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Alabama Real Estate For Sale

114.99± Acres • Barbour County

Over a half mile of County Road 67 frontage (Bud Gary Road) with electricity and county water. Timberland investment, interior roads, hunting with food plots. Planted loblolly pines from 10± to 25± years old. Potential for substantial income from timber harvests. L-1700707 • \$245,000



50.92± Acres • Bullock County

Located on County Road 19 with electricity and county water available. Wooded tract has paved road frontage with potential home sites, planted loblolly pines, and mixed hardwoods with stream. Great hunting potential! L-1700443 • \$115,000



386± Acres • Coffee County

Frontage on Highway 141 a few miles north of Danley's Crossroads. Potential home sites with electricity and county water available. This is managed property with rich row cropland, planted pines (loblolly and longleaf) and hardwood bottoms along spring-fed streams. Excellent hunting with abundant wildlife! L-1600819 • \$636,900



80± Acres • Covington County

Located on Old Boggy Road, includes recently remodeled three-bedroom, one-bath, brick home, additional home site with septic tank and much more! Electricity and county water are available. There is substantial road frontage, several potential home sites, and a great pond site. Approximately 70 acres are planted in longleaf pines with excellent hunting potential. L-1700487 • \$250,000



80± Acres • Covington County - Outdoor Paradise on Old Boggy Road!

Electricity, county water, several potential home sites, and a great pond site. Offers frontage on Old Boggy Road and on Lightwood Knot Creek. Property includes 30± acres in 100± year old hardwoods and majestic cypress trees plus 50± acres in planted longleaf pines. *Hunting should be great on this tract!* L-1700380 • \$174,000



724 Darby Street, Brundidge • Pike County

Two-story Cape Cod-style home with two lots - Lot 7 and ¾ of Lot 8 located in a desirable neighborhood and near Pike County High School. Downstairs includes foyer, living room, dining room, kitchen, breakfast area, large den, two bedrooms, and one bathroom. Upstairs has two bedrooms and one bathroom. Features nine producing pecan trees and a 10' X 12' storage building. L-1700784 • \$115,000



93± Acres • Pike County

Located on the south side of Brundidge with frontage on the east side of four-lane Highway 231. *Buy the whole tract or separate parcel(s).* **Parcel 1:** 27± acres inside Brundidge City Limits, offered for \$81,000. **Parcels 2, 3 and 4:** Three 22± acre parcels just south of the City Limits each offered for \$55,000. L-1500265



4.5± Acres • Pike County

Located on Highway 125, this home has four bedrooms, 2-½ baths, open floor plan, and separate formal living room. The kitchen offers stainless steel appliances and plenty of cabinet space. Property includes a 24' x 45' workshop/storage building, a huge garden area, and producing pecan and fig trees! L-1700241 • \$160,000



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33.82± Acres, Pike County

Move-in ready four-bedroom, three-bath home has spacious open floor plan. Features two-car garage and large enclosed shop. Garage offers bathroom, office, kitchen, and dining area. *Country living with over 30 acres of open land possibly for horses, cattle, row crops, poultry houses and more!* L-1600845 • \$295,000



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There once was a funeral for a woman who had often screamed at her husband, drove her kids half nuts, scrapped with the neighbors at the slightest opportunity, and even made their cat and dog crazy with her explosive temper. As the casket was lowered into the grave, a violent thunderstorm broke, and the pastor's benediction was drowned out by a blinding flash of lightning, followed by terrific thunder. "Well, at least we know she got there all right," commented her husband.

NANO SECOND

I have discovered the answer to a question that has been puzzling scientists for hundreds of years. What is the exact difference between a split second and a nanosecond? My girlfriend and I were getting ready to go to a fancy dinner when, right as we were about to leave home, my girlfriend asked

me the question all guys dread. She asked, "Does this dress look bad on me?" If I had said "no" in a nanosecond, we'd have been out the door. However, since I took a split second before responding, she had to go back up to her closet to change, again.

PREDICTING THE FUTURE

While studying the occult, a teacher asked one of the boys in her class, "Can people predict the future with cards?" His response was, "My mother can." The teacher replied, "Really?" The young boy was quick to explain, "Yes, she takes one look at my report card and tells me what will happen when my father gets home."

A friend like me? Well that is a sign of good taste. We'll be friends until I'm senile, then we'll be new friends.

**'If it wasn't for the last minute, nothing would get done.'
Anonymous**

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ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN TEST

It's that time of year to take our annual senior citizen test.

