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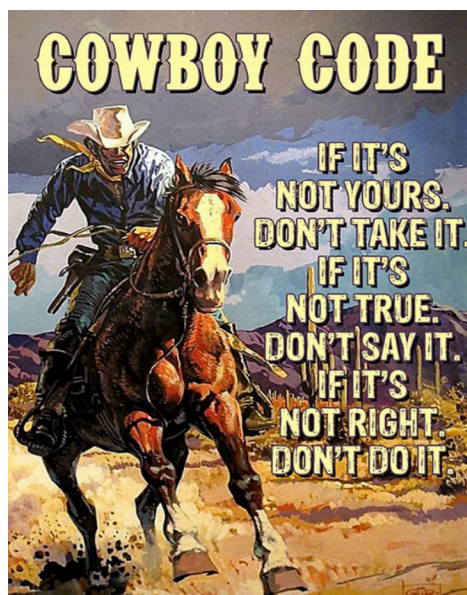
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Kid Wisdom

A teacher was giving a lesson on blood circulation, Trying to make it clear, he said, "Class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face." "Yes," the class said. "then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood does not run into my feet?"

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Prior to turning on the TV to watch a recorded soccer match, I said to my wife, "Don't tell me the score!" She replied, "Don't worry, there wasn't any."

Three Stooges Ballroom Dancer

The Three Stooges were a famous vaudeville and comedy act team that began performing in 1922. Throughout its history, the trio of stooges consisted of Moe, Larry, Curly, Shemp, and Curly Joe. Of these, Curly was the ballroom dancer. Jerome "Curly" Howard, younger brother to both Moe and Shemp, was a skilled basketball player in addition to being an accomplished dancer.

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The first police officer reaches under the one-ton bale of hay and attempts to lift it off of me. Of course, it doesn't budge. He grabs his flashlight and shines it under the hay into my face. I blink. He yells over his shoulder to his partner, "He's alive! He's alive! Help me move the hay."

Even working together two officers can't move it – not a fraction of an inch. A thousand pounds each? Of course they can't move it. "Cut the strings," I whisper. My voice is weak. They can't hear me. I am not going to last much longer. If they will just cut the strings, the bale will break apart, and they can drag me out of here.

"Lift, Joe, lift!"

"Just cut the strings," I mumble, "Please cut the strings."

"C'mon harder."

"It's too heavy! We can't lift it. We gotta go for help! Hang on Chad, we'll be right back!"

I am alone again in the growing darkness. Wonderful painless, peaceful, irresistible sleep beckons. I struggle to remain conscious. One. Two. Three. Four... Where are they? How long does

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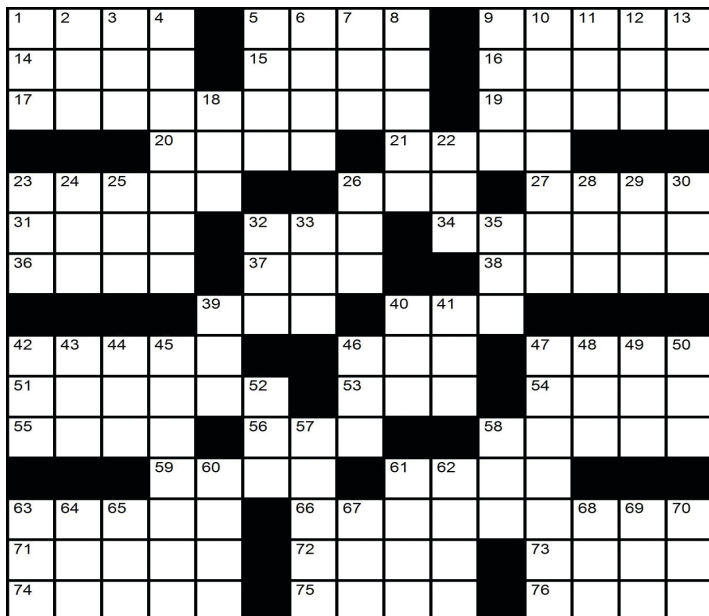
it take for police, fire, ambulance, to arrive? Where is the Coast Guard? Where are the Marines? is there one old farmer with enough common sense to just cut the strings? The desert air grows chilly as the sky darkens. I grow weaker. Dizziness overcomes me and I begin to drift off into that gray space somewhere between the living and the dead. Help finally arrives. One of the police officers bends down so I can see his face. "Hold on! A fire engine is here. There are six men aboard."

