

# Laughs & Lifts

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If I can make one person laugh long enough to forget their problems  
and thousands more to just feel better, then my goal is accomplished!

# Mom





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I am now "take a picture of labels with my phone so I can blow it up bigger and read it" years old.

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## Chicken & Egg

**"While watching a marathon I saw one runner dressed as a chicken & another dressed as an egg . . . this could be interesting.:**

## NO MORE WORRIES!!

I decided to stop worrying about my teenage son's driving and take advantage of it. I got one of those bumper stickers that says, "How's my driving?" and put a 900 number on it. At 50 cents a call, I've been making \$38 a week.

## Sticking Out

At our daughter's high school graduation, I couldn't help noticing a young man sporting a long bleached blond ponytail sprouting from the top of his otherwise shaved head. A heavy link chain hung around his neck, and one ear displayed several earrings.

I had to smile when I heard him say to his friend, "Man, I feel so out of place. I'm the only guy here not wearing a tie."



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### OLDER PEOPLE

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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!"

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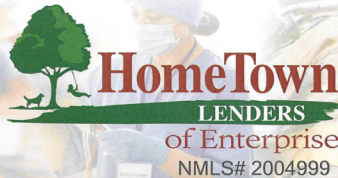


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## College or No College?

I saw an article this morning about a 23-year-old, sheet metal worker, on track to make six figures this year. He says he's living proof that college isn't necessary. I agree. Last year, he said he took home \$58,000 as an apprentice; this year, once he finishes his apprenticeship, he's set to make between \$90,000 and \$110,000. Better still, he has no student loans to repay and was able to buy a home last year.

Few high schools acknowledge trade work as legitimate career path even though most are four-year apprenticeships. Some people aren't inclined to go to a 4-year college program. When I was growing up working with your hands and making things was a good character trait. Now it seems physical work is "looked down on". Being good at a trade gives you a sense of meaning and accomplishment.

Our country depends on an enormous diversity of talents, roles, and occupations. The work of farmers, electricians, carpenters, welders, plumbers, chefs, law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics, carpenters, mechanics, and all the rest is absolutely vital to the quality of each of our lives.

Vocational programs are seen as second-rate options for people who don't make the academic cut. We need to get away from this academic/vocational caste system, where manual labor is seen as second-rate. We need to bring vocational shop and home economics back.

But what do we "Baby Boomers" know? We only provided the hard work that made America grow. We brought you from plowing with a mule and hand plow to men on the moon. I even worked on the early stages of fiber optics over 50 years ago. How do you think you got that lightning fast internet?

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6:30 PM**



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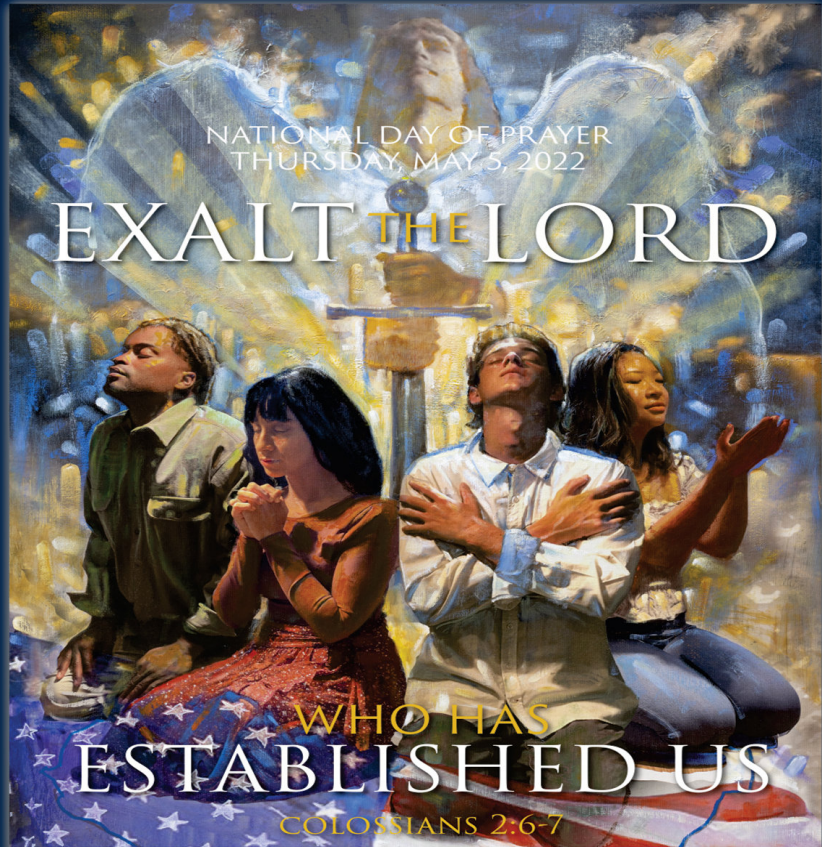


