



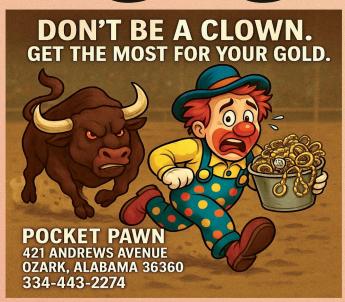
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No one ever talks about that moment in a Southerner's life when they see "chest of drawers" spelled out for the first time.

A young couple were touring southern Florida and happened to stop at a rattlesnake farm they discovered along the road. After seeing the sights, they engaged in small talk with the man that handled the snakes.

"Gosh!" exclaimed the young woman. "You certainly have a dangerous job. Don't you ever get bitten by the snakes?"

"Yes, on rare occasions," answered the handler.

"Well," she continued, "what do you do when you're bitten by a snake?"

"I always carry a razor-sharp knife in my pocket, and as soon as I am bitten, I make cut across the fang entry and then suck the poison from the wound."

"What, uh...what would happen if you were to accidentally sit on a rattler?" persisted the woman.

"Ma'am," answered the snake handler, "that will be the day I learn who my real friends are."









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Leaving the Farm

A dying granny tells her granddaughter, "I want to leave you my farm. That includes the villa, the tractor, and other equipment, the farmhouse and \$22,398,750.78 in cash."

The granddaughter, about to become rich says, "Oh granny, you are so generous. I didn't even know you had a farm. Where is it?".

With her last breath, granny whispered, "Facebook..."

"When the automatic gas pumps ask me to select a grade I usually give a B for quality and an F for pricing."

Reporter:

"So you are 100 years old. How did you manage to live so long?" Old man: "Well, son, I got married when I was 21. The wife and I decided that if we had arguments, the loser would take a long walk to get over being mad. I suppose I have been benefited most by 79 years of fresh air."

"There's no reason to be the richest man in the cemetery." - Colonel Sanders

Salary Increase

Our boss told us that she is planning a salary raise. One of the guys asked, "When does it become effective?" The boss answered, "As soon as you do." HURT ME
WITH THE TRUTH
BUT,
NEVER COMFORT ME
WITH A LIE.

Quote Richard Lamm, former Democratic Governor of Colorado:

"Christmas is a time when kids tell Santa what they want and adults pay for it.
Deficits are when adults tell the government what they want and their kids pay for it."

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Joy comes when we stop complaining about the struggles we have and are thankful for the struggles we don't have.

Why are there toilet paper commercials. Is there anyone who isn't buying it.

When I was young, I just wanted to be older...what in the world was I thinking.

Anniversary Flight

On an airplane, I overheard a stewardess talking to an elderly couple in front of me. Learning that it was the couple's 50th wedding anniversary, the flight attendant congratulated them and asked how they had done it

"It all felt like five minutes..." the gentleman said slowly.

The stewardess had just begun to remark on what a sweet statement that was when he finished his sentence with a word that earned him a sharp smack on the head:"

....underwater."

Train Good News

A large, two-engine train was making its way across America. While crossing the Western mountains, one of the engines broke down. "No problem, we can make it to Denver and get a replacement engine there," the engineer thought, and carried on at half power. Farther on down the line (if you didn't guess by now), the other engine broke down, and the train came to a standstill in the middle of nowhere.

The engineer needed to inform the passengers about why the train had stopped, and always trying to look on the bright side of things, made the following announcement: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I have some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that both engines have failed, and we will be stuck here for some time until the additional engines arrive. The good news is that you didn't take this trip in a plane!"

"Life has become so complex that not even teenagers have all the answers anymore."

"Before they invented drawing boards, what did they go back to?"

The police just pulled me over and said, 'Papers?' I said, 'Scissors! I win!' ... and drove off. I think he wants a rematch.

| He's been chasing me for 45 minutes!





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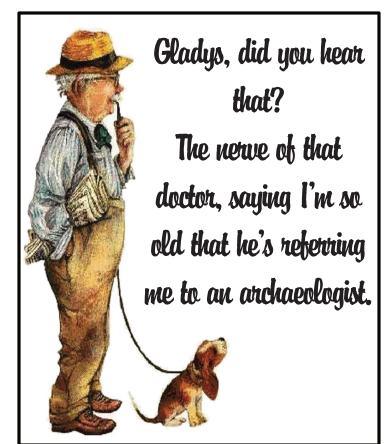
Almost every day readers tell me how much they love Laughs and Lifts, & how this "little magazine" touched their lives. I want to thank you, the reader and advertisers, for making Laughs and Lifts successful. God Bless You All.

t takes two things to blow down a tree: a heavy wind outside and rot and decay inside. So it is with man, The winds of adversity may cause him to bend, but if he's strong and vigorous within, he will arise and grow to new heights after the storm has passed.