I do the math. Two big, strong cops and six burly firemen must move a ton of dead weight off me. That's two hundred forty five pounds each. No way can they possibly do that – but somehow, miraculously, they do. A couple of neighbors who have arrived at the scene stand by to catch me. They lower my limp body to the ground where I lie in a broken heap.

Why didn't they cut the strings? They could have saved a long, tortured hour. How heavy is hay? A piece of hay is about the weight of a feather. How many pieces of hay does it take to make two thousand pounds? Lots. That package of sixteen bazillion individual pieces of hay wrapped in a gigantic bundle is a crushing weight. But separated, it would have been nothing. I feel bad saying this, because it makes me sound ungrateful – and I am very grateful to the guys who saved my life that night – but there is a point to be made here, isn't there? Is it too big? Is it overwhelming? Just cut the strings!

Are you buried under crushing burdens? Projects that are too huge? Schedules that are too complicated? Maybe you are trying to do too much at once – trying to do everything instead of doing something.

Cut the strings and cut yourself free. Do one thing at a time – and get it Done. Move "out of the strain of the doing into the peace of the done."



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away.



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How can there be so much difference in a day off
and an off day? ~ Larson

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An hour later, the opinion many of us held regarding our daily routine, was confirmed when the announcement rang loud and clear, "Resume all unnecessary work."

Stepping up to the counter at the fast-food restaurant, I asked for a baked potato with butter on the side. With the gusto of someone newly employed, the teenager taking my order asked, "Which side?"

Volkswagen Owns Porsche
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A group of wild rabbits is called a "colony" or "nest"

I think it's time we make Algebra 2 a college course and teach kids in high school financial fundamentals.

Teach kids about careers not requiring a college degree, salaries, credit, budgeting, taking out a loan, investing, dangers of college debt, buying a house, filing taxes.

"I want to know what good is a web search engine that returns 324,909,188 'matches' to my key word. That's like saying, "Good news, we've located the product you're looking for. It's on Earth." ~ Bruce Cameron



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Aunt T's Kitchen

DATE PECAN TEA BREAD

1 LOAF ½ CUP SPREAD

INGREDIENTS

2-1/2 cups chopped dates
1-1/2 cups boiling water
1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon each ground cloves, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg
2 tablespoons butter, softened
1-1/4 cups sugar
1 large egg
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1-1/2 cups coarsely chopped pecans

SPREAD:

3 ounces cream cheese, softened
2 tablespoons chopped dates
2 tablespoons coarsely chopped pecans
1 tablespoon 2% milk

DIRECTIONS

1. Place dates in a large bowl. Combine boiling water and baking soda; pour over dates. In a small bowl, combine the flour, cloves, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg; set aside.
2. In another large bowl, beat butter and sugar until crumbly. Beat in egg and vanilla. Add flour mixture alternately with date mixture. Stir in pecans.
3. Pour into a greased and floured 9x5-in. loaf pan. Bake at 350° for 65-75 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the



BREADS

center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to wire rack to cool completely.

4. In a small bowl, combine spread ingredients. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour. Serve with bread.

PRALINE-TOPPED APPLE BREAD

1 LOAF

INGREDIENTS

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
1 cup sour cream
2 large eggs, room temperature
3 teaspoons vanilla extract
1-1/2 cups chopped peeled Granny Smith apples
1-1/4 cups chopped pecans, toasted, divided
1/2 cup butter, cubed
1/2 cup packed brown sugar

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In another bowl, beat sugar, sour cream, eggs and vanilla until well blended. Stir into flour mixture just until moistened. Fold in apples and 1 cup pecans.
2. Transfer to a greased 9x5-in. loaf pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 50-55 minutes. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove to a wire rack to cool completely.
3. In a small saucepan, combine butter and brown sugar. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly to dissolve sugar; boil 1 minute. Working quickly, pour over bread. Sprinkle with remaining pecans, let stand until set.



