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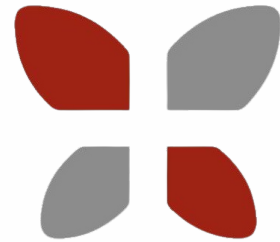
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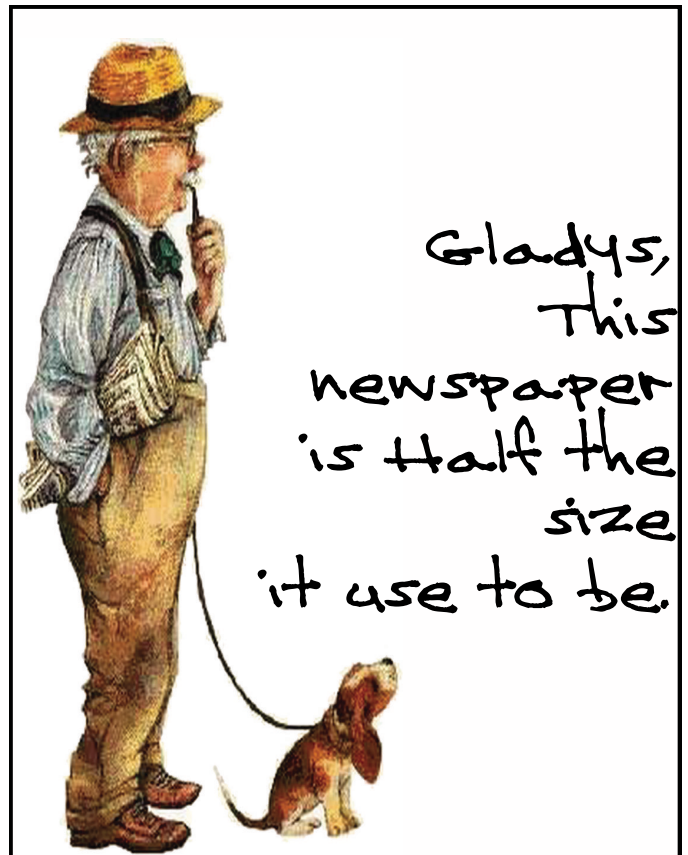


