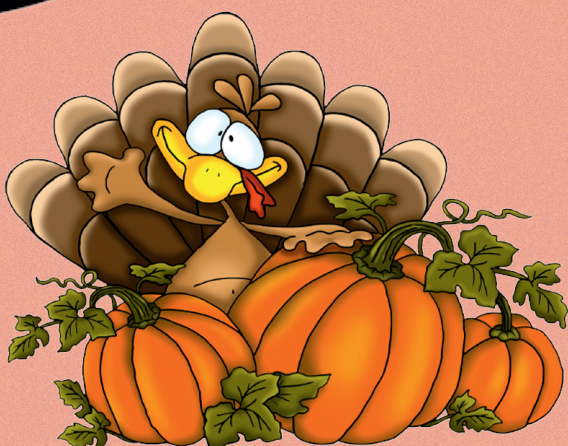


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Male mosquito: I will drive you around Paris in a Mercedes.

Female mosquito: Hmmmmmm... ok, go to sleep...

Male mosquito: You don't trust me? I will get you a 100 gms Gold chain....

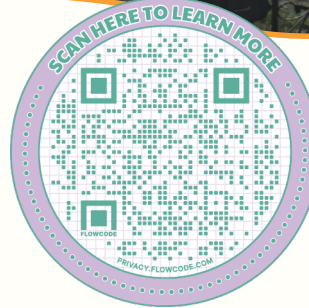
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"I may not always be right, but when I am, I admit it." Ken Murray

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8. Dogs like to go hunting and fishing.

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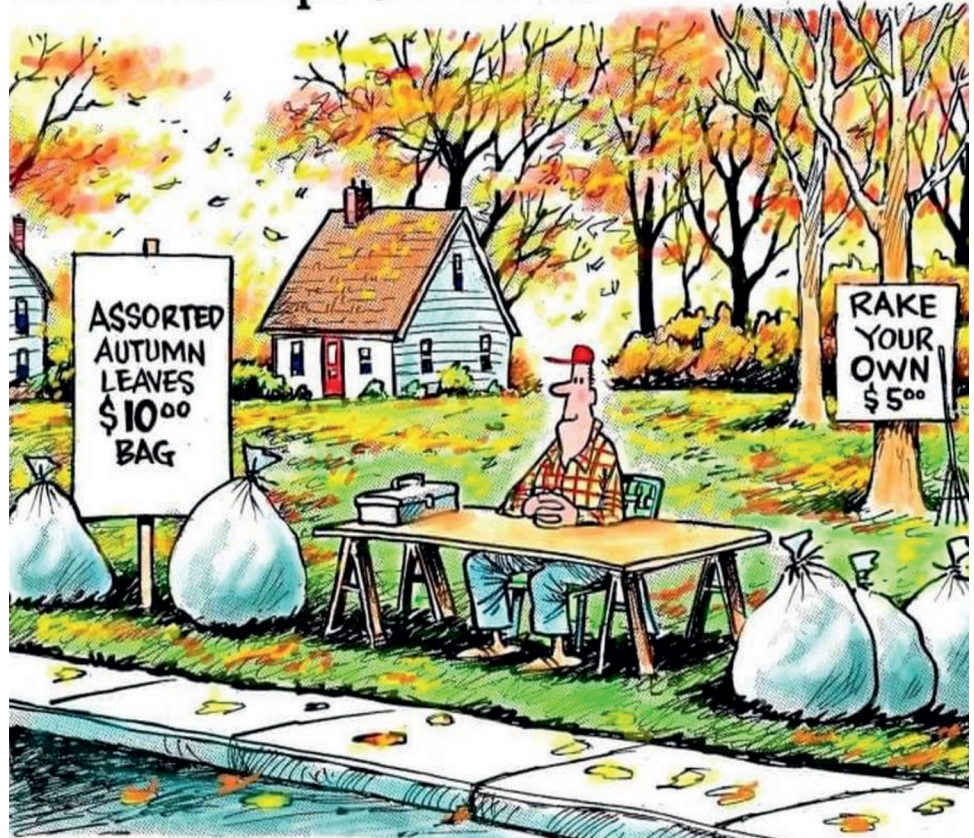
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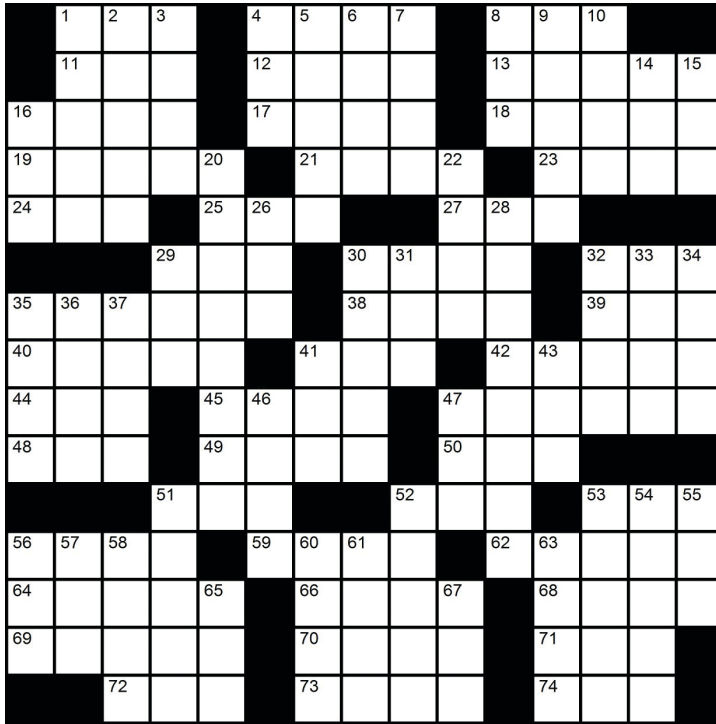
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escape it, and that is through  
salvation in the name of Jesus  
Christ.