**The decisions we make today will determine what decisions we can make tomorrow!**

**Little Johnny Is Telling Lies**

A woman is getting lunch ready when the phone rings. "This is the middle school calling about your son Johnny. He's been caught telling unbelievable lies." "I'll say he has," the woman replies. "I don't have a son."

The fact that there is a highway to hell and only a stairway to heaven says a lot... A lot about the anticipated traffic numbers.



**May 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-7:30 AM**

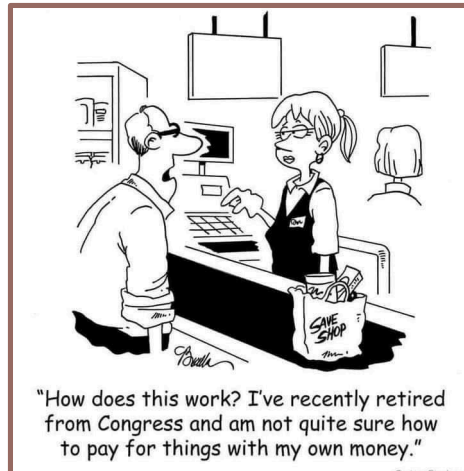
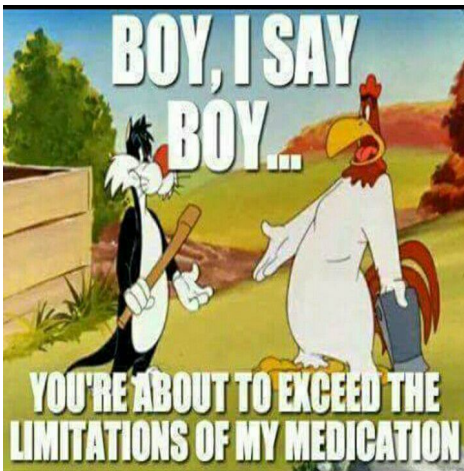
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You look like something I drew with my left hand.

*Ability is what you're capable of doing.*

*Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.*

## What Is Lethologica?

What is Lethologica? It is... it is... oh yeah, now I remember! "Lethologica" is the inability to remember the word or words that you want to say [see what I did there?]. This is real and it is considered a psychological disorder.

## What is Sex?

A little boy returning home from his first day at school said to his mother, 'Mum, what's sex?'

His mother, who believed in all the most modern educational theories, gave him a detailed explanation, covering all aspects of the tricky subject.

When she had finished, the little lad produced an enrollment form which he had brought home from school and said, 'Yes, but how am I going to get all that into this one little square?'

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I can't understand why the cemetery has raised its burial cost!

They told me it was because the cost of living had gone up so much!



### What Mom Taught Me

MOM taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE:  
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning!"

MOM taught me RELIGION:  
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

MOM taught me about TIME TRAVEL:  
"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

MOM taught me LOGIC:  
"Because I said so, that's why."

MOM taught me FORESIGHT:  
"Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you're in an accident."

MOM taught me IRONY:  
"Keep laughing and I'll give you something to cry about."

MOM taught me about the

science of OSMOSIS:  
"Shut your mouth and eat your supper!"

MOM taught me about CONTORTIONISM:  
"Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck!"

MOM taught me about STAMINA:  
"You'll sit there until all that spinach is finished."