ORANGE BANANA NUT BREAD

2 LOAVES

INGREDIENTS

1-1/2 cups sugar
3 tablespoons canola oil
2 large eggs, room temperature
3 medium ripe bananas, mashed (about 1-1/4 cups)
3/4 cup orange juice
3 cups all-purpose flour



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1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped walnuts

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 325°. In a bowl, combine the sugar, oil and eggs; mix well. Stir in bananas and orange juice. Combine the dry ingredients; add to banana mixture, beating just until moistened. Stir in walnuts. Pour into 2 greased 8x4-in. loaf pans.
2. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 50-60 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes; remove from pans to a wire rack to cool completely.
Freeze option: Securely wrap cooled loaves in foil; freeze. To use, thaw at room temperature.

SWEET POTATO CINNAMON BREAD 4 MINI LOAF

INGREDIENTS

3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2-2/3 cups sugar
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
4 large eggs, room temperature
2 cups mashed sweet potatoes
2/3 cup canola oil
2/3 cup 2% milk
1-1/2 cups raisins
1 cup chopped walnuts

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, whisk the first 8 ingredients. In another bowl, whisk eggs, sweet potatoes, oil and milk until blended. Add to flour mixture; stir just until moistened. Fold in raisins and walnuts.
2. Transfer to 4 greased 5-3/4x3x2-in. loaf pans. Bake 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing to wire racks to cool.

HONEY SPICE BREAD 1 LOAF

INGREDIENTS

2/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/3 cup 2% milk
2 cups all-purpose flour



1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
2 large eggs, room temperature
1/2 cup honey
1/3 cup canola oil

GLAZE:

1/3 cup confectioners' sugar
2 teaspoons 2% milk

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 325°. In a small saucepan, combine brown sugar and milk. Cook and stir over low heat until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat.
2. In a large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. In another bowl, whisk eggs, honey, oil and brown sugar mixture until blended. Add to flour mixture; stir just until moistened.
3. Transfer the batter to a greased 8x4-in. loaf pan. Bake 50-60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean (cover top loosely with foil if needed to prevent over browning).
4. Cool in pan 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. In a small bowl, stir glaze ingredients until smooth; drizzle over bread.
Freeze option: Securely wrap cooled loaf in foil and then freeze. To use, thaw at room temperature. Glaze as directed.

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You may not connect the numbers diagonally.

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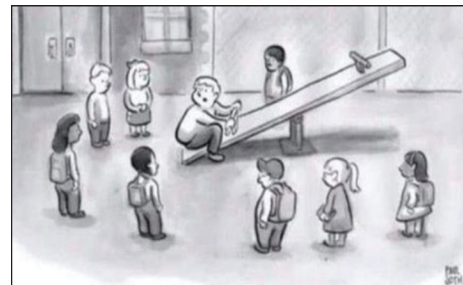
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You might be a member of a "redneck church".

1. If people ask when they learn about Jesus feeding the 5,000, if the fish were bass or catfish and what kind of bait was used to catch them.
2. If the opening day of deer season is recognized as an official church holiday.
3. If a member of the church requests to be buried in his 4-wheel drive truck because "It ain't never been in a hole it couldn't get out of".
4. If the choir is known as the "OK Choral".
5. If the final words of the benediction are "y'all come back now! ya hear!".
6. If people think "rapture" is what you get when you lift something too heavy.
7. If high notes on the organ set the dogs on the floor to howling.
8. If baptism is referred to as branding.
9. If in a congregation of 500 members, there are only seven last names in the church directory.
10. If when the pastor says, "I would like to ask Bubba to help take up the offering this morning", five guys and two women stand up.

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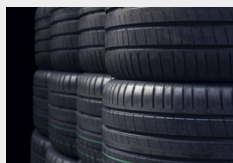
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WHO ARE YOU?

By: Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

How do you identify yourself? This may seem like a simple question, but you would be surprised at the different responses you will get if you asked someone this question. Some of the responses you will hear are family names, race, vocational positions or titles, wealth, or social status, and or political affiliation.

In my own observation it appears in many instances we are suffering from an identity crisis.

In Matthew 16:13-16 Jesus asked His disciples two questions: *who do people say that I am and who do you say that I am? Peter gave the right response: Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."* Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah.

Matthew 16:17-19 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

The enemy of our soul (the devil) will cause us to question who we are if we are not careful.