**Across**

- 1 Took a chair
- 4 Prayer word
- 8 Fall month (Abbr.)
- 11 Pastry dessert
- 12 Soft drink
- 13 Army unit
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- 17 Embraces
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- 19 Tabloid twosomes
- 21 Harvest
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- 53 "C' \_\_\_\_ la vie!"
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- 71 Get \_\_\_\_ of
- 72 Barbie's beau
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- 1 Malice
- 2 Assisted
- 3 Swarm
- 4 Fire residue
- 5 Grieve
- 6 Advantage
- 7 Space suit insignia
- 8 Baseball's Mel
- 9 Mountain peak
- 10 Ripped
- 14 Refinable rock
- 15 Writing tablet
- 16 Lady's man
- 20 Young actresses
- 22 Stop up, like a sink
- 26 One or more
- 28 Extra large
- 29 Luau food
- 30 Fling
- 31 Plaything
- 32 Musical chord
- 33 Terminated
- 34 Bears' hands
- 35 Disarray
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- 54 Type of remark
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# AUNT T'S KITCHEN

## BAKED CORN PUDDING

Serves 8-10

### Ingredients

- Unsalted butter, for greasing the baking dish
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons cornmeal
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 6 large eggs
- 2 cups half-and-half
- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 5 cups corn kernels, thawed if frozen (about 20 ounces)
- 2 medium scallions (green parts only), thinly sliced



### Instructions

1. Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat to 350°F. Lightly coat a 9x13-inch baking dish with butter.
2. Whisk the flour, cornmeal, baking powder, salt, garlic powder, and cayenne pepper together in a small bowl.
3. Beat the eggs in a large bowl, then whisk in the half-and-half, butter, and cheese. Add the flour mixture and stir until completely combined and smooth. Add the corn and fold to combine. Transfer the batter to the prepared baking dish and smooth into an even layer.
4. Bake until lightly browned around the edges, the pudding is set, and a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes before topping with the scallions, slicing, and serving warm.