MOM taught me about WEATHER:  
"It looks as if a tornado swept through your room."

MOM taught me how to solve PHYSICS PROBLEMS:  
"If I yelled because I saw a meteor coming toward you, would you listen then?"

MOM taught me about HYPOCRISY:  
"If I've told you once, I've told you a million times, Don't exaggerate!!!"

MOM taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION:

"Stop acting like your father!"

MOM taught me about ENVY:  
"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do!"  
And most of all ..... MOM taught me THE CIRCLE OF LIFE:  
"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."  
Author Unknown

### MORE CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

The peace-making meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Next Thursday, there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

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the minutes were approved . . .  
the financial secretary gave a  
grief report.

Barbara C. remains in the  
hospital and needs blood donors  
for more transfusions. She is  
also having trouble sleeping and  
requests tapes of Pastor Jack's  
sermons.

The 'Over 60s Choir' will be  
disbanded for the summer with  
the thanks of the entire church.

Missionary from Africa  
speaking at Calvary Memorial  
Church in Racine: Name: Bertha  
Belch Announcement: "Come  
tonight and hear Bertha Belch  
all the way from Africa."

"Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I  
Will Not Pass This Way Again,"  
giving obvious pleasure to the  
congregation.

## Faith

**"Putting all your eggs in  
God's basket, then  
counting your blessings  
before they hatch."**

## Campaign Funding

Can you believe a candidate  
dropped out of the race  
because of a lack of campaign  
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Anyone who stops spending  
just because he's out of  
money doesn't belong in  
Washington anyway!

*Dear John,*

I have been unable to sleep  
since I broke off our  
engagement.

Won't you forgive and forget?  
Your absence is breaking my  
heart.

I was a fool, nobody can take  
your place. I love you.

All my love, Belinda.  
xxxxx000xxxx

P.S. Congratulations on  
winning this week's lottery.

*"It must be unbearably distracting to talk to young people if your name is Like."*

*Firehouse Training Session*

At a training session in the fire station, the team was assembled around the kitchen table.

The training officer was discussing the behavior of fire: "You pull up to a house and notice puffs of smoke coming from the eaves, blackened out windows and little or no visible flame. What does this tell you?" he asked. Expecting to hear that the house is in a possible back draft situation, a condition very dangerous to fire fighters, he instead heard from one quick wit, "You got the right place."

*Happy Birthday Bill*

A lawyer sent an overdue bill to a client. A note was attached that stated: "This bill is one year old." By return mail the lawyer had his bill back. To it was attached a card which read: "Happy Birthday."

*Shaved By Grace*

After twenty years of shaving himself every morning, a man in a small Southern town decided he had enough. He told his wife that he intended to let the local barber shave him each day. He put on his hat and coat and went to the barber shop, which was  
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### BACON CHEESEBURGER TATER TOT BAKE

12 servings

#### Ingredients

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped and divided
- 1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon ground mustard
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 package (8 ounces) Velveeta
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 12 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 1 package (32 ounces) frozen Tater Tots
- 1 cup grape tomatoes, chopped
- 1/3 cup sliced dill pickles



#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°. In a large skillet over medium heat, cook beef and 1 cup onion, crumbling meat, until beef is no longer pink and onion is tender, 6-8 minutes; crumble meat; drain. Stir in tomato sauce, Velveeta, mustard and Worcestershire sauce until cheese is melted, 4-6 minutes.
2. Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. or 3-1/2-qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese and bacon. Top with Tater Tots. Bake, uncovered, 35-40 minutes or until bubbly. Top with tomatoes, pickles and remaining onion.

### OVEN-BAKED SHRIMP & GRITS

6 servings

#### Ingredients

- 1 carton (32 ounces) chicken broth
- 1 cup quick-cooking grits
- 1 can (10 ounces) diced tomatoes and green chiles, drained
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- Freshly ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 pound uncooked shrimp (31-40 per pound), peeled and deveined
- 2 garlic cloves, minced



#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a 13x9-in. or 2-1/2-qt. baking dish, combine broth and grits. Bake, uncovered, until liquid is absorbed and grits are tender, 30-35 minutes.
2. Stir in tomatoes, Monterey Jack cheese and 1/2 cup cheddar cheese. Bake, uncovered, until heated through, about 10 minutes. Sprinkle with pepper and remaining cheese; let stand 5 minutes.
3. In a large skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat; saute green pepper and onion until tender, 6-8 minutes. Add shrimp and garlic; cook and stir until shrimp turn pink, 2-3 minutes. Spoon over grits.