The devil tried to tempt Jesus concerning His identity. *If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: Matthew 4:3-6*

Satan tried to trick Jesus, tempting Him to bring into question His deity.

How many times have you heard a voice that questioned your salvation, "are you a Christian"?

When we encounter Jesus, we are called to identify ourselves completely with Him and in Him alone. Jesus is our governing system that we live our lives by (Isaiah 9:6).

So the next time you are asked who you are, remember this: "I Am The Righteousness Of God Through Jesus Christ Whom I Have Accepted As My Lord And Savior". And the best response to all temptation is: IT IS WRITTEN! Say what the Scripture says, that's what Jesus did.

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

'Numbers 6:24-26
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**Wife: I made enough for
2 nights.**

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A CNN reporter walks into a neighborhood tavern and is about to order a drink when he sees a guy at the end of the bar wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat. It didn't take an Einstein to know the guy was a Donald Trump supporter.



The CNN guy shouts over to the bartender, loudly enough that everyone in the bar could hear, "drinks for everyone in here, bartender, except for that Trump supporter."

After the drinks were handed out the trump guy gives the CNN guy a big smile, waves at him and says, in an equally loud voice, "thank you!"

This infuriates the CNN reporter. So he once again loudly orders drinks for everyone except the guy wearing the Trump hat. As before, this doesn't seem to bother the Trump guy. He just continues to smile and again yells, "thank you!" So the CNN guy again loudly orders drinks for everyone except the Trump guy. And again the Trump guy just smiles and yells back, "thank you!"

At that point the aggravated CNN reporter asks the bartender, "what the hell is the matter with that Trump supporter? I've ordered three rounds of drinks for everyone in the bar but him and all the silly ass does is smile and thank me. Is he nuts?"

"Nope," replies the bartender. "He owns the place."



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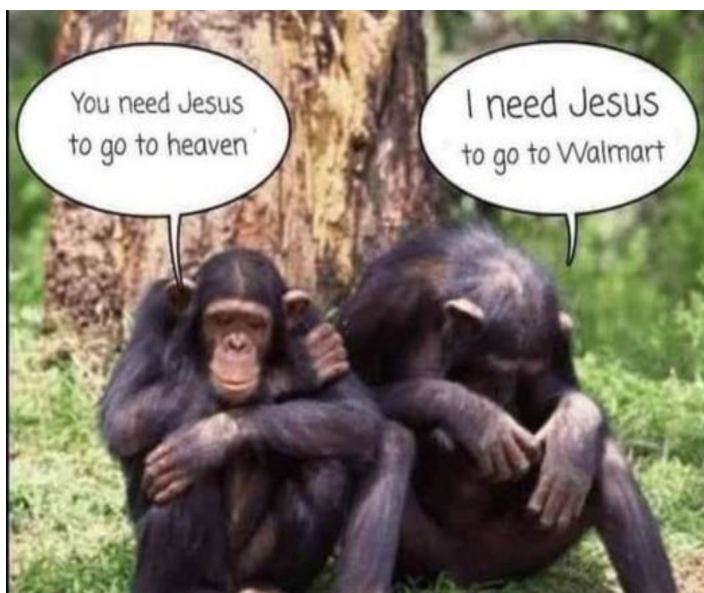
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Why Bananas Are Curved

Negative geotropism is to blame for why bananas are curved. This means they are growing against gravity. They grow towards the sun as opposed to towards the ground.



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The Bosnian Quarterback

The Coach had put together the perfect Bears team. The only thing he was missing was a good quarterback. He had scouted all the colleges, and even the high schools, but he couldn't find a ringer quarterback who could ensure a Super Bowl win.

Then one night, while watching CNN, he saw a war-zone scene in Bosnia. In one corner of the background, he spotted a young Bosnian soldier with a truly incredible arm.

He threw a hand grenade straight into a 15th-story window 200 yards away...

Ka-boom!

He throws another hand grenade into a group of 10 soldiers 100 yards away...

Ka-blooey!

Then a car passed, going 90 mph...

BAM! Bulls-eye!

"I've got to get me this guy!" The coach says to himself. "He's got the perfect arm!"

So, without much cajoling he manages to bring the kid to the States, away from the dangers of Bosnia and teaches him the great game of football.