# THANKSGIVING SIDES

## HONEY BUTTER BUTTERNUT SQUASH

Serves 4

### Ingredients

- 1 large butternut squash (about 3 pounds)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)



### Instructions

1. Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 400 °F. Meanwhile, place 1 large butternut squash on its side. Trim off both ends with a large, sturdy knife. Stand the squash upright and cut in half lengthwise. Scrape out the seeds and any stringy bits with a spoon. Peel the skin off with a vegetable peeler. Arrange the squash halves cut side-down. Cut crosswise into 1/2-inch thick slices.
2. Place the squash on a rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with 2 tablespoons olive oil, and season with 1 teaspoon kosher salt and 1/2 teaspoon black pepper. Use your hands to toss until well coated. Arrange the squash in a single layer.
3. Roast the squash for 20 minutes. Flip the squash halves. Continue roasting until the squash is golden brown and fork-tender, 10 to 20 minutes more.
4. Transfer the squash to a large bowl. Place 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, 2 tablespoons honey, and 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes if desired in a small saucepan over medium heat. Whisk until the butter is just melted and the mixture is smooth, about 1 minute.
5. Pour the honey butter mixture over the squash and gently toss until well coated on both sides.



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# AUNT T'S KITCHEN

## THANKSGIVING SIDES

### BRUSSELS SPROUT CASSEROLE

Serves 4 to 6

#### Ingredients

- 4 slices bacon (about 4 ounces)
- 2 pounds Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved lengthwise
- 2 medium shallots, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 1/2 cups grated Gruyère cheese, divided



#### Instructions

1. Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat to 400°F.
2. Place the bacon in a large, oven-proof skillet over medium-low heat. Cook until the fat has rendered out and the bacon is crispy, flipping halfway through, about 10 minutes total. Transfer the bacon to a paper towel-lined plate.
3. Increase the heat to medium. Add the Brussels sprouts, shallot, garlic, salt, and cayenne pepper to the skillet and stir to coat with the bacon fat. Cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned around the edges, about 5 minutes.
4. Add the cream and mustard, use your hands to crumble in the bacon in small pieces, and stir to combine. Sprinkle with the cheese.
5. Bake until the casserole is bubbly, the Brussels sprouts are tender, and the cheese is melted, about 15 minutes. Turn the oven to broil, and broil until the top is lightly browned, 2 to 3 minutes.

### BROCCOLI AND CHEESE SPAGHETTI SQUASH

Serves 4 to 6

#### Ingredients

- 1 (2 1/2 to 3-pound) cooked, halved spaghetti squash
- 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese
- 2 cups cottage cheese
- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 cups (1-inch) broccoli florets
- 2 tablespoons water



#### Instructions

1. Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 350°F. Meanwhile, scrape the strands from a cooked spaghetti squash out with a fork. Reserve 1/2 cup of cheese for sprinkling, then place the remaining cheddar cheese in a large bowl. Add cottage cheese, 3 eggs, salt, and black pepper, and stir to combine.
2. Place broccoli florets and 2 tablespoons water in a large ovenproof skillet. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the

broccoli is crisp-tender and the water evaporates, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat. Add the spaghetti squash and cheese mixture and stir until combined. Smooth the top into an even layer, then sprinkle with the reserved cheddar cheese.

3. Bake until set and a thin knife inserted into the center comes out clean, about 1 hour.

### CANDIED CARROTS

Serves 6

#### Ingredients

- 2 pounds carrots
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 2 fresh or dried bay leaves
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1/3 cup packed light or dark brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon



#### Instructions

1. Peel 2 pounds carrots and cut on a diagonal into 1/2-inch thick pieces. Place in a large high-sided skillet. Add 3/4 cup water, 2 tablespoons of the unsalted butter, 2 bay leaves, and 1/4 teaspoon of the kosher salt. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally until the butter melts, about 3 minutes.
2. Cover, reduce the heat to medium, and cook, shaking the skillet occasionally, until the carrots start to soften at the edges, 5 to 8 minutes.
3. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the carrots to a plate. Add remaining the remaining 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, 1/3 cup packed brown sugar, 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger, 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon, and remaining 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt to the pan. Stir to combine, increase the heat to high, and bring to a boil. Cook until thick and syrupy, 2 to 3 minutes.
4. Return the carrots to the skillet and toss to coat. Reduce the heat to medium-high. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the carrots are tender, 5 to 8 minutes. Remove and discard the bay leaves.