### SLOPPY JOE VEGGIE CASSEROLE

8 servings

#### Ingredients

- 2-1/2 cups uncooked penne pasta
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 package (16 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
- 1 envelope sloppy joe mix
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes



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- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 cups 2% cottage cheese
- 1-1/2 cups shredded Colby-Monterey Jack cheese, divided

**Directions**

1. Cook pasta according to package directions.
2. Meanwhile, cook beef and onion in a large skillet over medium heat until meat is no longer pink, breaking it into crumbles; drain. Add the vegetables, water, tomato sauce, tomato paste, sloppy joe mix, parsley and oregano. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 7-9 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Drain pasta; stir into beef mixture.
3. Spoon half the mixture into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Top with cottage cheese, 3/4 cup Colby-Monterey Jack cheese and the remaining pasta mixture.
4. Cover and bake at 350° for 25 minutes. Uncover; sprinkle with remaining 3/4 cup Colby-Monterey Jack cheese. Bake until bubbly and cheese is melted, 5-10 minutes longer.

**MASHED CAULIFLOWER AU GRATIN****12 Servings****Ingredients**

- 2 large heads cauliflower, broken into florets
- 1-1/2 cups shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup shredded Colby-Monterey Jack cheese
- 6 tablespoons butter, cubed
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon Montreal steak seasoning

**TOPPING:**

- 1 cup Italian-style panko bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

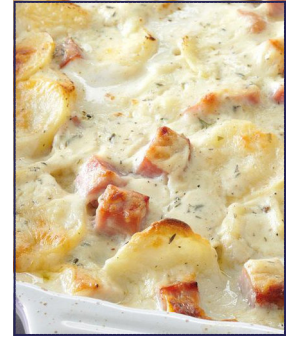
**Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Place cauliflower in a stockpot; add water to cover. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, until very tender, 10-12 minutes. Drain; transfer to a large bowl. Mash cauliflower; stir in cheeses, cubed butter and seasonings. Transfer to a greased 3-qt. or 13x9-in. baking dish.
2. In a small bowl, mix bread crumbs with melted butter until evenly coated; sprinkle over cauliflower mixture. Bake, uncovered, until heated through and topping is golden brown, 40-50 minutes.

**WHITE CHEDDAR SCALLOPED POTATOES****10 Servings****Ingredients**

1/4 cup butter

- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3 cups 2% milk
- 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1 cup sour cream
- 8 cups thinly sliced peeled potatoes
- 3-1/2 cups cubed fully cooked ham
- 2 cups shredded sharp white cheddar cheese

**Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 375°. In a large saucepan, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook and stir until tender. Stir in flour and seasonings until blended; gradually whisk in milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in soup. Remove from heat; stir in sour cream.
2. In a greased 13x9-in. baking dish, layer half of each of the following: potatoes, ham, cheese and sauce. Repeat layers.
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I like to share a thought to consider about being free. Many are physically free, but their spirit and soul are bond by what God calls sin. The remedy for this inherent dilemma is the shedding of blood.

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*John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.* Jesus is the genuine Son of God. He is the only one who can free us from the price of sin. Freedom here is deliverance from the penalty of sin.

Freedom comes by faith in Christ (Gal 3:26). Those who Jesus liberates are truly free. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus sets us free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

Are you spiritually free? If not, won't you place your trust in the Savior today? When you acknowledge Jesus as Lord and believe that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:8-10). You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

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owned by the pastor of the town's Baptist Church. The barber's wife, Grace, was working that day, so she performed the task. Grace shaved him and sprayed him with lilac water, and said, "That will be \$20." The man thought the price was a bit high, but he paid the bill and went to work. The next morning the man looked in the mirror, and his face was as smooth as it had been when he left the barber shop the day before. Not bad, he thought. At least I don't need to get a shave every day. The next morning, the man's face was still smooth. Two weeks later, the man

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was still unable to find any trace of whiskers on his face. It was more than he could take, so he returned to the barber shop. "I thought \$20 was high for a shave", he told the barber's wife, "but you must have done a great job. It's been two weeks and my whiskers still haven't started growing back." The expression on her face didn't even change, expecting his comment. She responded, "You were shaved by Grace. Once shaved, always shaved."

