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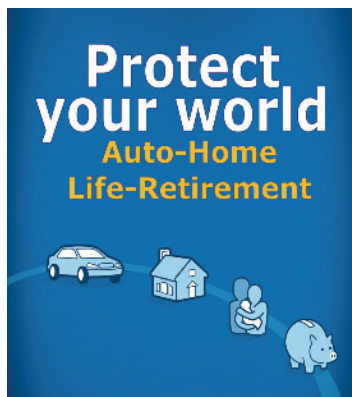
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Visiting the pet store, the young wife asked for a good guard dog.

"Sorry, we're all sold out," the clerk replied. "All we have left is this little Scottie dog. But he does know karate!"

The woman didn't believe the clerk, so he told the dog to karate a chair. The dog broke the chair into pieces. Then he told the dog to karate a table, and the dog quickly broke the table in half. So the woman bought the dog and took it home.

Her husband was disappointed and skeptical about the Scottie dog's abilities as a guard dog.

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My wife and I are teachers, and our jobs often spill over into our family life. One morning as our eight-year-old Maggie was getting ready for school, I peeked into her room to be sure she had tidied it up.

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**W**hile my wife and I were shopping at a mall, a shapely young woman in a short, form-fitting dress strolled by. My eyes followed her.

Without looking up from the item she was examining, my wife asked, "Was it worth the trouble you're in?"

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The preacher said nothing. They continued walking until he noticed a child playing in the gutter. Then the preacher said, "Look at that child. You say that soap makes people clean, but see the dirt on that youngster. Of what good is soap? With all the soap in the world, over all these years, the child is still filthy. I wonder how effective soap is, after all!"

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"It was such a beautiful night; the bright moonlight illuminated the sky, the thick clouds floated leisurely by just above the silhouette of tall, majestic trees, and I was viewing it all from the front row seat of the bullet hole in my car trunk." (Tonya Lavel)

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## The Quick Thinking Son

A son challenged his boastful father to a game of golf. The son was determined to beat his father in golf for the first time. On the very first swing, the father got a hole in one. "Okay, nice shot dad," said the son, thinking quickly on his feet. "Now I will take my practice shot and then we will start."

## LITTLE VOICE

A man walks into his doctor's office and says, "Doctor, I've eaten something that disagrees with me." A voice from the man's stomach says, "No, you haven't."

## BLESSED AGAIN

A young minister sitting down to dinner was about to say grace when he opened the casserole dish that his thrifty new bride had prepared from all of the refrigerator leftovers. "I don't know," he said dubiously, "but it seems to me that I've blessed all this stuff before."

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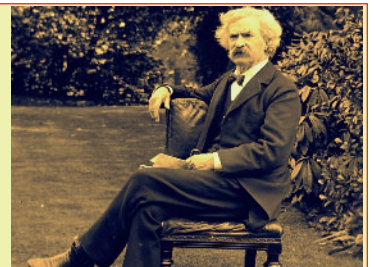
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A college senior took his new girlfriend to a football game. The young couple found seats in the crowded stadium and was watching the action. A substitute was put into the game, and as he was running onto the field to take his position, the boy said to his girlfriend, "Take a good look at the fellow. I expect him to be our best man next year." His girlfriend snuggled closer and said to the surprised young man, "That's the strangest way I ever heard of for a fellow to propose to a girl. Regardless of how you said it, I accept!"

## Commando Moses

Nine year old Joey, was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." "Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked. "Well, no, Mom. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

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*I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.*



## PRAY LOUD

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs, "I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE. I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO. I PRAY FOR A NEW PVR..." His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf." To which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is!"



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A man is driving with his wife at his side and his mother-in-law in the back seat. The women just won't leave him alone. His mother-in-law says, "You're driving too fast!" His wife says, "Stay more to the left." After ten mixed orders, the man turns to his wife and asks, "Who's driving this car - you or your mother?"

## GOOD GENETICS

The young couple admired the scarecrow they saw along the road. "Look at that," said the girl. "Not a crow in sight." The boy looked at the scarecrow and said, "Good job scarecrow!" To their surprise the scarecrow replied. "Hay, it's in my jeans."

