are looking for HOPE. Friend are you asleep? Wake Up! The Kingdom of Heaven is near and we have a job to do in 2021. I want to leave you with Romans 13:11-14. 11:And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12:The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13:Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14:But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

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## THE FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT

The year is 2024 and the United States has just elected the first woman, An Ariton High School Purple Cat and University of Alabama graduate, as President of the United States, Susan Baker. A few days after the election the president-elect calls her father and says, 'So, Dad, I assume you will be coming to my inauguration?' 'I don't think so. It's a 30 hour drive, your mother isn't as young as she used to be, and my arthritis is acting up again.' 'Don't worry about it, Dad, I'll send Air Force One to pick you up and take you home. And a limousine will pick you up at your door.'

'I don't know. Everybody will be so fancy. What would your mother wear?'

Oh Dad, replies Susan, 'I'll make sure she has a wonderful gown custom-made by the best designer in New York.'

"Honey," Dad complains, 'you know I can't eat those rich foods you and your friends like to eat.' The President-to-be responds, Don't worry Dad. The entire affair is going to be handled by the best caterer in New York, I'll ensure your meals are salt free Dad, I really want you to come. So Dad reluctantly agrees and on January 20, 2025, Susan Baker is being sworn in as President of the United States. In the front row sits the new president's Dad and Mom. Dad noticing the senator sitting next to him leans over and whispers, 'You see that woman over there with her hand on the Bible, becoming President of the United States.' The Senator whispers back, 'Yes I do.'

Her Dad says proudly, 'Her brother played football at The University of Alabama.'



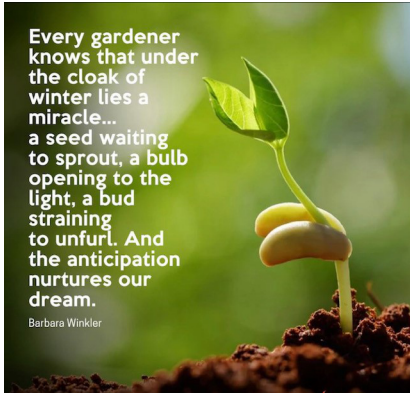
## Claybank Master Gardeners

Happy New Year Gardeners,

Are you ready to start a garden? December and January are the best months for our Wiregrass Area planting zone (zones 8a and 8b) to sow seeds for hardy spring blooming plants, and to plant new fruit trees and bare-root roses and shrubs, giving the

Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle... a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream.

Barbara Winkler



roots time to get well established before spring leafing out and flowering. Having had several nights of below freezing temperatures already, our pineapple plants (in large pots) didn't get covered in time, but mercifully they are not "belly-up" yet. They'll lose their original leaves but new leaves are already showing up. \*\*\*

It's not too late to plant winter and spring blooming bulbs for daffodils, tulips, paperwhites, snowbells, and irises, among others. Did you know there is a free Alabama Gardening Calendar online at [www.aces.edu](http://www.aces.edu)? You can also get a wonderful chart showing the optimal temperatures for seed germination for most vegetables from the [www.aces.edu](http://www.aces.edu) website. Ask for ANR-1061, either online or at the Extension office for your county. \*\*\*

If you have not yet discovered the wonderful Dothan Area Botanical Gardens or Landmark Park, you are missing two local treasures of inspiration and delight. Every season they offer educational and interesting programs the whole family will enjoy. The Dothan Eagle posts their upcoming events, as well as Facebook and their own home websites, [dabg.com](http://dabg.com) and [landmarkparkdothan.com](http://landmarkparkdothan.com). Also check out at Vivian B. Adams School in Ozark. They have beautiful tunnel houses providing fresh vegetables and volunteer opportunities. Look up on Vivian's Garden on YouTube and Facebook. \*\*\* 2021 Master Gardener classes will be offered online and live on location, beginning February 4th through April 29th, 2021. Call your county Extension Office for details. \*\*\*

Claybank Master Gardeners meetings resume on January 21st at 11 AM at Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark, 129 East Ave., across from Milky Moos. Visitors are always welcome. Come buy your lunch if you wish and enjoy learning from other gardeners. Questions? Call the Dale County Extension Office at (334) 774-2329 to verify date and time.

Happy Fall gardening, folks!

Dee Gilbert,  
Claybank Master Gardeners



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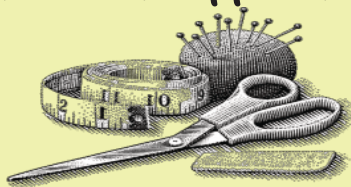


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**I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.  
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# DAVE SAYS

Financial advice with Dave Ramsey

## Patience, determination...and time

Dear Dave,  
One of my resolutions this year was to start living on a budget, and gain control of my money. I never realized how easy it would be to get discouraged early on. Can you give me some encouragement to help make my financial resolutions stick in 2021? ~ Collin

Dear Collin,  
The secret to making a goal into a reality is getting started. It's really that simple. You also have to be realistic and accept the fact that nothing—especially things you've never done before—works out perfectly the first time around. That leads to the next step, which is patience. Most people think about losing 20 pounds, and immediately feel it needs to happen in the next month or so. It doesn't. And mostly likely, it won't. Like almost everything else worth doing, it's something that requires sacrifice and focus each day over an extended period of time. Crash courses are usually painful and rarely work out well. But once you've done something a few times, it becomes an easier and easier part of your daily routine. Pretty soon, it's not a chore or something you're afraid of.