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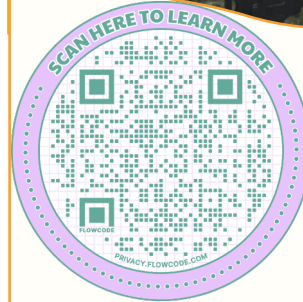
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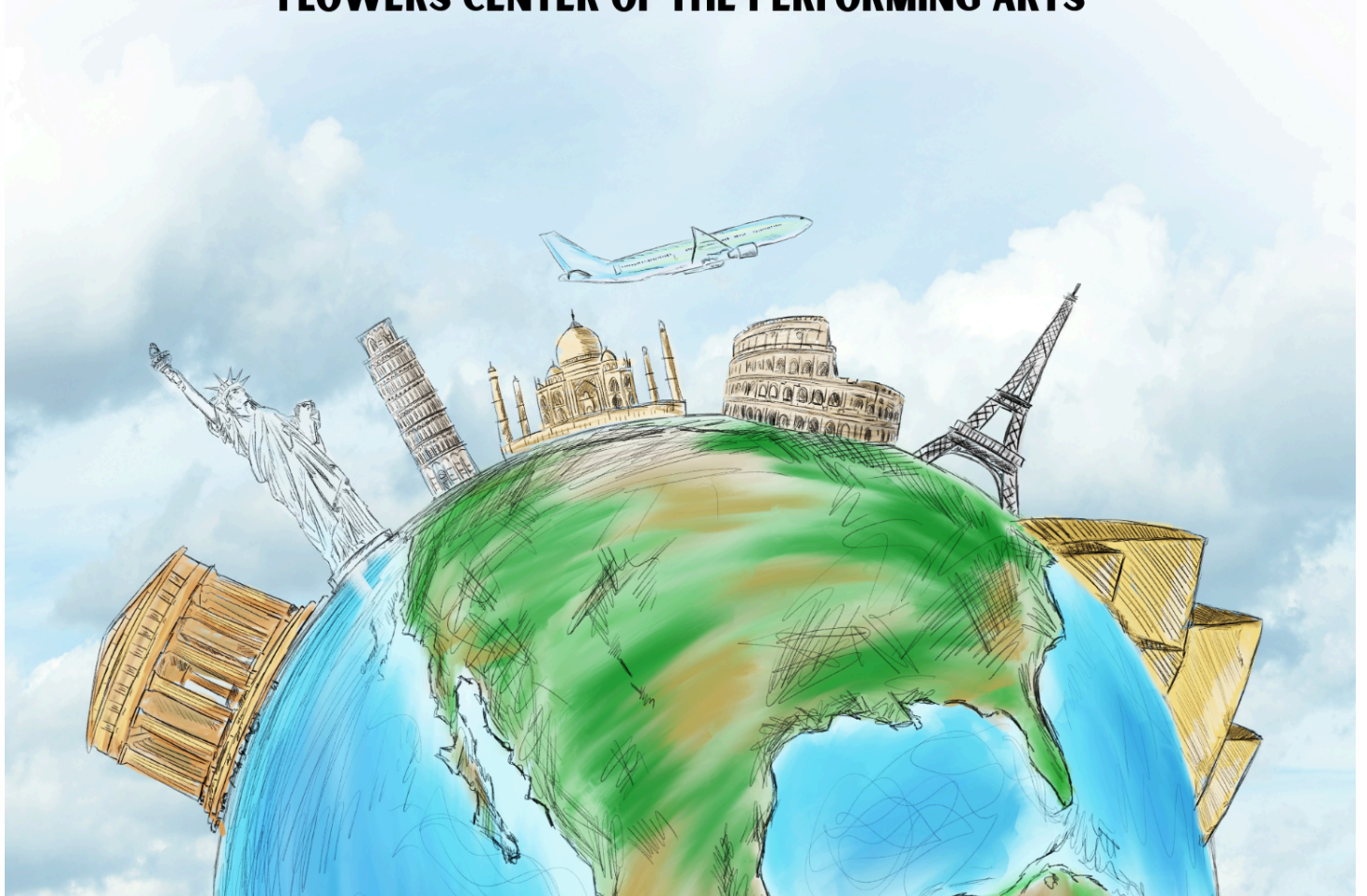
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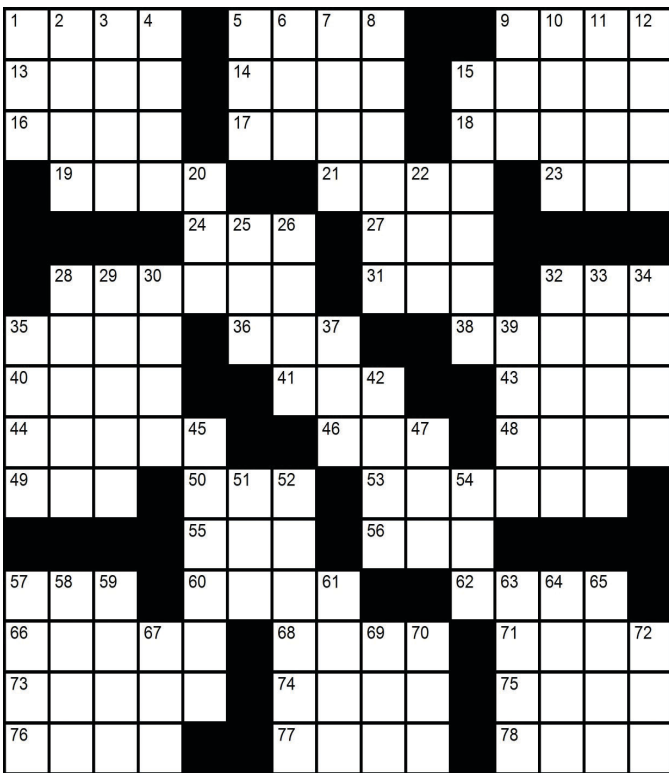
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# AUNT T'S KITCHEN