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I patiently waiting at the customer service desk for my turn. I had come back to return a pair of jeans that were too tight. "Is something wrong with them?" the teenage clerk asked me. "Yes," I replied. "They hurt my feelings." The clerk had no response for me.

The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand.  
We listen to reply.

# Aunt T's Kitchen

## COBRE VALLEY CASSEROLE

### Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 celery rib, chopped
- 1 envelope taco seasoning
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 cans (16 ounces each) refried beans
- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chilies, optional
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 1 large tomato, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 1/3 cup sliced ripe olives
- 1-1/2 cups crushed tortilla chips



### Directions

1. In a large skillet, cook the beef, onion and celery over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in the taco seasoning, water, beans and, if desired, green chilies.
2. Transfer to a greased 11x7-in. baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 30 minutes or until heated through. Top with cheese, green onions, tomato, olives and chips.

## PASTA-CHICKEN-BROCCOLI BAKE

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup chopped sweet onion
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper



# CASSEROLES

- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cups half-and-half
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1 cup (4 oz.) freshly shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 1 (20-oz.) package refrigerated cheese-and-spinach tortellini
- 4 cups chopped fresh broccoli
- 4 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 15 round buttery crackers, crushed
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Melt 1/2 cup butter in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat; add onion and next 2 ingredients, and sauté 5 to 6 minutes or until tender.
2. Add flour, stirring until smooth. Cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Whisk in broth, half-and-half, and white wine. Reduce heat to medium, and cook, stirring constantly, 6 to 8 minutes or until thickened and bubbly.
3. Remove from heat; add 1 cup cheese and next 2 ingredients, stirring until cheese melts. Stir in tortellini and next 2 ingredients. Spoon into a lightly greased 13- x 9-inch baking dish.
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# CASSEROLES

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1 cup chopped onion  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 cups cubed fully cooked ham  
2 cups diced cooked chicken  
1 medium green pepper, chopped  
1/2 cup chopped sweet red pepper  
1 cup pimiento-stuffed olives  
1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted  
1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream  
1-1/2 teaspoons salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
8 ounces noodles, cooked and drained  
3 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese



### Directions

1. In a skillet, saute onion in butter until tender. In a large bowl, combine the ham, chicken, peppers, olives, soup, sour cream, salt, pepper and onion. Fold in noodles.  
2. Pour into a greased 2-1/2-qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with the Parmesan cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 325° for 45 minutes or until bubbly.

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1-1/2 teaspoons olive oil  
3 cups cubed cooked chicken breast

1 can (16 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and drained  
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained  
1 tablespoon chili powder  
2 teaspoons ground cumin  
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) no-salt-added diced tomatoes, undrained  
1 can (10-3/4 ounces) reduced-fat reduced-sodium condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted  
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese



### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray, saute celery and onion in oil until tender. Stir in chicken, beans, chili powder and cumin; heat through.  
2. Transfer to a shallow 2-1/2-qt. baking dish coated with cooking spray. Combine tomatoes and soup; pour over chicken mixture.  
3. Bake, uncovered, 20 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake 5-10 minutes longer or until heated through and cheese is melted.  
Freeze option: Cover and freeze unbaked casserole up to 3 months. To use, thaw in the refrigerator overnight. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Preheat oven to 350°. Bake according to directions. Yield: 6 servings.

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\*Gimme a match. I think my gas tank is empty.

\*Step on her, boy, we're only going 75.

\*If you knew anything, you wouldn't be a traffic cop.

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"I have been to a lot of places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito, either. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips, thanks to my friends and family. I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump and I'm not much on physical activity."

Don't be irreplaceable, if you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.