*As we come together this Thanksgiving, over 200 years after the first Americans celebrated Thanksgiving, let's not only give thanks for the present moment but also recognize the past and anticipate the future. By focusing on all that God has done, is doing, and will continue to do, we make the day more meaningful for ourselves and our loved ones.*

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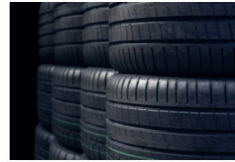
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Life is 2 sided, choose the  
better side of it.

You might be a redneck if you think being an entrepreneur is putting up a sign that says  
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## Meekness Is Not Weakness, But Strength

By Wallace Kennedy, Jr

**Galatians 5:22-23** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 MEEKNESS, temperance: against such there is no law.*

Many people see **MEEKNESS** as being someone's doormat, weak, allowing people to use or take advantage of them. However, it is completely the opposite, but rather it is a call to understand where our strength comes from.

I often describe **MEEKNESS** as: "Power Under Control".

**MEEKNESS** is essentially an attitude or quality of heart whereby a person is willing to accept and submit without resistance to the will and desire of someone else. In the case of Christians, this is God.

One of the "Beatitudes" **Matthew 5:5** "**Blessed are the Meek, for they shall inherit the earth**" The Sermon On The Mount, preached by Jesus is very powerful and profound. The "Beatitude" can be defined as "Our Attitude" on display. Certainly Jesus was not weak, nor anyone's doormat. Jesus could have called ten thousand angels and not allowed Himself to be crucified.



A meek person is not easily provoked, pretentious, or overbearing and readily acknowledges the accomplishments of others.

**MEEKNESS** is an attribute of the Savior that's desperately needed

today. Some of the characteristics of **MEEKNESS**: Self-control, Humble and teachable, Bold and confident, Quick to forgive, Is not self-seeking. Very apologetic, And is willing to serve others.

The meek are said to be blessed with divine care and rich rewards. In the Bible, it says that the meek will inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5)

**MEEKNESS** is approachable, Jesus said: **Matthew 11:28-29** **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.**

Meekness is the means by which God trains the sinful soul by taming the temper, subduing the assertive self, calming the passions, managing the impulses of the heart, and bringing order out of chaos in the soul.

*Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, God bless you and keep you in His care.*



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Saint Peter looks out, and a man is standing there.

Saint Peter is about to begin his interview when the man disappears.

A moment later there's another knock.

Saint Peter gets the door, sees the man, opens his mouth to speak, but the man

disappears once again.

"Hey, are you playing games with me?" Saint Peter calls after him, rather annoyed.

"No" the man's distant voice replies anxiously. "They are trying to resuscitate me."

They asked me why I don't have tattoos. So I told them,  
 "Do you see a Ferrari with bumper stickers?"

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"Then why didn't you start early?"

"Please, ma'am, it was too late to start early."

## NEWSPAPER ERROR

A preacher phoned the city's newspaper. "Thank you very much," said he, "for the error you made when you announced my sermon topic for last Sunday. The topic I sent you was 'What Jesus Saw in A Publican.' You printed it as 'What Jesus Saw in a Republican' I had the biggest crowd of the year!"

The object of bamboozables is to discern a familiar word, phrase, saying, or name from each of arrangement of letters and or symbols

## BAMBOOZABLES

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A friend of mine and her husband were on vacation. They visited a church on Sunday morning. They like to sit close to the front so they entered a pew in the second row.

Shortly after settling into the pew, an usher came up to them, tapped lightly on bench, and said, "Excuse me, this pew is saved."