## BUTTERFINGER PIE

### Ingredients

- 12.5 oz bag Fun Size Butterfinger candy bars, crushed
- 8 oz package cream cheese, room temperature
- 12 oz Cool Whip
- 1 pre-made graham cracker crust



### Instructions

1. Reserve 1/2 cup of crushed Butterfingers.
2. Combine remaining candy bars, cream cheese and Cool Whip in a large bowl.
3. Pour into graham cracker crust.
4. Sprinkle reserved candy bars on top.
5. Chill for 2 hours before serving.

## PINEAPPLE DREAM

### Ingredients

#### Crust:

- 2 1/2 cups graham crumbs (2 sleeves)
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter

#### Layers:

- 2 cups powdered sugar sifted
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter softened
- 4 oz cream cheese softened
- 8 oz Cool Whip fat-free
- 20 oz crushed pineapple drained well



# PIE IN THE SKY

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 300 F.
2. Melt butter in the microwave and allow to cool. Combine the crumbs and butter and toss together until incorporated. Press 2 cups of the crumb mixture firmly into an 9x9 square pan and bake for 8-10 minutes. Place on wire rack to cool.
3. Beat the cream cheese and butter together until creamy. Turn the mixer down to low and add the powdered sugar one cup at a time until incorporated. Turn up and beat well for a minute or so. Add a heaping tablespoon of the drained pineapple and stir in with a rubber spatula. Spread the cream cheese and pineapple mixture over the crust.
4. Fold the remaining pineapple into the Cool Whip and spread on top of the cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle the remaining graham cracker crumb mixture on top. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours, preferably overnight.

**Notes NO BAKE VERSION:** If it's too hot to turn on the oven, you can make the crust without baking it. Simply follow the instructions in the recipe, then instead of baking the crust, place it in the refrigerator. Let the crust chill for about 20 minutes. The butter will solidify and hold the crust together.

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## PRETZEL DESSERT

### Ingredients

- 2 cups crushed pretzels, divided
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling



### Directions

1. In a large bowl, toss 1-1/2 cups pretzels with sugar and melted butter. Press into an ungreased 13x9-in. dish.
2. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Fold in whipped topping.
3. Spread half of the mixture over pretzel layer. Top with pie filling; spread with remaining cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle with remaining pretzels. Refrigerate, covered, overnight before serving.

## HEAVEN IN A PAN

### Ingredients

#### Crust

- 1 cup pecans (chopped)
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter (melted)
- 1 cup all-purpose flour

#### Cream cheese layer

- 8 ounce cream cheese



# PIE IN THE SKY

- 1 cup powdered sugar (also known as icing sugar or confectioner's sugar, use 1/2 cup for less sweetness)
- 1 cup cool whip (or whipped cream)

### Vanilla pudding

- 5.1 ounce instant vanilla pudding
- 2 cups milk

### Chocolate Pudding

- 5.1 ounce instant chocolate pudding
- 2 cups milk

### Toppings

- 2 cups cool whip (or whipped cream)
- shaved chocolate (optional)

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Spray a 9x13 inch baking dish with cooking spray.
3. In a mixer mix all the crust ingredients together and press the mixture into the prepared baking dish.
4. Bake it for about 20 minutes.
5. Prepare the vanilla pudding as per the instructions on the package using 2 cups of milk instead of the 3 cups.
6. Prepare the chocolate pudding as per the instructions on the package using 2 cups of milk instead of the 3 cups.
7. In a mixer add the cream cheese, powdered sugar and the cup of whipped cream. Mix until light and fluffy. Let the crust cool. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the crust evenly. Spread the vanilla pudding over the cream cheese layer, then the chocolate pudding. Spread the whipped cream as the last layer then top with shaved chocolate if preferred.

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Refrigerate for a couple hours until it sets before serving.