"Complaining about a problem without proposing a solution is called whining." - Theodore Roosevelt

PLOP PLOP FIZZ FIZZ

Mary goes to her first show at an art gallery and is looking at the paintings. One is a huge canvas that has black with yellow blobs of paint splattered all over it. The next painting is a murky gray color that has drips of purple paint streaked across it. Mary walks over to the artist and says, "I don't understand your paintings." "I paint what I feel inside me," explains the artist. "Have you ever tried Alka-Seltzer?"



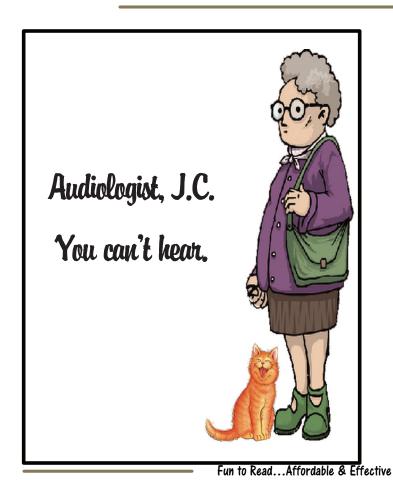




I'm against studying civics in school, unless we also study other cars.
I mean, why should we show favoritism towards Honda

A dream is just a dream. A goal is a dream with a plan.

He who buys what he does not need steals from himself.



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To be faithful in little things is the big thing.

Mother Teresa was once asked, "How do you measure the success of your work?"

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JALAPENO POPPER

Ingredients

- 16 oz cream cheese softened
- 1 cup mayo
- 4 oz can diced jalapenos drained
- 4 oz can diced green chiles drained
- 1/2 cup shredded Mexican cheese
- 1 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 6 slices cooked and crumbled bacon divided
- 1/3 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 Tbsp unsalted butter melted

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray baking dish with non-stick spray and set aside.
- 2. Add cream cheese and mayo to a mixing bowl and beat with a hand mixer until smooth and combined. Add 1/2 the bacon, jalapenos, green chiles, cumin, and Mexican and mozzarella cheeses.
- 3. Transfer to prepared dish, smooth out with a rubber spatula.
- 4. Combine melted butter, panko, and Parmesan cheese. Sprinkle over the top of the dip. Sprinkle remaining bacon pieces over the top.
- 5. Bake for 25 minutes, until panko is lightly golden brown and dip is bubbling.
- 6. If desired, top cooked dip with slices of fresh jalapeno. Serve hot.

WARM CRACK CHICKEN

Ingredients:

- 1 (8-oz) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (1-oz) package ranch dressing mix
- 1 cup chopped cooked bacon
- 2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 (16-oz) container sour cream
- 2 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 2 green onions, chopped

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray a 2-qt baking dish with cooking spray. Set aside.
- 2. In a bowl, combine all ingredients, mixing well. Transfer to prepared dish.
- 3. Bake uncovered for 25 to 30 minutes, until hot and bubbly.

HOT CRAB

Ingredients

- 16 ounces softened cream cheese
- ½ cup sour cream

GAME DAY DIPS

- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 2 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 32 ounces well-drained canned lump crab meat

Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit and spray the inside of a 1 or 2-quart baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.
- 2. Combine all ingredients except cram meat in a medium bowl.
- 3. Stir in crab meat until fully combined.
- 4. Spread the crab mixture into the prepared baking dish and bake for 20-25 minutes until heated through and bubbling around the edges. Serve with a sliced baguette or tortilla chips.

GARLICKY WHITE BEAN

Directions:

Drain and rinse two 15-ounce cans cannellini beans; set aside 1/2 cup for garnish. Puree the remaining beans in a food processor with 1 minced garlic clove, the juice of 1 lemon, and salt and pepper. Slowly drizzle in 1/2 cup olive oil with the motor running, then transfer the dip to a bowl. Toss the reserved beans with 1 diced roasted red pepper, 3 tablespoons olive oil, 1 tablespoon each chopped parsley and basil, and salt and pepper. Spoon over the dip and serve with pita chips.