That season the Bears go on to win the Super Bowl for the first time in history and the young, modest Bosnian becomes one of the Great Heroes of football. When the coach asks him what he wants, all the young man wants to do is to call his mother.

"Mom," he says into the phone, "I just won the Super Bowl."

"I spit on your super bowl, I don't want to talk to you," the old woman says. "You deserted us. You are not my son."

"...But Mamma!" the young man pleads. "I just won the greatest sporting event in the world. Thousands of people are calling my name, our family name..."

"No, let me tell you," the mother screams. "At this very moment, there are gunshots all around us. The neighborhood is a pile of rubble. Your two brothers were beaten within an inch of their lives last week, and this week your sister was raped in broad daylight." The old lady pauses, and then tearfully says "...I'll never forgive you for making us move to Chicago."

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Pecans, Walnuts, or Peanuts

I asked the three-year-old what he likes to eat.

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"Great," I said. "What kind, pecans? Walnuts? Peanuts?"

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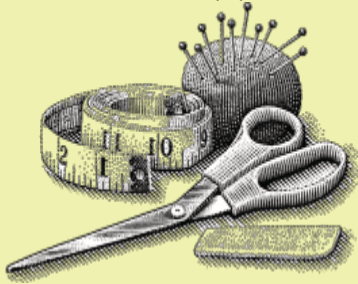
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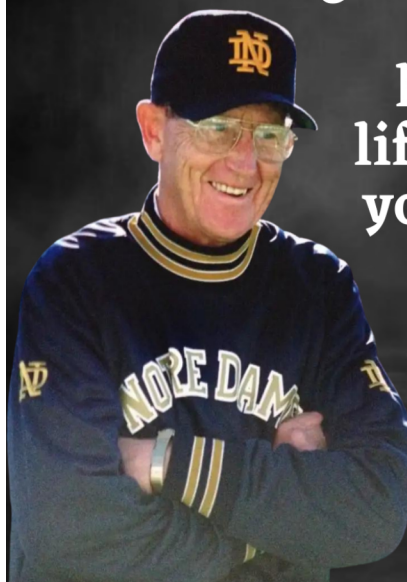
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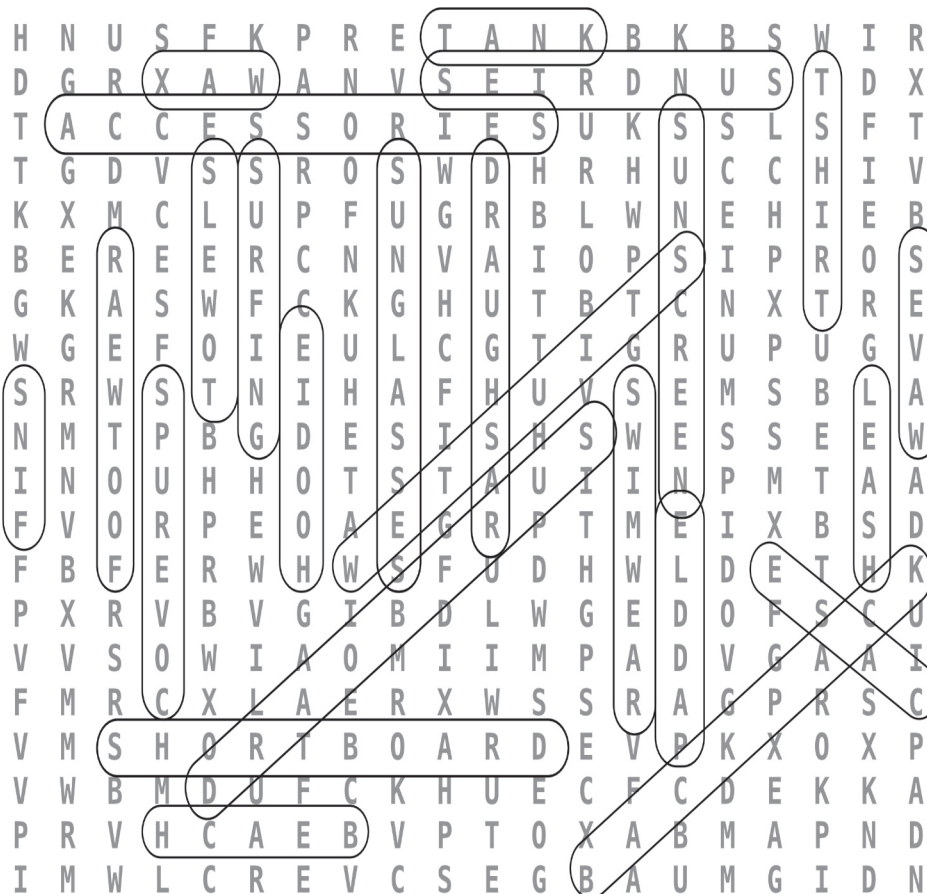
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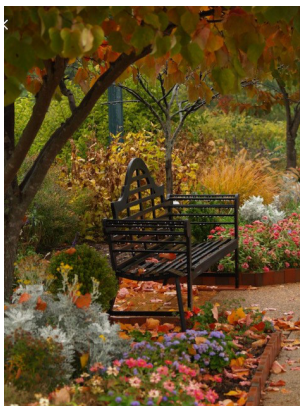
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Greetings Gardeners!