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## Pocket Taser

This was written by a guy who purchased his lovely wife a "pocket Taser" for their anniversary.

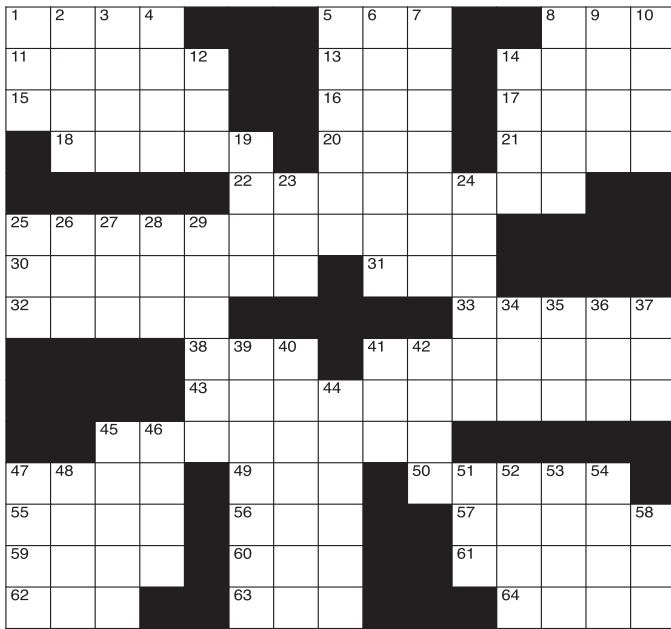
Last weekend I saw something at Larry's Pistol & Pawn Shop that sparked my interest. The occasion was our 22nd anniversary, and I was looking for a little something extra for my wife Toni. What I came across was a 100,000-volt, pocket/purse-sized Taser. The consequences of the Taser were supposed to be short lived, with no long-term adverse effects on her assailant, allowing her adequate time to retreat to safety.... WAY TOO COOL!

Long story short, I bought the device and brought it home. I loaded two triple-A batteries in the darn thing and pushed the button.

Nothing! I was disappointed. I learned, however, that if I pushed the button AND pressed it against a metal surface at the same time, I'd get the blue arch of electricity darting back and forth between the prongs.

Awesome!!!

Unfortunately, I have yet to explain to Toni what that burn spot is on the face of her microwave. **Continued on page 26**



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Scream loudly
- 5. Antidepressant (abbr.)
- 8. The bill in a restaurant
- 11. Oblong pulpits
- 13. Adult female chicken
- 14. Abnormal breathing
- 15. Financial obligations
- 16. Belonging to a thing
- 17. Winged
- 18. Peoples
- 20. College hoops tournament
- 21. An informal body of friends
- 22. Region of the world
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Connected by kinship
- 31. Type of tree
- 32. Official order
- 33. Foundation for an idea
- 38. Small, faint constellation
- 41. Book lovers
- 43. Vegetable
- 45. Cabbage variety
- 47. A way to heal
- 49. Illuminated
- 50. Dish that features a stick
- 55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
- 56. Solid water
- 57. Soldier's gear
- 59. "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann
- 60. Former measure of length
- 61. Arabic name meaning "spring"
- 62. Doctors' group
- 63. Actress Susan
- 64. Appropriate