FESTIVE CRACKER

Ingredients

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (8 ounce) package finely shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ¾ cup chopped pimento-stuffed olives
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- ¼ cup chopped green bell pepper
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley

Directions

Beat the cream cheese, Cheddar cheese, and mayonnaise with an electric mixer in a bowl until smooth. Fold in the olives, celery, onion, bell pepper, and parsley; mixing just enough to evenly combine. Cover and chill for at least 1 hour.



BEEF QUESO

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 8 ounces ground beef
- 1 teaspoon Creole Seasoning
- ½ teaspoon chili powder
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 8 ounces VELVEETA®, cubed
- ½ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- ½ cup canned diced tomatoes
- ¼ cup canned chopped green chiles
- ¼ cup salsa verde
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh green onions

Directions

- 1. Heat olive oil in a saucepan over medium high heat. Add ground beef, Creole seasoning, chili powder, cumin, salt and pepper, to taste. Cook until browned, about 3-5 minutes, making sure to crumble the beef as it cooks; drain excess fat and transfer to a plate.
- 2. Ad VELVEETA® to the saucepan, stirring until melted. Stir in Monterey Jack cheese, diced tomatoes, green chiles and salsa verde until well combined.
- 3. Stir in ground beef and green onions until heated through, about 1-2 minutes.
- 4. Serve immediately

CHARLESTON CHEESE

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 8 oz block of cream cheese softened
- 1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Monterey jack cheese
- 2 green onions finely chopped
- Dash cayenne pepper
- 10 Ritz crackers crushed
- 8 slices bacon cooked and crumbled

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a medium bowl, mix the mayonnaise, all the cheeses, green onions and cayenne pepper.

Transfer the mixture to a shallow baking dish (I love my Lodge cast-iron skillet for this!) and top with cracker crumbs.

Bake for 15 minutes, or until hot and bubbling on top.

Remove the pan and top with the cooked bacon.

GAME DAY DIPS



Serve immediately with corn chips, pita chips or crackers.

I turned the broiler on mine for just a minute at the end of the cooking cycle to give it a little extra of that golden brown bubbly goodness..

SHRIMP SCAMPI

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 2 cans Chicken of the Sea Medium Shrimp drained
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 6 ounces cream cheese cut into cubes and softened
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley divided
- 1/4 cup finely grated parmesan cheese divided
- 1/2 cup grated mozzarella cheese
- cooking spray

Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Coat a 6 or 8 inch baking dish or skillet with cooking spray.
- 2. Heat the butter in a large pan over medium heat. Add the onion and cook for 3-4 minutes or until softened. Add the garlic and cook for 30 seconds.
- 3. Reduce the heat to low. Add the cream cheese and milk, then stir until melted. Place the shrimp in the pan and gently stir to combine. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Stir in the lemon juice.
- 4. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the sour cream, 2 tablespoons of the parmesan cheese and half of the parsley.
- 5. Spread the dip into an even layer in the prepared dish. Sprinkle the mozzarella cheese and the remaining 2 tablespoons of parmesan cheese over the top.
- 6. Bake for 15 minutes or until cheese is melted. If you prefer a browned top, you can broil the dip for an additional 2-3 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley and serve with crackers, croutons or bread.





TO BORROW IS TO INVITE A SORROW; TO LOAN IS TO INVITE A GROAN.

Marriage is the process of finding out what kind of man your wife would have preferred

Teacher: "Billy, if you have one dollar and you ask your dad for another dollar, how many dollars do you have?"

Billy: "One dollar."

Teacher: "I'm sorry, Billy, it seems you don't know your math."

Billy: "I'm sorry, Miss, it seems you don't know

my dad."



hree violin manufactures have all done business for years on the same block in the small town of Cremona, Italy. After years of a peaceful co-existence, the Amati shop decided to put a sign in the window saying: "We make the best violins in Italy." The Guarneri shop soon followed suit, and put a sign in their window proclaiming: "We make the best violins in the world." Finally, the Stradivarius family put a sign out at their shop saying: "We make the best violins on the block."

PARENTING

The young wife quit work to take care of her new baby daughter, countless hours of peekaboo and other games slowly took their toll. One evening she smacked her bare toes on the corner of a dresser and, grabbing her foot, sank to the floor.