Making a budget and gaining control of your finances works the same way. When you first create a money plan, it probably won't work out exactly as you hoped. That's okay. It will barely work the second month, but it won't be as scary, because you've already done it once. By the third month, you'll have a much better feel for it, and your stress levels will go way down because you already know the basics. It just takes determination, patience, and intensity to get through the rough patches that go along with starting anything new.

A new year is just around the corner, Collin. Don't fall into the same old trap. Give yourself a little grace, but keep your eyes on the prize. Start preparing yourself now. You've got plenty of time to begin laying out a plan, and have a solid budget ready when January 1st arrives. It may feel like things are beginning slowly, but you can make this happen if you'll just stick with it!

—Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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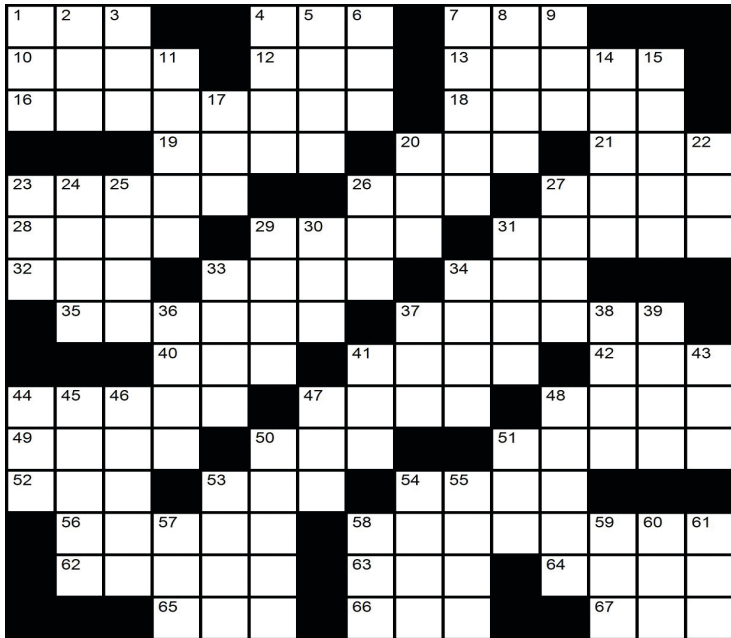
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A tom cat and a tabby cat were courting on a back fence at night.  
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A very belligerent old man insisted on buying 1/2 head of lettuce. The very young protduce assistant told him that they sell only whole heads of lettuce.

The man persisted and asked to see the manager. The boy said he'd ask his manager about it. Walking into the back room, the boy said to his manager: "Some old coot wants to buy half a head of lettuce."

As he finished his sentence, he turned to suddenly find the man standing right behind him, so quickly he added, "And this gentleman has kindly offered to buy the other half."

The manager approved the deal, and the man went on his way.

Later, the manager said to the boy, "I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier. We like people who think on their feet here. Where are you from, son?"

"Canada, sir," the boy replied.

"Well, why did you leave Canada?" the manager asked.

The boy said, "Sir, there's nothing but loose women and hockey players up there."

"Really?" said the manager. "My wife is from Canada."

"Wow" replied the boy. "Who'd she play for?"

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A priest, a rabbi and a Pentecostal preacher all served as chaplains to the students of Northern Michigan University in Marquette. They would get together two or three times a week for coffee and to talk "shop". One day someone made the comment that preaching to people isn't really that hard. A real challenge would be to preach to a bear. Well, one thing led to

another and before it was over they decided to do a seven-day experiment. They would all go out into the woods, find a bear and preach to it. It's now 7 days later and they're all together to discuss the experience. Father O'Flannery, who has his arm in a sling, is on crutches, and has various bandages goes first. "Wellll," he says in a fine Irish brogue, "Ey wint oot into th' woods to fynd me a bearr. Oond when Ey fund him Ey began to rread to him from the Baltimorre Chatecism. Wellll, thet bearr wanted naught to do wi' me und begun to slap me about. So I quick grrabbed me holy water and, THE SAINTS BE PRAISED, he becam as gintle as a lamb. The bishop is cooming oot next wik to give him fierst communion und confiermation."