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Cool!
- 2. Hebrew unit of measure
- 3. Swedish rock group
- 4. College army
- 5. Black eye
- 6. One who stopped working
- 7. Teach a value
- 8. Rhythmic patterns
- 9. "MASH" actor Alda
- 10. "Friday Night Lights" director
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. Indian musical pattern
- 19. Fulfill a desire
- 23. Water soaked soil
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Before
- 26. Popular color
- 27. Peyton's little brother
- 28. Partner to cheese
- 29. Put onto
- 34. "Much \_\_\_ about nothing"
- 35. A way to mend
- 36. Anger
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Mobilized
- 40. Resembles an earlobe
- 41. Cut of meat
- 42. Nigerian people
- 44. Recently
- 45. Square stone building at Mecca
- 46. Adhere to orders
- 47. Adventure story
- 48. Marine bivalve mollusk
- 51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- 52. Actor Pitt
- 53. Tibetan village
- 54. A way to change by heating
- 58. A beam of sunshine

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## Claybank Master Gardeners

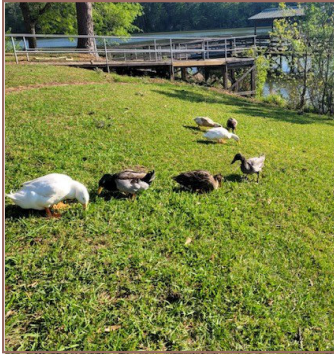
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### Greeting Gardeners,

\*\*Have you ever taken a walk through the woods and wondered about all the different kinds of plants and creatures that were around you and under your feet? Last month Claybank Master Gardeners from ages 2 (future Master Gardeners) to 81 were treated to a fun and fascinating early morning 'walk and talk' by the Dale County Extension and Headland Research Agents at Dale County's Lisenby Lake.

In just a short walking span

**we learned how to recognize** a variety of native trees (and a few invasive plants), weeds, and herbaceous plants, poisonous plants and vines, different types of snakes, moles and voles,



plus a variety of interesting random yet related topics.

Free books, handouts and snacks and drinks were provided by the Extension office.

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**County Extension Office at (334) 774-2329** for information and phone numbers for any county. There is also a **Master Gardener Helpline** you can call for landscape, gardening or soil questions at **(887) 252-4769**.

\*\*According the **SOW app**, May is the time to plant cantaloupe, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, lima beans, okra, peppers, snap beans, southern peas, summer squash, tomatoes, watermelons, and winter squash. the **SOW app** also provides information about varieties, fertilizer, and pollinator concerns.

\*\*Come join the Master Gardeners at the next meeting on May 10th at the Hoppergrass Restaurant from 11:00-12:30. (some arrive at 10:30 to get lunch). We welcome visitors! If you have any questions for the Master Gardeners, or about any of the programs offered, please call 334-774-2329.



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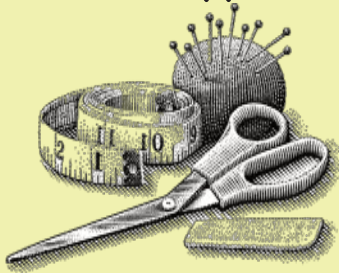


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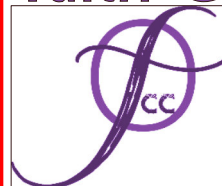
Recently I have been reading through "Lessons from the Upper Room", by Sinclair Ferguson with a friend. It is a book about the days Jesus spent with his disciples in the upper room before his crucifixion. The author spends



Pastor Josh and Kayla Sims

considerable time illustrating what it looked like to attend the last supper and I would like to share those observations with you today. As we read the 13th chapter of John's gospel we are allowed to see inside the upper room. At this point Judas has already agree to betray Jesus but he still shows up to their meeting. John also let's us know that Jesus is aware of Judas' plan. What follows next would be unheard of in today's society and honestly probably was in Jesus' society too. We see Jesus still washes Judas' feet. Think about that for a moment, the betrayed still chose to wash the betrayers feet. Luke 19:9-10 records Jesus conversation with Zacchaeus, "And Jesus said to him, ... Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." So here we are in the Upper Room and Jesus is still seeking, he is still pursuing one who has been with him for roughly three years. An individual that has spent quality time with the Savior. In the moment Jesus could have dismissed Judas from the group but instead He chose to serve him. Friends life is complicated but the Gospel is simple, Jesus is simple. I want to encourage you the next time you face a situation where you are justified in lashing out, walking out, or even dismissing someone to stop and say this is how I feel BUT Jesus would do ... Let's go and be the best example of Jesus Christ to this world that we can be.