1. What do you put in a toaster?
2. Say "silk" five times. Now spell "silk"
What do cows drink?
3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?
4. It's twenty years ago, and a plane is flying at 20,000 feet over Germany. During the flight, two engines fail. The pilot, realizing that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately the engine fails before he can do so and the plane fatally crashes smack in the middle of "no man's land" between East Germany and West Germany. Where would you bury the survivors? East Germany, West Germany, or no man's land"?
5. Without using a calculator - You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales. In London, 17 people get on the bus. In Reading, six people get off the bus and nine people get on. In Swindon, two people get off and four get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Swansea, three people get off and five people get on. In Carmarthen, six people get off and three get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven.
What was the name of the bus driver?

ANSWERS

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Answer Question 1: "bread." If you said "toast," give up now and do something else. Try not to hurt yourself. If you said, bread, go to Question 2.

Answer Question 2: Cows drink water. If you said "milk," don't attempt the next question. Your brain is over-stressed and may even overheat. Content yourself with reading a more appropriate literature such as Auto World. However, if you said "water", proceed to question 3.

Answer Question 3: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said "green bricks," why the heck are you still reading these?? If you said "glass," go on to Question 4.

Answer Question 4: Oh my Goodness!!! You don't bury survivors.

Answer Question 5: Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember your own name? It was YOU!!!

**If you refuse to go to sleep...
Does that mean you're resisting a rest?**



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NEW CONVERT HELP

He was not well-educated and rather rough and crude around the edges, but he was recently converted and now on fire for the Lord.

He was constantly pestering the pastor to give him some work that would be helpful to the church. Finally the pastor agreed. He gave the man a list of ten people who hadn't been in church for years nor made any financial contribution. Some of these were quite prominent in the community.

The pastor said, "What I want you to do is get these people back to church, however you can. You can use church stationery if you want, but get these people back to church." Three weeks later the pastor got an envelope in the mail from a prominent doctor whose name had been on the list, along with a check for \$1,000 and a note that read, "Dear Pastor, Please excuse my inactivity at church. I really have no excuse. Accept this check as a partial contribution for all the Sundays I've missed, and be assured I will never, by choice, miss worship again.

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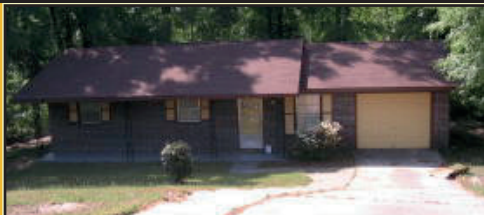
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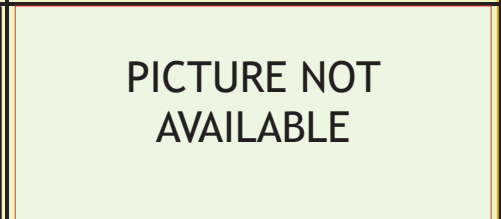
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This home is well maintained with beautiful hardwood floors, large bedrooms, a den off the kitchen, formal dining area, and a NINE ACRE LOT!
5700 Hwy. 51 • MLS 20171692 • \$ 149,900

UPDATES THROUGHOUT!!



This home has many updates throughout. New appliances, new lighting, updated kitchen and baths. A large sun room that could also be used as a den or anything you might like. The lot is very large and has a pond view.

712 Gunter Street • MLS 20172252 • \$ 115,000

MOTIVATED SELLER!



PLEASE BRING ALL OFFERS!! Don't miss this great home in Willow Oaks subdivision. It features a wood burning fireplace, bay windows in the kitchen, and walk-in closets in the master bedroom. Enjoy backyard barbecues on the back patio or family gatherings in the spacious Great Room with wet bar.
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This home sits on a beautiful lot that has been landscaped above your expectations! Totally updated with new flooring, paint, cabinets, and counter tops, updated baths and more.

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LOVELY GARDEN HOME



This lovely garden home is a must see. Open floor plan, beautiful hardwood flooring, with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, granite counter tops, custom cabinetry.

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Pocket Taser

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

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

Long story short, I bought the device and brought it home. I loaded two triple-A batteries in the darn thing and pushed the button. Nothing! I was disappointed. I learned, however, that if I pushed the button AND pressed it against a metal surface at the same time, I'd get the blue arch of electricity darting back and forth between the prongs. Awesome!!!