Reverend Billy Bob speaks next. He's in a wheel chair, with an arm and both legs in casts and an I.V. drip. In his best fire and brimstone oratory he proclaims, "WELL brothers....you KNOW that we don't sprinkle.....WE DUNK! I went out and I FOUND me a bear. And then I began to read to him from God's HOOOLY WORD! But that bear wanted nothing to do with me. I SAY NO! He wanted NOTHING to do with me. So I took HOOOLD of him and we began to rassle. We rassled down one hill, UP another and DOWN another untill we come to a crick. So'se I quick DUNK him and BAPTIZE his hairy soul. An' jus like you you sez, he wuz gentle as a lamb. We spent the rest of the week in fellowship, feasting on God's HOOOLY word." Next, the first two both look down at the rabbi who's laying in a hospital bed. He's in a body cast & traction with IV's and monitors running in and out of him. The rabbi looks up and says "Oy! You don't know what tough is until you try to circumcise one of those creatures."



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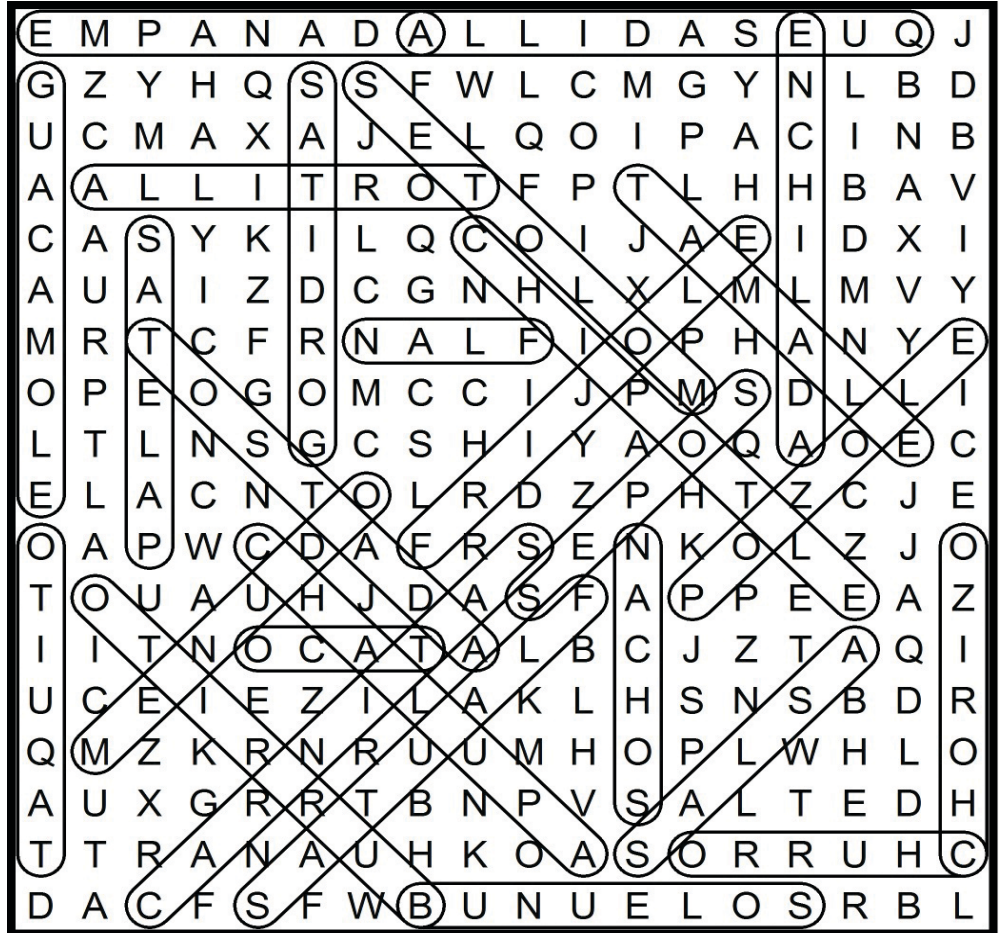
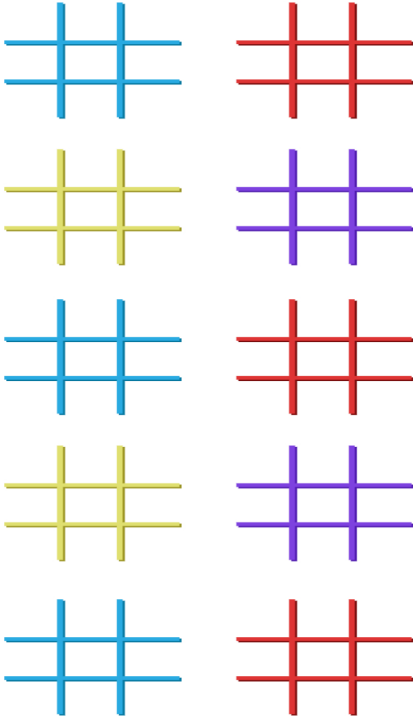
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