Her husband rushed to her side and asked where it hurt.

She looked at him through tear-filled eyes and managed to moan,

"It's the piggy that ate roast beef."

lawyer defending a man accused of burglary tried a creative defense to get his client off the hook. "My client merely inserted his arm into the window and removed a few paltry items. His arm is not himself, so I fail to see how you can punish the whole individual for an offense committed soley by his arm." "Well put," the judge replied with a grin. "Using that same logic, I sentence the defendant's arm to one year's imprisonment. Your client can accompany the arm or not, as he chooses."

MOTHER ASKED HER CHILD:

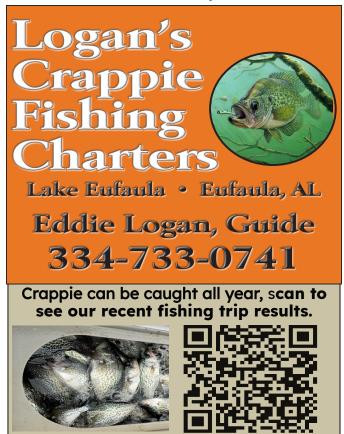
Do you know that God was here, when you were stealing cookies from the kitchen?

Yes, I do.

And do you know that he was looking at you all this time?

Yes, I do.

And what do you think He is saying to you? He said: "There is nobody here apart from us, so take some cookies for me, too!"







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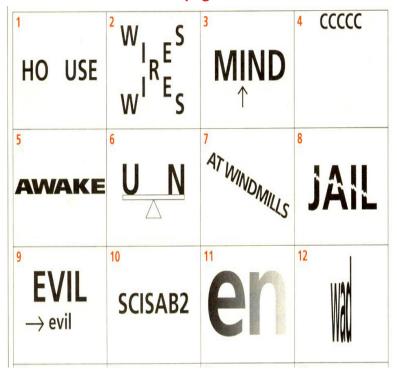
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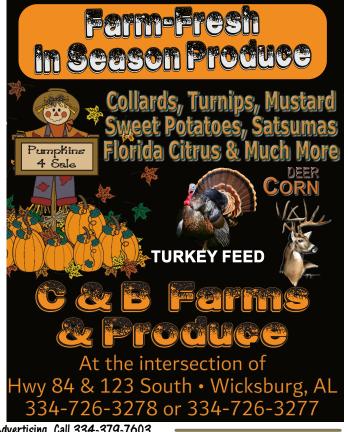
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lawyer runs a stop sign and gets nulled over by a sheriff. He thinks he's smarter being a big shot lawyer from new vork and has a better education than an sheriff from west virginia. The sheriff asks for license and registration. The lawyer asks, "What for?" The sheriff responds, "you didn't come to a complete stop at the stop sign." The lawyer says, "I slowed down and no one was coming." "You still didn't come to a complete stop. License and registration please," say the sheriff impatiently. The lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration and you can give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket." The sheriff says, "that sounds fair, please exit your vehicle." The lawyer steps out and the sheriff takes out his nightstick and starts beating the lawyer with it. The sheriff says, "Do you want me to stop or just slow down?"

Someone once told me that once in your life, you need a lawyer, a firefighter, a police officer, but every day, three times a day, you need a farmer.





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YOU ARE GOVERNED BY WHAT YOU BELIEVE

By Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

Being governed by what you believe, fundamentally shapes your perception of the world around you. Impacting your words, actions, and decisions that you make.

What you believe to be true or important

What you believe to be true or important will influence the choices you make, the actions you take, and the goals you pursue. Which will determine the path of life you will take. It implies a deep connection between internal conviction and external reality, where beliefs act as guiding principles, influencing our behavior and life choices.

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...this suggest that a person's outward actions and their true inward thoughts align with their true feelings. This verse highlights the power of our inner thoughts and how they shape our character and actions.

As a believer, it is essential that we employ Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your [b]reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Our beliefs should be governed by the "word of God". Colossians 3:16 Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,

I wouldn't change my grandchildren for the world

Me either, but I would like to change the world for them.

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singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. This approach emphasizes that the Bible serves as the authoritative guide for faith and conduct, promoting a deeper spiritual relationship with God and providing moral and ethical instructions for a godly

Examining and understanding your beliefs can lead to more conscious living, allowing you to discard beliefs that no longer serve you and foster those that promote growth and well-being. Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. Every thought, every imagination that comes against the knowledge of the Word of God, cast it down, get rid of it.