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

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

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

So, there I sat in a pair of shorts and a tank top with my reading glasses perched delicately on the bridge of my nose, directions in one hand, Taser in another. The directions said that a one-second burst would shock and disorient your assailant; a two-second burst was supposed to cause muscle spasms and a major loss of bodily control; a three-second burst would purportedly make your assailant flop on the ground like a fish out of water.



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

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

I'm sitting there alone, Gracie looking on with her head cocked to one side as if to say, "Don't do it, master," reasoning that a one-second burst from such a tiny little ole thing couldn't hurt all that bad.... I decided to give myself a one-second burst just for the heck of it. I touched the prongs to my naked thigh, pushed the button, and HOLY WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION!!!

I'm pretty sure Jessie Ventura ran in through the side door, picked me up in the recliner, and then body slammed us both on the carpet, over and over and over again. I vaguely recall waking up on my side in the fetal position, with tears in my eyes, body soaking wet, both nipples on fire, my left arm tucked under my body in the oddest position, and tingling in my legs. The cat was

standing over me making meowing sounds I had never heard before, licking my face, undoubtedly thinking to herself, "Do it again, do it again!"

Note: If you ever feel compelled to "mug" yourself with a Taser, one note of caution: there is no such thing as a one-second burst when you zap yourself. You will not let go of that thing until it is dislodged from your hand by a violent thrashing about on the floor.

A three-second burst would be considered conservative.

A minute or so later (I can't be sure, as time was a relative thing at that point), I collected my wits (what little I had left), sat up, and surveyed the landscape. My bent reading glasses were on the mantel of the fireplace. How did they get up there???

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

Still in shock,
Tommy

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The man walked over to the perfume counter and told the clerk he'd like a bottle of Chanel No. 5 for his wife's birthday. "A little surprise, eh?" smiled the clerk. "You bet," answered the customer. "She's expecting a cruise."

A man bought some prescription tablets and started cutting off the edges. Do you know why? He wanted to avoid the side effects.

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OWN YOUR LIFE

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SMALLEST THINGS

"Stop making a big deal out of it, it's not a big deal."

"Sometimes the smallest things hurt the most."

"How so?"

"Well, you can sit comfortably on a mountain, but you can't on a needle!"

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Bread:	25 cents

PAYING FOR HIS MISTAKE

A husband and wife had a big argument. Frustrated and fed up, the wife called up her mom and said, "We fought again, I can't do this anymore. I am coming to live with you." Mom said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you."

SHE DIDN'T MEAN IT

Johnny's mother ran into the bedroom when she heard him scream and found his two-year-old sister pulling his hair. She gently released the little girl's grip and said comfortingly to Johnny, who's just five years old, "There, there. She didn't mean it. She doesn't know that it hurts."

Mom was barely out of the room when the little girl screamed. Rushing back in she said, "What happened?" "She knows now," little Johnny explained.

YOU KNOW IT'S TIME TO DIET WHEN . . .

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You learn you were born with a silver shovel in your mouth.

You go to the zoo and the elephants throw peanuts to you.

You put mayonnaise on an aspirin.

Your blood type is Ragu.

You could sell shade.

A kindergarten teacher asked, "What is the shape of the earth?"

After a pause a little girl spoke up, "According to my Daddy...terrible!"



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Character and integrity comes from admitting you are wrong and a change of behavior for the better good. ~ Wallace Kennedy

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Panera's Broccoli Cheddar

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped broccoli florets
- 1 cup matchstick-cut carrots
- 1 stalk celery, thinly sliced
- 2 1/2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- salt and ground black pepper to taste



Directions

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a skillet over medium-high heat. Saute onion in hot butter until translucent, about 5 minutes. Set aside.

Whisk 1/4 cup melted butter and flour together in a large saucepan over medium-low heat; cook until flour loses its granular texture, adding 1 to 2 tablespoons of milk if necessary to keep the flour from burning, 3 to 4 minutes. Gradually pour milk into flour mixture while whisking constantly. Stir chicken stock into milk mixture. Bring to a simmer; cook until flour taste is gone and mixture is thickened, about 20 minutes. Add broccoli, carrots, sauteed onion, and celery; simmer until vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes.