Without missing a beat, the husband replied, "So are we."

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Some people have no respect for age unless it's bottled.

**A** Baptist preacher went to visit a member of the community and invited him to come to church Sunday morning. It seems that this man was producer of fine peach brandy.

He told the preacher that he would attend his church IF the pastor would drink some of his brandy and admit doing so in front of his congregation. The preacher agreed and drank up. Sunday morning, the man visited the church. The preacher recognized the man from the pulpit and said, "I see Mr. Johnson is here with us this morning. I want to thank him publicly for his hospitality this week and especially for the peaches he gave me and the spirit in which they were given."



**AFTER A SHOOTING SPREE, THEY ALWAYS WANT TO TAKE THE GUNS AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T" DO IT**

**T**wo Kentucky men tried to pull the front off a cash machine by running a chain from the machine to the bumper of their pickup truck. Instead of pulling the front panel off the machine, though, they pulled the bumper off the truck.

They panicked and fled, leaving the chain still attached to the machine, their bumper still attached to the chain, and their license plate still attached to the bumper complete with an Biden-Harris bumper sticker.

## "Wise Words"

By: Hayes Wise

### In Whom Is Your Hope?

In the 1960's it was JFK's fault that the Berlin Wall was built, the Russians put missile bases in Cuba, and Gary Powers U2 spy plane was shot down. Today he would be considered a Republican. Remember the mantra of G.W. Bush's days, "It's Bush's fault"? Then came Clinton's, "It's the economy, stupid", when Bush was drummed out. Then came the unabashed hatred for Trump, "Trump did it". Now they are ready to tar and feather Harris. Putting our hope in government will end in disappointment. Remember they are all human and capable, no, they will fail at times. Just like us. While we may not approve of them, God commands that we pray for those in leadership over us. "That we that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way". (1 Tim 2:1-4). We

could help if we listened to God in the first place. "When the righteous are in authority and become great, the people rejoice; But when the wicked man rules, the people groan and sigh." (Pro 29:2). Elect the most righteous candidates, and we stand a better chance to rejoice.

In the end God is sovereign over everything, even our government. It doesn't matter who is in leadership and whether they are submitting to Him or not. It doesn't matter whether our nation's leaders are believers or non-believers, God still works His purposes through our leaders. While I can speak up about injustice and vote according to my values and conscience, ultimately, my hope is in God, who hears and brings justice, not the people in leadership. The day you and I begin putting our hope in government or elected officials for our quality of life, our comfort, and our security, is the day we've forgotten where our hope resides. "I depend on God alone; I put my hope in him.... (Psa 62:5-8).

I bet someone's mom used me as a bad example when I was young

**You better watch those people that bounce back from everything that was meant to destroy them.**

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Romeo & Juliet who died  
together,  
but Grandpa & Grandma who  
grew old together.

## DOG HOTEL

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a midwest town he planned to visit on his vacation. He wrote, "I would very much like to bring my dog with me." He is well groomed and very well behaved.

"Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who said, "I've been operating this hotel for many years."

"In all that time I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls."

"I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly."

"I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill." "Yes indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too."

So apparently RSVP'ing back to a  
wedding invite,

"Maybe next time." Isn't the correct  
response..

## SLICE!

Joe, a notoriously bad golfer, hits his ball off the first tee and watches as it slices to the right and disappears through an open window.

Figuring that's the end of it, he gets another ball out of his bag and plays on. On the eighth hole, a police officer walks up to Joe on the course and says, "Did you hit a golf ball through a window back there?"

Joe says, "Yes I did."

"Well," says the police officer, "it knocked a lamp over, scaring the dog, which raced out of the house onto the highway. A driver rammed into a brick wall to avoid the dog, sending three people to hospital. And it's all because you sliced the ball."

"Oh my goodness," says Joe, "is there anything I can do?"