Goal: The Bible provides principles for a righteous life, including principles of Christian freedom, obedience, and love that guide believers in their relationships and decisions. By studying the Word of God, believers can grow in their knowledge of God, develop a more sincere faith, and strengthen their relationship with Him.

Be encourage to know that: You are who the Word of God says you are, and you can do what the Word of God says you can do.

May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, bless you and keep you in His care.



"If you can?" said

Jesus. "Everything is possible for one

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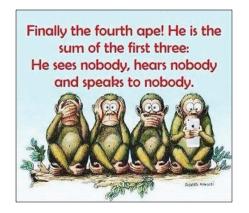
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Ancestry

"My ancestry goes back all the way to Alexander the Great," said Christine. She then turned to Miriam and asked, "How far back does your family go?" "I don't know," replied Miriam, "all of our records were lost in the flood."



If you growl all day, it's natural to feel dog tired at night.

NO TABLES

I went to a restaurant. It was full. There was no place to sit and the wait was over thirty minutes.

I took out my cell phone, placed it to my ear, and said loudly, "Hey, get over here! She's here with someone else!"

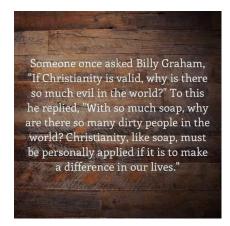
Six couples got up and quickly left.

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."





A Police Officer came to my house and asked me where I was between 5 & 6. He seemed irritated when I answered: "Kindergarten"





A little common sense would prevent most divorces...and marriages to.

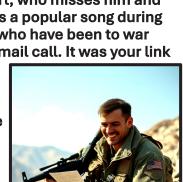


The Letter

The Box Tops sang "The Letter", one of the lyrics goes like this. "Gimme a ticket for an aeroplane. Ain't got time to take a fast train. Lonely days are gone; I'm a-goin' home. My baby, just-a wrote me a letter, my baby just-a wrote me a letter". The song tells the story of a man who receives an urgent

letter from his sweetheart, who misses him and wants him back. This was a popular song during the Vietnam War. Those who have been to war know the importance of mail call. It was your link

back to the real world.
We that had wives and girlfriends ached for those letters. Some were even perfumed.
Remember?
Unfortunately, many instead of receiving letters of love and encouragement, received



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what we called "Dear John" letters; their love was leaving them. I know many that did. I sat with one friend and talked him out of going AWOL back to the states and killing his girlfriend and "John". I had another friend; I talked out of committing suicide. What's the most important letter you've ever received?

The book of Romans starts out like this, "This letter is from Paul, a

slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by

God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News" (Rom 1:1). Romans is regarded as the most complete summary of the gospel message and Christian doctrine found in any single biblical book. The "Romans Road", one of the most used evangelism tools, comes from this letter (Rom 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10; 10:13). It has been called "the most profound writing in existence" and "the most important book in the New Testament" for good reason. It ignited the Reformation, has sparked revivals, and changed the eternal destiny for countless believers. Romans is life altering, eternal destination changing letter. Read it today.

Justice is supposed to be blind but faith isn't.

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Watch out for people who are always bragging about who they are.

A lion will never have to tell you it's a lion.

Sudoku

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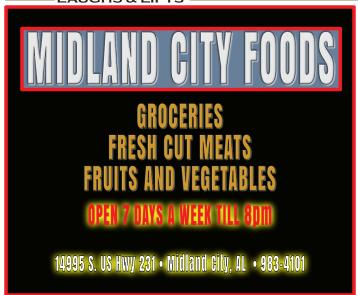
THE KEY TO LETTING GO

One day, a little boy was walking around his home with an old, colorful, family heirloom vase. When his mother saw him, she said, "Please put the vase down before you drop it and break it." The boy replied, "But, I can't get my hand out."

Becoming frustrated, the mother said, "Surely if you got your hand IN the vase, you can get it out." Hearing the commotion, the boy's father came to help. He gently pulled on the boy's arm and even tried using vegetable oil and soap to free his hand. In desperation, the father said, "I'd give twenty dollars to figure out how to get your hand out right about now."
"Really?!" the boy exclaimed. Suddenly, they

"Really?!" the boy exclaimed. Suddenly, they heard a clinking sound and the boy's hand slid out of the vase. In disbelief, his parents turned the vase upside down and a quarter came out. The little boy explained that he had put a quarter inside and wanted to get it out, so he was clutching it in his hand, but when he heard he could get twenty dollars instead, he let go.