## CHERRY PIE BARS

### Ingredients

#### For the bars:

- 1 cup unsalted butter (2 sticks), softened to room temperature
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ teaspoon almond extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 (21 ounce) cans cherry pie filling

#### For the glaze:

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon almond extract
- 2-3 Tablespoons milk

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large bowl, cream 1 cup unsalted butter (2 sticks), softened to room temperature, 2 cups sugar and 1 teaspoon salt until light and fluffy.
2. Add 4 large eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in 1 teaspoon vanilla extract and 1/4 teaspoon almond extract.
3. Gradually add 3 cups all-purpose flour.
4. Spread 3 cups dough into a greased 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Spread 2 (21 ounce) cans cherry pie filling evenly on top.
5. Drop remaining dough by teaspoonfuls over filling.
6. Bake 30-35 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack.
7. In a small bowl, mix 1 cup powdered sugar, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1/2 teaspoon almond extract and about 2-3 Tablespoons milk to reach desired consistency; drizzle over top.



## OREO PIE

### Ingredients

#### Oreo Cookie pie crust

- 24 Oreos (2 cups, 268g Oreo crumbs)
- 4 tablespoons (56g) butter melted (salted is fine)



# PIE IN THE SKY

- COOL WHIP FILLING
- 12 Oreos (1 cup, 134g Oreo crumbs)
- 2 (8 ounce) containers Cool Whip or 1 large (16 ounce) container

### Topping

- 3 Oreos crushed

### Instructions

1. To make the crust, add 24 Oreos (filling and all) to a food processor or blender and grind into fine crumbs.
2. Transfer the Oreo crumbs to a medium mixing bowl and stir with the melted butter. Pour the mixture into a 9" pie dish and press into an even layer on the bottom and up the sides. I like to do this using the bottom of a drinking glass or measuring cup to get the crumbs tightly packed into the bottom of the dish. Place the crust in the refrigerator while you're making the filling.
3. To make the filling, add 12 Oreos (filling and all) to a food processor or blender and grind into fine crumbs. Transfer the Oreo crumbs to a medium mixing bowl and stir with 1 (8 ounce) container Cool Whip or half of a large (16 ounce) container.
4. Spoon the filling into the Oreo pie crust and smooth the top with a spatula. Top the Oreo filling with the other 8 ounce container of Cool Whip or the other half of the 16 ounce container and smooth it out over the top of the pie.
5. Garnish with about 3 crushed Oreos or get fancy and add some cookies to the top too! Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight. Slice and enjoy!

**Notes Crust.** You can use a store-bought Oreo pie crust instead of making your own. I personally like homemade best!

**Covering the pie.** Before covering the Oreo pie to refrigerate, I like to just barely push a few toothpicks into the top of the pie, so that the cling wrap doesn't stick to the topping.

**Storing leftovers.** Pie will keep well, covered in the refrigerator, for up to about 5 days.

**Make ahead.** This pie can be made up to 2 days in advance. If making in advance, cover and refrigerate before adding the extra Oreo topping. You can also make just the crust 2 days ahead of time. Cover and refrigerate it for up to 2 days before adding the filling.

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## The Power of Patience

By Wallace Kennedy, Jr

We live in a society today that lacks patience, and an incredibly low tolerance level for waiting on anything. Just look at our lifestyle. Our pantries, refrigerators, cabinets, medicine cabinets, etc..... are filled with: instant cereals, instant soups, microwave dinners, instant pain relief, instant acid indigestion relief, and quick fixes for many things in our lives. We Americans are the only people in the world who stand before microwaves repeating, "Hurry up!

Attributes Concerning Patience

- We should persevere and be patient when waiting on the Lord to give us clarity in our lives.
- Praying for a long time for God to change our circumstances.
- Growing weary and longing for the second coming of the Lord.
- Patience comes from wisdom.
- Love is patient.
- We should be patient and gentle with one another.
- God is patient with us.
- Jesus exercised patience on earth.
- Patience will be rewarded.
- Patience is a fruit of the Spirit.