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you woke

up

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Find 10 differences between the 2 pictures!



## Perception of others

**The perception of wisdom is not measured in the words spoken, but in the restraint of the words that shouldn't be.**

Okay, so I was home alone with this new toy, thinking to myself that it couldn't be all that bad with only two triple-A batteries, right?!!!

There I sat in my recliner, my cat Gracie looking on intently (trusting little soul) while I was reading the directions and thinking that I really needed to try this thing out on a flesh & blood moving target. I must admit I thought about zapping Gracie (for a fraction of a second) and thought better of it. She is such a sweet cat. But, if I was going to give this thing to my wife to protect herself against a mugger, I did want some assurance that it would work as advertised. Am I wrong?

So, there I sat in a pair of shorts and a tank top with my reading glasses perched delicately on the bridge of my nose, directions in one hand, Taser in another.

The directions said that a one-second burst would shock and disorient your assailant; a two-second burst was supposed to cause muscle spasms and a major loss of bodily control; a three-second burst would purportedly make your assailant flop on the like a fish out of water.

Any burst longer than three seconds would be wasting the batteries.

All the while I'm looking at this little device measuring about 5 inches long, less than 3/4 inch in circumference pretty cute, really -- and loaded with two itsy, bitsy triple-A batteries, thinking to myself, "No possible way!"

What happened next is almost beyond description, but I'll do my best....

I'm sitting there alone, Gracie looking on with her head cocked to one side as if to say, "Don't do it, master," reasoning that a one-second burst from such a tiny little ole thing couldn't hurt all that bad.... I decided to give myself a one-second burst just for the heck of it. I touched the prongs to **continued page 27**

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my naked thigh, pushed the button, and HOLY WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION!!!

I'm pretty sure Jessie Ventura ran in through the side door, picked me up in the recliner, and then body slammed us both on the carpet, over and over and over again. I vaguely recall waking up on my side in the fetal position, with tears in my eyes, body soaking wet, both nipples on fire, my left arm tucked under my body in the oddest position, and tingling in my legs. The cat was standing over me making meowing sounds I had never heard before, licking my face, undoubtedly thinking to herself, "Do it again, do it again!"

Note: If you ever feel compelled to "mug" yourself with a Taser, one note of caution: there is no such thing as a one-second burst when you zap yourself. You will not let go of that thing until it is dislodged from your hand by a violent thrashing about on the floor. A three-second burst would be considered conservative. A minute or so later (I can't be sure, as time was a relative thing at that point), I collected my wits (what little I had left), sat up, and surveyed the landscape. My bent reading glasses were on the mantel of the fireplace. How did they get up there???

My triceps, right thigh, and both feet were still twitching. My face felt as if it had been shot up with Novocain and my bottom lip weighed 88 lbs.

Still in shock, Tommy

### *Walking Through Chinatown*

Walking through Chinatown, a tourist is fascinated with all the Chinese restaurants, shops, signs and banners. He

turns a corner and sees a building with the sign, Hans Olaffsen's Laundry. Hans Olaffsen?, he muses. How in the world that name fits in here? So he decides to walk into the shop and sees an old Chinese gentleman behind the counter.

The tourist asks, How did this place get a name like Hans Olaffsen's Laundry? The old man answers, Is name of owner. The tourist asks, Well, who and where is the owner?

Me...is right here, replies the old man. You? How did you ever get a name like Hans Olaffsen?


Is simple, says the old man. Many, many year ago when come to this country, was stand in line at Documentation Center. Man in front was big blonde Swede. Lady look at him and go, What your name? He say, Hans Olaffsen. Then she look at me and go, What your name?

I say... Sem Ting.

### *Officer Overboard*

On a U.S. cruiser the officer of the deck asked the starboard lookout, "What would you do if a sailor was washed overboard?" "I'd yell 'Man overboard,'" answered the lookout snappily.

"Good," said the officer. "Now what would you do if an officer fell overboard?" The lookout asked, "Which one, sir?"



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"A woman who puts detergent on the top shelf jumps for Joy."