Sometimes, in order to move on to bigger and better things, we must let go of the little things holding us back.





Claybank Master Gardeners October 2025

Making assumptions gets me in trouble every time. Last month I ASSUMED the hot, humid weather would soon be behind us by the time the September issue would be published. WRONG! At this writing three weeks into September and we're still enduring heat and humidity like it was July or August. Those months were record breakers as well. Our neighbors in Coffee and Houston Counties, however, have been blessed with abundant rainfalls, but here in Dale County it has been abnormally dry. I feel for our farmers whose non-irrigated corn and hay fields are lying parched and non-productive. Forgive me for whining. I'm praying for God's mercy and for His rain! And remembering Habakkuk 3:17-19.

That being said, the lower temperatures in the mornings have been most helpful for this gardener, as many of you have shared as well. One can accomplish a lot in one hour of cooler temperatures!

It's always a special joy to run into another gardener at work. We were enjoying lunch at Loose Brick Coffee house in downtown Ozark this week when we noticed someone trimming and watering a couple of needful plants inside the coffeehouse. We didn't recognize her as one of the regulars there, and upon inquiring found out she is a Master Gardener from before our time, a friend of the owners. She now volunteers with the 4-H division of the Extension Office. We invited her to join us again for our next meeting which will NOT be the usual lunch at Hoppergrass, but on our community's Make a Difference Day on Saturday October 25th. Please call the Extension office at (334) 774-2329 to verify the time and place to meet. Our own Chuck Auman (now 92) and his wife Pat started this tradition here in Ozark over 20 years ago after learning that it had become a nationwide endeavor to bring residents and neighbors together to spruce up their towns on the last Saturday in

At a September Lunch and Learn, Becky and Chuck McManus, Wiregrass Master Gardeners, demonstrated how to propagate plants from cuttings to make

October.

new plants truer in type than using the plant's seeds. Begonias, coleus, hydrangeas, and even azaleas are easy to propagate, some by trimming the lower third of leaves and then putting the cutting in the soil, some even duplicate themselves in the ground while still attached to the plant. Andy Hundley showed the Claybank Master Gardeners how to save seeds from plants currently going to seed. Drying seeds on paper towels and then saving them in labeled paper envelopes protects them from molding until ready to plant in the fall or spring.





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SPLIT SECOND

The old definition of a split second is the time between the light turning green and when the driver behind you honks their horn.

The new definition of a split second is the time between when the commercial starts and your spouse says, "You have the remote!"

I didn't go to religion to make me 'happy.' I always knew a bottle of Port would do that. If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity." - C. S. Lewis

TRAPPED

A family of skunks was trapped in a thicket, surrounded by a pack of hungry wolves that were edging even closer. The Mother skunk calmly instructed her young: "Quickly children, let's put our heads together!" After they obeyed, forming a circle, she continued,"Now—Let us spray!"



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WILL BE USED IN WWIII,
BUT IN WWIV, IT WILL BE
STICKS AND STONES
~ ALBERT EINSTEIN

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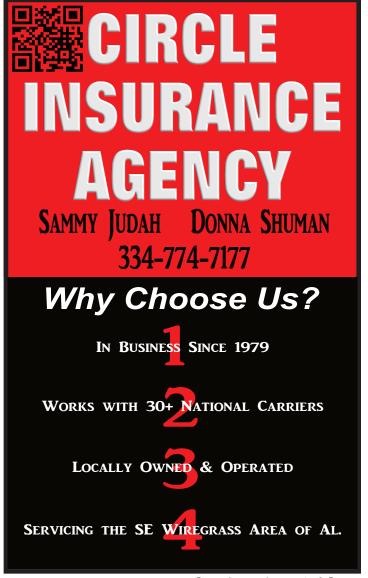
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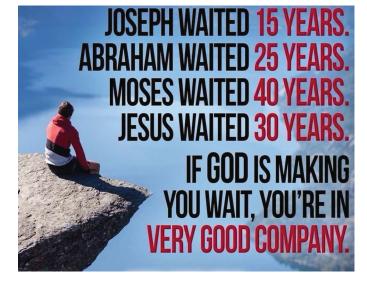
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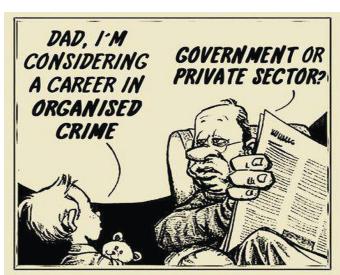
WACKIE WORDS SOLUTION