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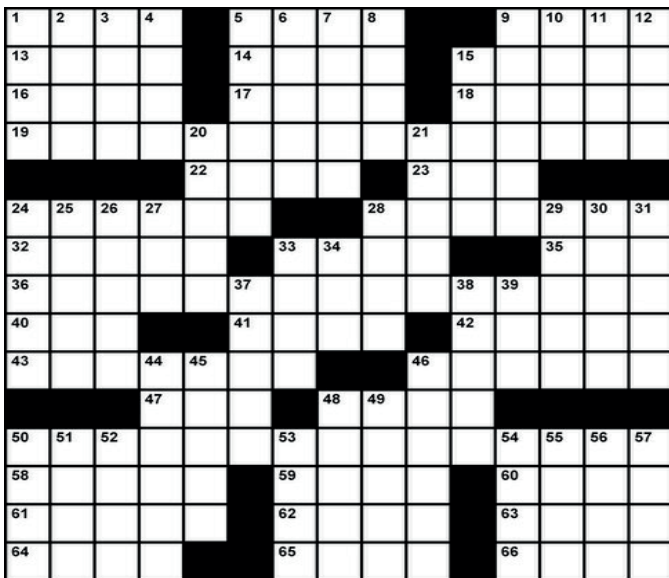
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Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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## HAPPY 14th

The traditional gift for the 14th anniversary is Ivory. But, elephants are endangered and the ivory trade is a big "no, no" and I don't feel like going to jail today... so you will have to settle for Ivory soap... which I am told on good authority is excellent catfish bait.~ Robyn Hill to her husband, Brian

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stand clear of the wiles of the devil. Every day I stand back and watch the world, it is losing the influence and role that our Heavenly father has authorized and placed for our earthly fathers. Fathers are no longer holding up a danger sign warning the next generation of the tricks of the enemy. No longer are fathers declaring "...Fear the LORD your God, to keep all His Statutes and His Commandments, which I command you, you, and your son, and your son's son, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged". (Deuteronomy 6; 2) Our days on this earth are getting shorter and shorter without the declaration of our Fathers.

Deuteronomy 6; verse 5 says "and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." Loving God and fearing God goes hand and hand. You can't have one without the other. For if you Love God you will Fear God, and if you don't Fear God then how can you Love Him. Generations no longer respect their earthly fathers, so how can we expect them to Fear God. Fathers in the name of Jesus stand up and take your place! Declare to your children what is right and what is wrong.

*Proverbs 16; 6 By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for, And by the fear of the LORD one keeps away from evil.*

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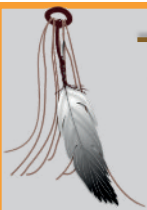
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## Claybank Master Gardeners

The Claybank Master Gardeners joined the Wiregrass Master Gardeners in early May with the Wiregrass Rose Society at the Hartford home of one of their members to view their acres of rose gardens and wildflower fields, shown in the pictures below.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The Claybank Master Gardeners Association is pleased to bring to the Ozark area the following events:  
\* **A Shiitake Mushroom Workshop** will be held at the Dale County Extension office on **Thursday, June 16th from 1-3 PM**. The cost of the workshop is \$10. Space is limited! Call office for registration at 334-774-2329. The Extension Office is located at 202 S. Hwy. 123, in Ozark.

\* **A new Master Gardener Volunteer Training Course** will be offered in Ozark at the Dale County Extension Office this fall. The cost is \$135. It will meet each Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning **September 7th through November 16th**. For more information or an application please contact Lucy Edwards at the Dale County Extension Office at [334-774-2329](tel:334-774-2329).

Come join the Master Gardeners at their next meeting on **June 16 at the Hoppergrass Restaurant** from 11:00 AM-1:30 PM. We welcome visitors! Come and bring your questions or share your gardening expertise. Every meeting is a unique experience. Find us on Facebook at Claybank Master Gardeners.



I saw a sign that said "Watch for Children" and I thought that was a fair trade.

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## Soul Winning Efforts

A very zealous soul-winning young preacher recently came upon a farmer working in his field. Being concerned about the farmer's soul, the preacher asked the man, "Are you laboring in the vineyard of the Lord, my good man?"

Not even looking at the preacher and continuing his work, the farmer replied, "Naw, these are soybeans."

"You don't understand," said the preacher. "Are you a Christian?"

With the same amount of interest as his previous answer, the farmer said, "Nope my name is Jones. You must be lookin' for Jim Christian. He lives a mile south of here."

The young, determined preacher tried again, asking the farmer, "Are you lost?"

"Naw! I've lived here all my life," answered the farmer.

"Are you prepared for the resurrection?" the frustrated preacher asked.

This caught the farmer's attention and he asked, "When's it gonna be?"