Stir Cheddar cheese into vegetable mixture until cheese melts. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Applebee's Tomato Basil

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed tomato soup
- 1/4 cup bottled marinara sauce
- 1/2 (10.75 ounce) can water
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano, or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil, or more to taste
- 6 Italian-style seasoned croutons, or as needed
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese



Directions

Heat olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Saute garlic in hot oil until tender and fragrant, 2 to 3 minutes. Stir condensed tomato soup and marinara sauce into garlic; slowly add water. Mix oregano and black pepper into soup;

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bring to a simmer, reduce heat to low, and cook until flavors blend, about 15 minutes. Stir basil into soup. Ladle into bowls and top with croutons and Parmesan cheese.

Olive Garden's Zuppa Toscana

Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package smoked sausage
- 2 potatoes, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 6 slices bacon
- 1 1/2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 2 cups kale - washed, dried, and shredded
- 2 tablespoons chicken soup base
- 1 quart water
- 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream



Directions

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C). Place sausage links onto a sheet pan and bake for 25 minutes, or until done. Cut links in half lengthwise, then cut at an angle into 1/2-inch slices.

Place onions and bacon slices in a large saucepan and cook over medium heat until onions are almost clear. Remove bacon and crumble. Set aside.

Add garlic to the onions and cook an additional 1 minute. Add chicken soup base, water, and potatoes, simmer 15 minutes.

Add crumbled bacon, sausage, kale, and cream. Simmer 4 minutes and serve.



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Panera's Lemon Chicken Orzo

Ingredients

8 ounces orzo pasta
 1 teaspoon olive oil
 3 carrots, chopped, or more to taste
 3 ribs celery, chopped
 1 onion, chopped
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
 salt and ground black pepper to taste
 1 bay leaf
 3 (32 ounce) cartons fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth
 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
 1 lemon, zested
 8 ounces cooked chicken breast, chopped
 1 (8 ounce) package baby spinach leaves
 1 lemon, sliced for garnish (optional)
 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese (optional)



Directions

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook orzo in the boiling water until partially cooked through but not yet soft, about 5 minutes; drain and rinse with cold water until cooled completely.
 Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Cook and stir carrots, celery, and onion in hot oil until the vegetables begin to soften and the onion becomes translucent, 5 to 7

minutes. Add garlic; cook and stir until fragrant, about 1 minute more. Season mixture with thyme, oregano, salt, black pepper, and bay leaf; continue cooking another 30 seconds before pouring chicken broth into the pot. Bring the broth to a boil. Partially cover the pot, reduce heat to medium-low, and simmer until the vegetables are just tender, about 10 minutes.
 Stir orzo, lemon juice, and lemon zest into the broth; add chicken. Cook until the chicken and orzo are heated through, about 5 minutes. Add baby spinach; cook until the spinach wilts into the broth and the orzo is tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Ladle soup into bowls; garnish with lemon slices and Parmesan cheese.

Shoney's Beef Cabbage

Ingredients

1 pound lean ground beef
 1/2 head medium cabbage, shredded
 2 ribs celery, sliced
 1 small bell pepper, cut up into small pieces
 1 medium diced onion
 1 (16-ounce) canned kidney beans
 1 (28-ounce) canned tomatoes, chopped
 1 (28-ounce) can of water
 4 beef bouillon cubes
 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
 salt and pepper, to taste



Directions

Brown ground beef and drain.
 Add remaining ingredients to ground beef, adding 28 ounces of water using the 28 ounce tomato can.
 Bring to a boil and simmer for at least one hour or until veggies are tender.

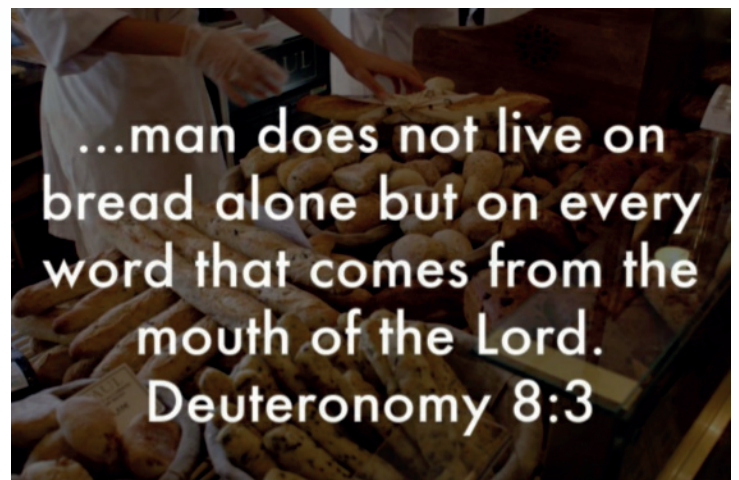
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For everyone who has ever had an evaluation or performance review just remember, it could have been worse. These are actual quotes taken from United States Federal Government employee performance evaluations:

1. "Since my last report, this employee has reached rock-bottom and has started to dig."
2. "I would not allow this employee to breed."
3. "This employee is really not so much of a has-been, but more of definite won't be."
4. "Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap."
5. "When she opens her mouth, it seems that it is only to change feet."
7. "This young lady has delusions of adequacy."
8. "He sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."
9. "This employee is depriving a village somewhere of its idiot."
10. "This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts, the better."
11. "Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thingy to hold it all together."
12. "A gross ignoramus -- 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus."
13. "He doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier."
14. "I would like to go hunting with him sometime."
15. "He's been working with glue too much."
16. "He would argue with a signpost."
17. "He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room."
18. "When his IQ reaches 50, he should sell."
19. "If you see two people talking and one looks bored, he's the other one."
20. "A photographic memory but with the lens cover glued on."

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Perhaps God favors Dodge pickup trucks, because Moses' followers are warned not to go up a mountain "until the Ram's horn sounds a long blast." Some scholars insist that Jesus drove a Honda but didn't like to talk about it.

As proof, they cite a verse in St. John's gospel where Christ tells the crowd, "For I did not speak of my own Accord..."

Meanwhile, Moses rode an old British motorcycle, as evidenced by a Bible passage declaring that "the roar of Moses' Triumph is heard in the hills." Joshua drove a Triumph sports car with a hole in its muffler, "Joshua's Triumph was heard throughout the land." And, following the Master's lead, the Apostles car pooled in a Honda, "The Apostles were in one Accord."

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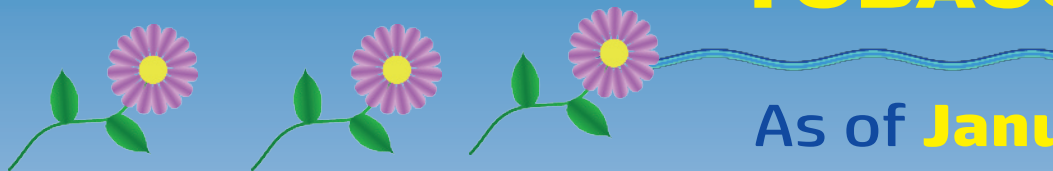
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Readers Comments...I would love to read your comments. Please mail yours to P.O. Box 681 Ozark, Al 36361 or email to roger@laughsandlifts.com

I Enjoy your magazine so much. I always have to get two one for my mother and of course one for me. Look forward to seeing what you have on the front. Beautiful ! ~ Nanci Brown Ludlam, Ozark

Thank you for such an up-lifting magazine that I've enjoyed for years Got this issue at McLin's in Daleville. Wanda Bird~ Headland

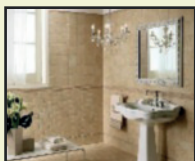
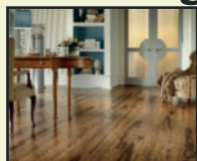
I love your magazine. The jokes are always clean and funny. Looking for all the icons is a family game we play every month. Anita Saunders ~ Malvern

Merry Christmas, Thank you for Laughs & Lifts. We really enjoy the magazine. Doris Boyett~Midland City

My family and I absolutely love Laughs and Lifts. Very entertaining and informative. Keep up the good work. We love the clean jokes. Donna Helms ~ Bellwood, AL

I really enjoy your magazine. I like to look for the icons, you really hide them good. I don't enter the contest, I just like to look for them. Robert Knighten

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All dressed up And no place to go.

In a London, England cemetery:
Here lies Ann Mann,
Who lived an old maid
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In a Ribbesford, England, cemetery:
Anna Wallace:
The children of Israel wanted bread,
And the Lord sent them manna.
Old clerk Wallace wanted a wife,
And the Devil sent him Anna.