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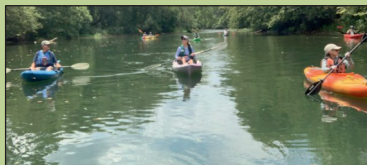
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**God is good in all ways, always.**

## CLAYBANK MASTER GARDENERS NOVEMBER 2024

Greetings, Gardeners,

As a transplanted citizen of Alabama I have a greater love and appreciation for the greeting “Sweet Home Alabama” as we cross our state line from every direction. A recent presentation to the Claybank Master Gardeners by Michael Mullen of Alabama Scenic River Trail gave us a truly insightful picture of the rich beauty we enjoy here, as “Alabama the grand garden of Creation” so named by Dr. Doug Phillips, the creator and host of Alabama’s Public TV series “Discovering Alabama”. We learned that we have more geological diversity than any other state except for California. We enjoy more than 70 different forest communities thanks to the soil diversity, and over 10,000 miles of rivers and streams, producing the greatest aquatic diversity in the world. While other states have gobbled up their lands with “infrastructure” we still enjoy much of the Creator’s original natural beauty. But Mr. Mullen also warned us to be aware of the pollution that our waterways and resources are subject to and to guard our local water systems fiercely, because it can so easily be carelessly lost. Check out Mr. Mullen’s site “Alabama Scenic River Trail” at [www.alabamascenicrivertrail.com](http://www.alabamascenicrivertrail.com) encouraging us to explore the more than 6,300 miles of scenic waterways of our state, which include “mountain streams, waterfalls, calm lakes, babbling creeks,



multi-class whitewater, river deltas, and salty Gulf waves”. This is the perfect time of year to grab your oars, paddles or walking shoes and explore!

Now that the cooler weather has arrived, our much-neglected yard is beginning to shape up, and how I love pine straw to bring some life back to our flower beds!

According to the Alabama Extension’s SOW app, fall and winter veggie seeds that will grow well now are: chives, garlic, garlic chives, kohlrabi, onions, parsley and radishes. Strawberry, collards, and kale and lettuce transplants too. Cilantro prefers temps below 80o .

Don’t miss the upcoming November 6th Lunch and Learn at the Ozark-Dale County Library from Noon to 1PM on Greenhouses and Tunnel Houses by Michael Jackson from Aunt Katie’s Garden in Dothan.

The next Claybank Master Gardeners at Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark will be November 13th, which is across the street from Three Scoops Ice Cream Shop at 129 S. East Ave. Call the Dale County Extension Office at (334) 774-2329 to verify the date. The meeting starts at 11 AM, but if you wish to buy lunch at the buffet, the line is shorter at 10:30. We welcome newcomers, and love to share gardening information and opportunities to get involved, whether you are a gardener or a “wannabe”!

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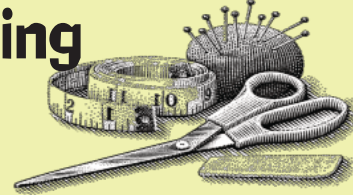
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

At the end of the day, life should ask us, "Do you want to save the changes?"

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### THINK YOU HAD A BAD DAY

Upon arriving home in eager anticipation of a leisurely evening, the husband was met at the door by his sobbing wife. Tearfully she explained, "It's the druggist - he insulted me terribly this morning on the phone." Immediately the husband drove downtown to accost the druggist and demand an apology. Before he could say more than a word or two, the druggist told him, "Now, just a minute - listen to my side of it. This morning the alarm failed to go off, so I was late getting up. I went without

breakfast and hurried out to the car, but I'll be if I didn't lock the house with both house and car keys inside. I had to break a window to get my keys. Driving a little too fast, I got a speeding ticket. Then, about three blocks from the store I had a flat tire. When I finally got to the store there was a bunch of people waiting for me to open up. I got the store opened and started waiting on these people, and all the time the darn phone was ringing its head off. Then I had to break a roll of nickels against the cash register drawer to make

change, and they spilled all over the floor. I got down on my hands and knees to pick up the nickels - the phone is still ringing - when I came up I cracked my head on the open cash drawer, which made me stagger back against a showcase with a bunch of perfume bottles on it, and half of them hit the floor and broke. The phone is still ringing with no let up, and I finally got back to answer it. It was your wife -- she wanted to know how to use a rectal thermometer. Well, believe me Mister, all I did was tell her!"