Thinking he had accomplished something, the young preacher replied, "It could be today, tomorrow or the next day."

Taking a handkerchief from his back pocket and wiping his brow, the farmer remarked, "Well, don't mention it to my wife. She don't get out much, and she'll wanna go all three days."

**A** little girl was holding two apples; her mother asked for one. The girl quickly bit one apple, and, then, the other.

Her mother held back her disappointment. Then the girl handed one to her saying: "Here, this one is the sweeter one."

Moral: Never judge too quickly



**We have 2 show cats in our home. One showed up about 6 years ago and another this past winter.**

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"What mistake?" the grocer asked. "Before I put up that sign no one ever bought more than one eggplant."



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## The Priest's Retirement Dinner

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However, the politician was delayed, so the priest decided to say his own few words while they waited.

"I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when questioned by the police, was able to lie his way out of it. He had stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his employer, had an affair with his boss's wife, and taken illegal drugs. I was appalled."

The shocked crowd murmured their disapproval of the miscreant among them. "But," the old priest continued, "as the days went on I learned that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people."

Just as the priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and gave his talk:

"I'll never forget the first day our parish priest arrived," he told the crowd, still at sharp attention after the priest's words. "In fact, I had the honor of being the first person to go to him for confession...."

The Moral: Never, ever be late when you're on the program.

## GOOD ROBBERY



The detective was interviewing the man whose clothing shop had just been burglarized.

"It's bad," said the proprietor, "but it's not as bad as it could have been if he'd robbed me yesterday."

"Why is that?" the detective asked.

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An admiral is standing by a candy machine at the Naval Academy in Annapolis when he stops a plebe walking by. "Sailor, do you have change for a dollar?" "Sure, buddy," says the plebe, rooting around his pocket. "That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again. Do you have change for a dollar?" The plebe snaps to attention and barks, "No, sir!"



When my three-year-old son opened the birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink. I was not so pleased. I turned to Mom and said, "I'm surprised at you. Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?" Mom smiled and then replied slowly....."I remembered."



A woman notices her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach. "You know, that's not going to help," she says. "Sure it does," he answers. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."



# Dr. Geoff Gaunt

## "Your Hometown Dentist"

Hello Readers,

This month we have a reader's question that fits right into our ongoing discussion of "getting back to basics"!

In fact, her name isn't even being withheld to protect the innocent!! Our question this month is from Sandra Bishop who asks, "How many times a day does a person swallow?"

Well, Sandra, I didn't know, but thanks to Google, I was able to find a few articles that had varying results. The best one was from the *Archives of Oral Biology* that made it clear that it is determined by several factors including the general health of the person and the different salivary flow rates during the course of the day. The greatest production of saliva occurs when a person is eating, and the lowest is during sleep. This particular study was of people of good health, and the testing included times of eating, sleeping and normal activity. The range among people was from 200 and 1000 times a day, for an average of around 585 times a day.

We typically will see fewer cavities in people with better saliva production. Saliva dilutes acids and sugars and essentially washes the teeth. Unfortunately, many medicines reduce salivary production, so people on more medicines are more likely to get cavities even if they have had good dental health their whole lives. Also, sugary snacks and drinks before bedtime is not a good idea because salivary flow is very low during sleep.

Thank you, Sandra, for your question! I hope more readers will contact me with questions we all can learn from!

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## BAMBOOZABLES ANSWERS

1. Decide
2. Spaceship
3. Multiple Choice
4. Floor Model
5. Noone Knows
6. Thunderstorm
7. Better safe than sorry
8. Wheel of Fortune
9. Hard times ahead
10. Black eyed peas
11. Jumbo Jet
12. Minimize

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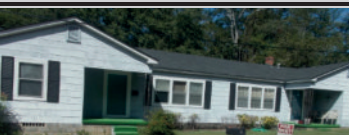
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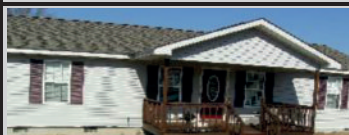
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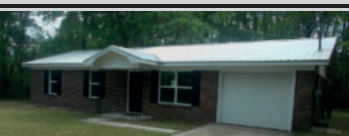
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