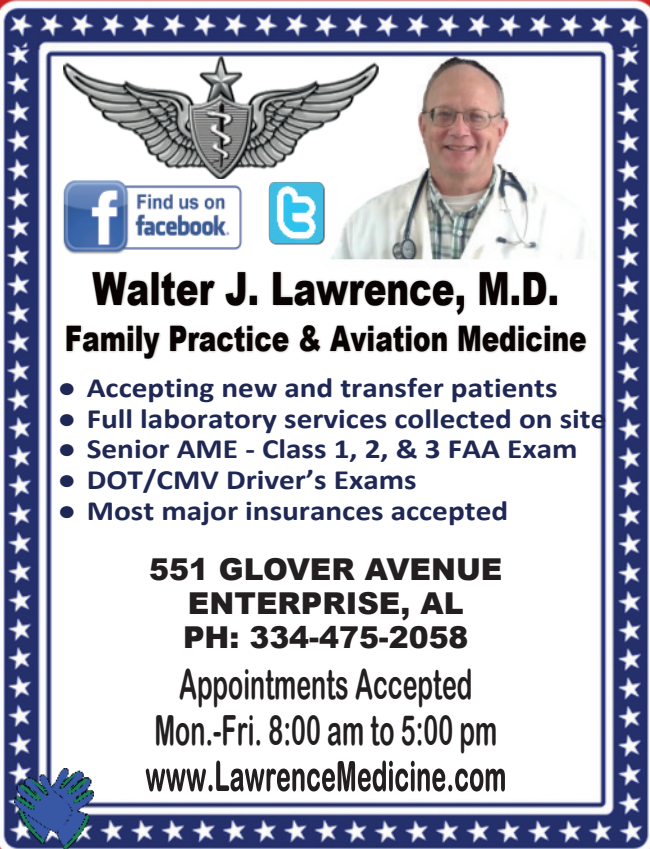
In a Ruidoso, New Mexico, cemetery:
Here lies Johnny Yeast.
Pardon me For not rising.

In a Uniontown, Pennsylvania, cemetery:
Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake.
Stepped on the gas
Instead of the brake.

In a Silver City, Nevada, cemetery:
Here lays The Kid.
We planted him raw.
He was quick on the trigger
But slow on the draw.

A lawyer's epitaph in England:
Sir John Strange.
Here lies an honest lawyer,
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#3 Apple has more cash than the U.S. Treasury.

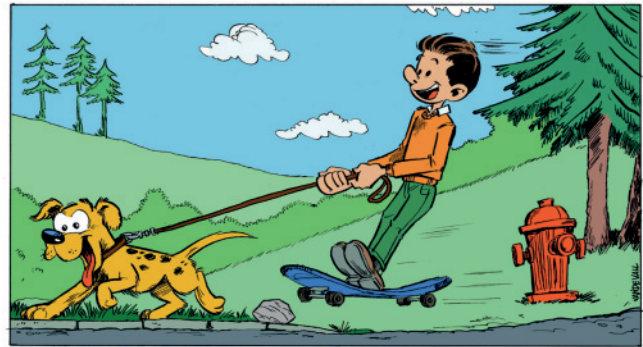
#4 The state of Alaska is 429 times larger than the state of Rhode Island, but Rhode Island has a significantly larger population than Alaska does.

#5 Alaska has a longer coastline than all of the other 49 U.S. states put together.

#6 The city of Juneau, Alaska, is about 3,000 square miles in size. It is actually larger than the entire state of Delaware.

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#7 When LBJ's "War on Poverty" began, less than 10 percent of all U.S. children were growing up in single parent households. Today, that number has skyrocketed to 33 percent. Why: the 'breadwinner' is Uncle Sam's welfare program.

#8 In 1950, less than 5 percent of all babies in America were born to unmarried parents. Today, that number is over 40 percent.

#9 The poverty rate for households that are led by a married couple is 6.8 percent. For households that are led by a female single parent, the poverty rate is 37.1 percent.

#10 In 2013, women earned 60 percent of all bachelor's degrees that were awarded that year in the United States.

#11 According to the CDC, 34.6 percent of all men in the U.S. are obese.



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GETTING PAST YOUR PAST

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Philippians 3:13-14 says: "Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."



New Year's resolutions are all about changes, wanting to do something different and living a more meaningful life. Change is not always easy; it requires commitment, staying focused and hard work.

Paul gives us insight on what it takes to reach a goal or mark. There is one thing I must first do, is to put the past behind. Rather it is sin, disappointments or past failures, we learn from them and move forward to a set goal. ...Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us...(Hebrews 12:1) the things from the past can be like weights or luggage that we are carrying; keeping us from being all that we can be, and reaching our destiny in Christ Jesus.