There is a growing inability to be patient with God and people.



The meaning of patience refers to someone's capacity to wait for someone else or something while accepting delays or problems without becoming anxious. Patience is the capacity to tolerate challenges or delays without getting upset. Patience enables our faith, the ability to hold on

to our faith when all seems loss. It allows our faith to endure. In other words, we will not give up our faith in the face of whatever comes our way, no matter how long it takes.

Encouraging Scriptures to remember:

*Isaiah 40:30-31 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

*Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

*Ephesians 4:2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:14 Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.*

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Two men were outside a nightclub when a man fell from the roof right in front of them. "Who is that?" one man asked the other. The other replied, "All I know is that he isn't a bouncer."

A smile is no more a sign of happiness than a clock's face is the sign of a correct time.

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You do know that a hole is nothing at all.

Yeah, but if you fall in it you could break your neck.



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Reading gives us some place to go when we have to stay where we are.

## WACKIE WORDS ANSWERS

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- A-2. TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE
- A-3. SCATTER BRAIN
- A-4. LOWER THE BOOM
- B-1. ANTE UP
- B-2. I'M OVERCOME WITH JOY
- B-3. LOW-CAL SODA
- B-4. TOP GUN
- C-1. ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER
- C-2. UP IN SMOKE
- C-3. ARE YOU OVERWORKED AND UNDERAPPRECIATED?
- C-4. SEVEN DAY FORECAST
- D-1. BACKUP QUARTERBACK
- D-2. EYE OF THE HURRICANE
- D-3. MIXED NUTS
- D-4. SHORTNESS OF BREATHE

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# “Wise Words”

By: Hayes Wise

## Sometimes Losing Is Really Winning

I was watching a movie where some bad guys were following the good guys. They made a bunch of sudden turns and lost the tail and got away. Has anyone ever said to you, “Hey, lose the attitude?” I guarantee some of you parents have said that. Losing the bad guys and bad attitude was a win. Most times losing an argument can be the best way to win in the end. When you get a cancer-free result on your first post-cancer PET scan, that’s certainly a win. Sometimes, losing means winning.

Jesus passed on the principle of losing is winning as He prepared for His death. He compared His death to a grain of wheat falling into the soil and perishing. Only after a seed dies in the ground can new life sprout from it. Using His own life as an example, Jesus

told them, “The one who loves his life will lose it, and the one who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life” (John 12:25). We cannot serve both God and mammon (Mat 6:24). Solomon said when we spend our lives grasping for the things of this world, we will ultimately lose it all. (Eccl 2:11). Sometimes we have to lose to win.

If we follow Jesus Christ, we will not love our earthly lives or place greater value on the material things of this world. We will earnestly pursue the eternal things. “Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. (Col 3:1-2). There’s even a warning about this. Jesus asks what you would profit by gaining the whole world at the expense of your soul. (Mark 8:36). Losing in this world means winning for eternity in the next.

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## To the Idiot's House

Me: "Why did the chicken cross the road?"

8 yr old nephew: "To get to the idiot's house."

Me: "Oh... uh... yeah, good one, haha."

8 yr old nephew: "Wanna hear another one?  
Knock knock..."

Me: "Who's there?"

8 yr old nephew: "The chicken."

**"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."**

### Winston Churchill on Democracy

- 1) The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with an average voter.
- 2 Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others.

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**Price is what you pay, Value is what you receive.**

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## Umpires

A minor-league umpire, is used to being heckled by fans. But imagine his surprise when he was rushing to umpire an exhibition game at Coors Field in Denver. After a long search for a place to change clothes, Don finally located a room with a neatly lettered sign: "Dressing Room, Umpires Only."As he was about to go in, however, he noticed something else below the sign: the same message ... written in Braille.