- 1. A house divided
- 2. Crossed wires
- 3. The mind's eye
- 4. High seas
- Wide-awake
- 6. Unbalanced
- 7. Tilting at windmills
- 8. Jailbreak
- The lesser of two evils
- 10. Back to basics
- 11. Enlightening
- Tightwad

Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance. ~ Will Durant







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ACROSS -

- 1) Throw underhanded
- 5) Competent
- 9) Knocks on the noggin
- 14) Homecoming guest (Abbr.)
- 15) Cart without sides
- 16) Dress with a flared bottom
- 17) Impressive car, informally
- 18) One-liner, e.g.
- 19) Aden is its largest city
- 20) Ruins the plans of
- 23) "Ben-Hur" is one
- 24) Anne's doubles
- 25) Taken dishonestly
- 28) Watkins ____, New York
- 30) "___ So Fine" (Chiffons classic)

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- 33) Lost intentionally
- 34) Unit of fright
- 36) Rocks to refine
- 37) Shampoo finish

GAGGLE RULE

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- 38) Dubai dignitary
- 39) Zeros, on scoreboards
- 41) Washington, but not Lincoln
- 42) Hoped-for reply
- 43) Book after Joel
- 44) Strip off, as blubber
- 45) Certain undergarment
- 46) Penn or Lennon
- 47) Famous aircraft
- 54) Impose quiet
- 55) Many a 38-Across
- 56) LaundererÂ's appliance
- 57) Type of bean or horse
- 58) Auto engineer Benz
- 59) Entebbe event
- 60) Gut-wrenching feeling

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Bv Henry Quarters

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- 61) "... or ___!"
- 62) Some annexes

DOWN

- 1) After-bath powder
- 2) Mixed dish
- 3) Japanese wrestling match
- 4) Kind of tobacco
- 5) Attach
- 6) A cowboy may break one
- 7) Huron or Ontario
- 8) Potato flaws
- 9) New Jersey city
- 10) Blue Bonnet, et al.
- 11) " Island" (2008 film)
- 12) Femur-tibia connection
- 13) Yen fraction
- 21) Emulate a geyser
- 22) This puzzle's theme
- 25) Cheap cigar (var.)
- 26) Painful pang
- 27) Twistable cookies
- 28) Instruments struck with mallets
- 29) Red-ink amount
- 30) Homo sapiens
- 31) Gives off, as an odor
- 32) Shopper's indulgence
- 34) Acronym for bad P.C. data
- 35) Detested person
- 37) Amend, as an atlas section
- 40) Hearing range
- 41) Smelt residue
- 44) Like some attempts or excuses
- 45) Gets the better of
- 46) Evidence of wounds
- 47) Far from obese
- 48) Like some juries
- 49) It might turn over a new leaf
- 50) Major Russian river
- 51) Kind of thermometer
- 52) Gardener's purchase
- 53) Finishes up
- 54) Where to get a massage

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I made a huge to do list for today... I just can't figure out who's going to do it.



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4. COZY SOCKS 5. FUN

6. SLEET

7. BOOTS

8. SPARKLERS

9. CHILLY

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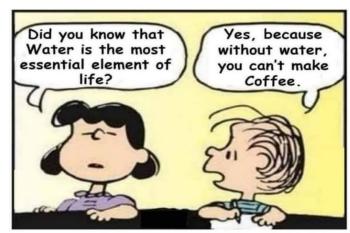
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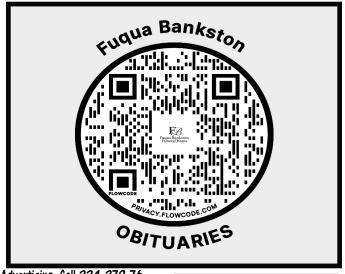




I always mean what I say but I don't always mean to say it out loud.

OBITUARIES





Here is a test to find whether your mission on earth is finished, if you're alive, it isn't. ~ Richard Bach

IF YOUR LIFE TAKES A TURN FOR THE WORSE, REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE THE ONE WHO IS DRIVING.

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