"Let It Go!!" Sometimes we allow these mistakes, setbacks and failures to enslave us to the point we never enjoy the full Christian life God has given us to enjoy.

In **John 10:10** Jesus said, "I am come that you

might have life and have it more abundantly." Then He goes on to tell us that there is an adversary, called the devil that seeks to still, kill and destroy our life. The devil will remind us of our past in order to keep us from enjoying the life that God gave us to live. He does not want us to have a fresh start in life.

The good news is, God says, "I want you to have a fresh start in life; a new beginning, and I want to do something new in your life."

A great truth is this: God is far more interested in our future than He is in our past.

Paul says: "I follow after, I pursue with vigor, stretched myself forward, pressing and pushing, bearing towards a certain point, to achieve that which is set before me." "I Can Do All Things Because Jesus Gives Me the Strength I Need To Do It" (**Philippians 4:13**)

For this New Year you may have decided to do a few things like: Have a closer walk with God, lose weight, improve relationships, set financial goals, healthier habits, or start a new hobby etc...Write down your vision, revisit it frequently so you don't forget and you will be able to remain on course.

Yes you can do it! Learn from Paul and many others and do not allow the past to hold you back from the wonderful future God has for you. Read (**Jeremiah 29:11**)

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PASTOR'S POINT

Pastor Haley Enfinger

Firewall

In computing, a firewall is a network security system that monitors and controls incoming and outgoing network traffic based on predetermined security rules. So let's start here, what restrictions have you set up in your life? You might be scratching your head thinking "Restrictions, who needs restrictions I'm an adult" Allow me to explain. We are moving into a new year and without restrictions you are vulnerable, susceptible to the dangers that lie waiting for you. You have heard it said the devil comes to kill, steal, and destroy. You are who he has come to do that to. I know that is a very sobering statement but the Devil has come to kill you. In Ephesians 1:20 -22 the bible says:
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hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above (No comparison) all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come. 22 And God put everything under His feet and made Him head over everything for the church,.....
 Paul also calls the church in 1 Timothy 3; 15 "the church of the living God, a pillar and ground (Foundational) of the truth". The church is your firewall. Where else will the world get the Truth unless it comes from the Church. The world is never going to proclaim the "Truth". The Church has to proclaim the Truth! In 1 Corinthians 3:11 the bible says: *For other foundation can NO man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.* If you have not established a firewall in your life, then make a New Year's resolution to search out a bible believing church and go to church so you can be the church!!

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Starting in 2018, there will be free Lunch and Learn mini-workshops in Houston County on Tuesdays, starting on Jan. 2nd, and in Dale County on Wednesdays starting on March 14th, from 12-1 PM. See the schedules posted here.

A pruning workshop will be held on Thursday, Feb. 1st at the Coffee County Extension office. the importance of pruning, how much to prune, when to prune, safety tips and tools for pruning and a hands-on pruning demonstration will take place. Call the Coffee County Extension Office to preregister by Jan. 26th at (334) 894-5596. It is located at 1055 E. McKinnon St., New Brockton, AL.

Our next Claybank Master Gardener Meeting will be held at Hoppergrass

Restaurant in Ozark on Thursday January 18th, from 11:00. Come buy your meal, and bring it into the meeting. 129 East Ave., across from Milky Moo's. Visitors tell us they always learn something new, and learn from our experienced master gardeners. We would love to hear about your gardening experiences as well.

Did you know that the Claybank Master Gardeners have a Facebook page? Look for it, we post useful and interesting local gardening information.

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My bank has a new service where they will text you your balance; it's cool, I just don't think they should add "LOL" at the end.

Joshua 24:14

Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord.

Note:

The man that fear God walks accordingly. Acknowledging God in all of his ways. Sounding the alarm of truth and righteousness. Being the vessel of light that dominates darkness. Encouraging man kind to follow Jesus, while filling the pot holes of pride, and washing away the loose stones of corruption. Putting away all false gods.

From Chaddwick Crews

Number Search Puzzle Answers

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Bamboozable Answers

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3. High Tide
4. Hands on Experience
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A week later, while they were eating breakfast, the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd numbered side of the street so the snowplow can get through." Michael's wife goes out and moves her car again.

The next week they are having breakfast again, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park.....", then the electric power goes out. Michael's wife is very upset and, with a worried look on her face, she says, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the plow can get through?"

With the love and understanding in Michael's voice, like all the men who are married to blondes exhibit, Michael says, "Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time."

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