**"They told me I was gullible...and I believed them!"**

America is like a healthy body and its resistance is threefold: Its patriotism, its morality and its spiritual life.

If we can undermine these three areas, America will collapse from within...  
**Joseph Stalin**

*Auto Insurance*

Meeting with my auto-insurance agent, I confessed that I'd been comparing rates on the Internet and had gotten a quote that was 30% less than his.

"Tell me, sir," he responded, "when you have an emergency, whom do you want to deal with, a man or a mouse?"

*Looking Back at Romance*

"I never would have married you if I knew how stupid you were!" shouted the woman to her husband!  
The husband replied, "You should've known how stupid I was the minute I asked you to marry me!"

**I don't forgive people because I'm weak, I forgive them because I'm strong enough to know people make mistakes.**

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I just flew back from a ravioli convention. Boyaredees arms tired.

### Out Of This World Intelligence

Out in space two alien forms are speaking with each other.

The first spaceman says, "The dominant life forms on the earth planet have developed satellite-based weapons."

The second alien, who looks exactly like the first, asks, "Are they an emerging intelligence?"

The first spaceman says, "I don't think so...They have them aimed at themselves."

### FRENCH CLASS

A boy was having a lot of difficulty in French class. To encourage him, his teacher said, "You'll know you're really beginning to get it when you start dreaming in French."

The boy ran into class all excited one day, saying, "Teacher, teacher! I had a dream last night and everyone was talking in French!" "Great!" said the teacher; "what were they saying?" "I don't know," the boy replied; "I couldn't understand them."

### Men are like a fine wine.

They all start out like grapes, and it's our job to stomp on them and keep them in the dark until they mature into something with which you'd like to have dinner with.

Women are like fine wine. They all start out fresh, fruity and intoxicating to the mind and then turn full-bodied with age until they go all sour and vinegary and give you a headache.

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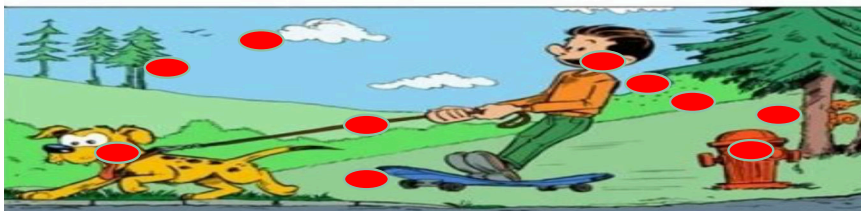


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### Musicians

A musical

director was having a lot of trouble with one drummer. He talked and talked and talked with the drummer, but his performance simply didn't improve.

Finally, before the whole orchestra, he said, "When a musician just can't handle his instrument and doesn't improve when given help, they take away the instrument, and give him two sticks, and make him a drummer."

A stage whisper was heard from the percussion section: "And if he can't handle even that, they take away one of his sticks and make him a conductor."

### NO TURKEY!

It's the day before Thanksgiving, and the butcher is just locking up when a man begins pounding on the front door.

"Please let me in," says the man desperately. "I forgot to buy a turkey, and my wife will kill me if I don't come home with one."

"Okay," says the butcher. "Let me see what I have left." He goes into the freezer and discovers that there's only one scrawny turkey left. He brings it out to show the man.

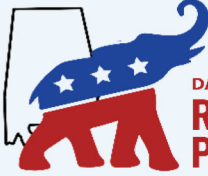
"That's one is too skinny. What else you got?" says the man.

The butcher takes the bird back into the freezer and waits a few minutes and brings the same turkey back out to the man.

"Oh, no," says the man, "That one doesn't look any better. You better give me both of them!"

*Abraham Lincoln once asked an audience how many legs a dog has if you count the tail as a leg. When they answered 'five,' Lincoln told them that the answer was four. The fact that you called the tail a leg did not make it a leg." - ~ Thomas Sowell.*

**This sample ballot is provided by the Dale County Republican Party. Please remember to vote on May 24th. To meet with the candidates join us for our regular meetings the third Monday of each month at Hoppergrass Restaurant. We meet at 6pm.**

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