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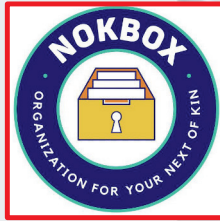


What invention was more useful than the first telephone?

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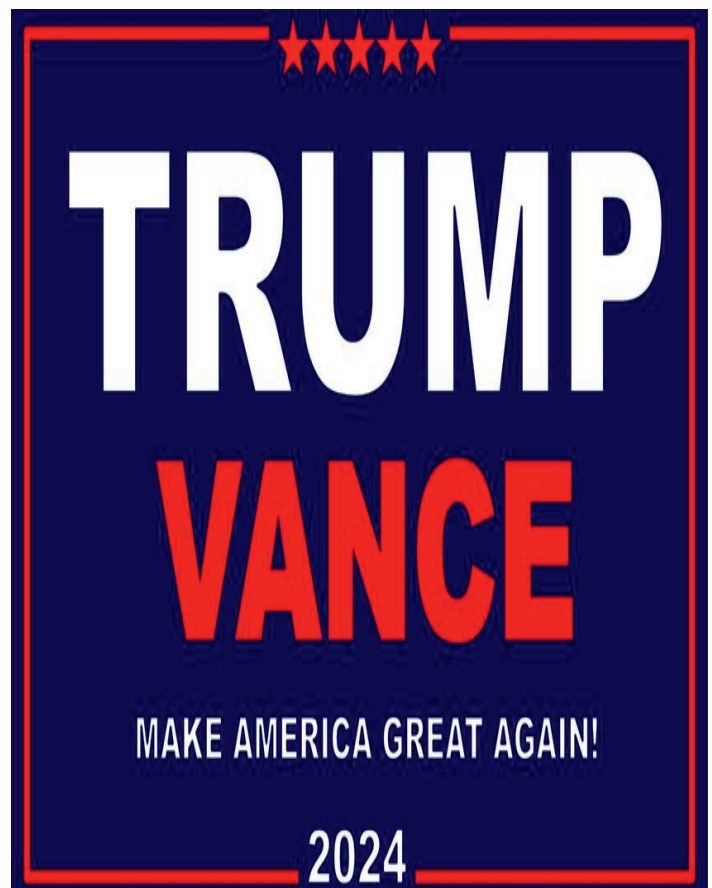


**“ “You seem to have more than the average share of intelligence for a man of your background,” sneered the**

**lawyer at a witness on the stand. “If I wasn’t under oath, I’d return the compliment,” replied the witness.”**

## SPY NOVEL

In a spy novel I had just read, the hero hid a letter in a particular statue in Washington, D.C. Since I was in that city at the time, on a whim I decided to see if the statue really contained the small niche the author had described. To my great surprise, it did -- and a cellophane-wrapped letter was inside. After a moment’s hesitation, I pulled out the letter, opened it, and burst into laughter. An unidentified reader had penned, “Good book, wasn’t it?”





**A priest, a pastor and a rabbit  
walked into a blood donation  
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The nurse asked the rabbit  
“What is your blood type?”

**“I am probably a typeO” said the rabbit.**

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**At some point this weekend, my goal will be to sleep till I'm hungry then eat till I'm sleepy! AA**

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| 5. UPWARDS BATTLE    | 11. THERE'S NO END TO IT |
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|                      | FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS      |

WHEN THE LODGE MEETING BROKE UP, JOHN CONFIDED TO A FRIEND. "MIKE, I'M IN A TERRIBLE PICKLE! I'M STRAPPED FOR CASH AND I HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHERE I'M GOING TO GET IT FROM!"

"I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT" ANSWERED MIKE. "I WAS AFRAID YOU MIGHT HAVE AN IDEA YOU COULD BORROW IT FROM ME!"



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