If you have a love of helping the community you will enjoy Ozark's annual "Make a Difference Day". This year it will be held on Saturday, October 30th. How to connect? You can call the First United Methodist Church office at (334) 774-2569, or Ozark Baptist Church (334) 350-5037 for information. Chuck

Auman, MADD spokesman, reminds us every year to show up, get the T-Shirt, and bring your hats, gloves, brooms, and/or rakes. There will be a variety of locations needing workers, and you'll meet some fun new people.

**If your plants are looking poorly after the very stressful summer extremes, try feeding your plants. Too much rain and heat can leach out essential nutrients from the soil, but by adding compost to your plants or a balanced granular fertilizer (such as 0-10-10 which has less nitrogen to pollute water basins) a few days after the run-off of water may help them regain much needed nutrition. If you don't yet



have a mature compost source, good quality mushroom compost or composted manure from a garden center will help. Another organic fertilizer source, fish emulsion (also called "fish fertilizer"), is very effective and healthy for veggies and ornamental plants. Mix a tablespoon in a gallon of water and apply.

**Here's what you can plant now: But first, If you get a soil test done before you plant, you will find out what to add to your soil to make your veggies thrive. Beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, collards, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard, onions, radishes, snap beans, spinach, summer squash, turnips, white potatoes, winter squash.

The Claybank Master Gardeners are again meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month, with masks and socially distanced, at 11AM at Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark, 129 S. East Ave. (But please first call the Dale County Extension Office at (334) 774-2329 to be sure in case of changes). This month, we meet on October 13th. Interesting speakers, on different topics related to gardening, are usually with us.

Dee Gilbert
Claybank Master Gardeners



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"It's not the load that weighs you down,
it's the way you carry it." ~ CS Lewis

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A-3 Toronto Blue Jays

B-1 ZZ Top

B-2 Smile

B-3 Nice Guys Finish

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C-1 Win in Triple

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C-3 Sight for Sore Eyes

D-1 Tennessee Titans

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Let's Find Joy Again

I find the writings of the Apostle John to be very encouraging. I think about his writings of Jesus and how he closes John 21 by saying in verse 25, "Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." What a cliffhanger right? John is wrapping up his version of the gospel by saying there is so much more to Jesus than what I have written. As I read this passage the word Joy comes to mind. John is so passionate about his writing that he seemingly can't contain it. John doesn't just know what is to come, John saw it played out right in front of him by witnessing Jesus' ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension.

How can this be translated to us today? We need to have a deeper understanding of who Jesus is. Hardships are all around us right now, I am hearing almost daily of friends or friends of friends who are having a difficult time with life in general right now and to be honest joy is hard to find. We still have our Faith in Jesus! There is a song by Joseph pace that reads, "This joy that I have, the world didn't give, and the world can't take it away." John writes in 1 John 1:3-4, "that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our (your) joy may be complete." Friends in this difficult season we are in, let's make joy a priority. Jesus is our joy. Let us share His wonderful works with those we come in contact with. Let us find Joy again.

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Ayn Rand,
Atlas Shrugged, 1957

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