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"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." - Anne Frank

**The greatest hindrance to knowledge of the truth is mistakenly thinking that you already know it.**

### CLAYBANK MASTER GARDENERS

*Greetings Gardeners,*

The April *Claybank Master Gardener* sale at the Ozark Farmer's Market Pavilion was a huge success, thanks to all who worked hard to grow, up pot plants, and priced the plants at reasonable prices. Many donated home-grown



veggies, herbs, and flowers, including the Wiregrass Master Gardeners who donated out of their abundance of plants. You may have noticed that commercial growers are pricing plants much higher than in previous years, but many found our local sale was full of great bargains for healthy, well-grown plants. And thanks to all of you who came to buy our plants!

I love to grow herbs, as I wrote about last month. Here's a new tip I just learned, that deer DO NOT like **rosemary plants**. So plant rosemary near the plants the deer seem to favor, and see if they'll leave them

alone. Rosemary grows well in desert areas, they do not like "wet feet" but they also do not like to get too dry, either. Our yard is in a clay soil area, so I put a shovelful of sand deep in the bottom of the hole before planting rosemary. Rosemary enhances anything I cook with it. I lay a whole stem with the leaves attached on top of anything I roast and the flavor is so nice!

There will be a **Lunch and Learn Workshop on rain barrels** by Janet Shinaberry, Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> at the **Ozark Dale County library next to the Piggly Wiggly on North Union Ave. at 12 noon.** (Bring your lunch, water will be provided).

The *Claybank Master Gardeners* meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11 AM at Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark, 129 East Ave., across from the new ice cream shop. Our May meeting will be on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Come join us, we love new faces. You can buy lunch if you wish, and just visit to see what Master Gardeners are all about.



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The teacher says, "No that's fascinated."  
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3. **Ir**regardless — **Regardless**
4. I **could** care less — I **couldn't** care less
5. **Expresso** — **Espresso**
6. **Pacifically** — **Specifically**
7. **Ex** Cetera — **Et** Cetera
8. I **seen** it — I **saw** it
9. Of **up**most importance — of **Ut**most importance
10. I need to **lay** down — I need to **lie** down

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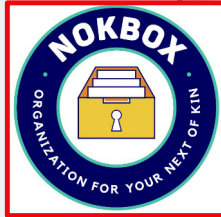
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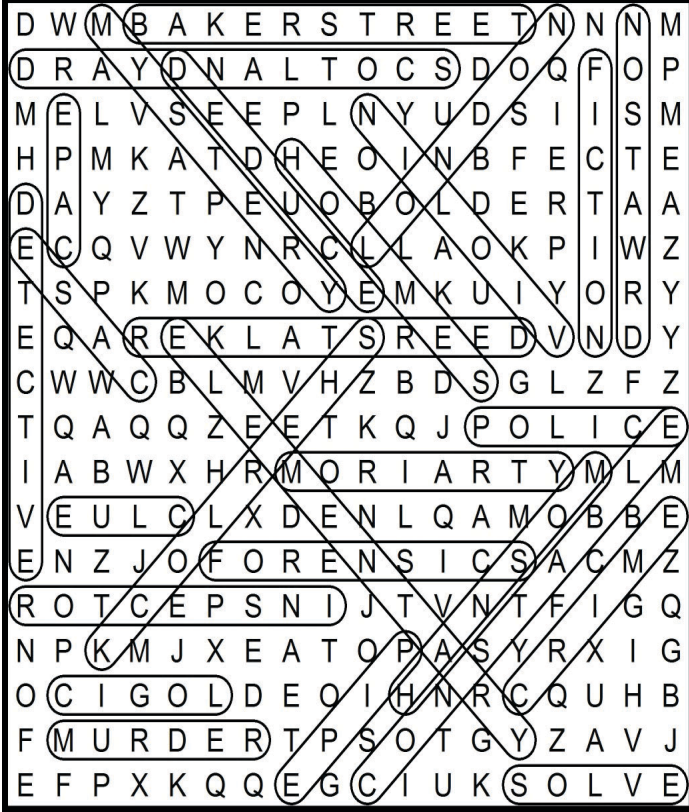




*I have only been fired once in my life and that was when my boss asked me who is the stupid one, me or him? I told him everyone knows he doesn't hire stupid people.*



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