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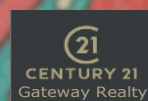
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114.99± Acres • Barbour County

Over a half mile of County Road 67 frontage (Bud Gary Road) with electricity and county water. Timberland investment. **SOLD** 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



76± Acres • Butler County

Frontage on paved County Road 59 (Halso Mill Road) with electricity and county water available. This property is a **SALE PENDING** opportunity to invest in beautiful natural forestland with spring-fed streams. Don't miss this one if you would like to own a great place to hunt! L-1800424 • \$150,000



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 - 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



79.14± Acres • Henry County

Located on County Road 102, about four miles east of Abbeville, in the Wills Crossroads Community. This beautiful property has four ponds, pastureland, wooded areas, and two mobile homes. L-1800217 • \$238,000



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. **SALE PENDING** er, 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



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33.82± Acres, Pike County

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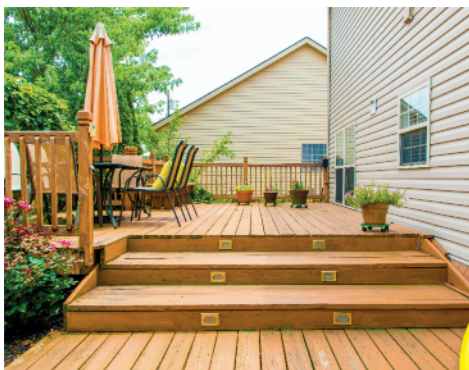
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110 Old Town Road, Midland City

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MLS 433936 \$119,500



305 Spring Lake Bend, Ozark

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MLS 433425 \$150,500



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1590 South Union Avenue, Ozark

This is truly a jewel from the 1950's. 3/2 with over 2200 Sq. Ft. Beautiful hardwood flooring in much of the house, 2 fireplaces, large rooms, Fenced area. Very private in back. Partial unfinished basement.
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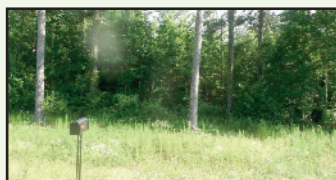
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712 Gunter Street, Ozark

Updates throughout home! New appliances, new lighting, updated kitchen and baths, The large sun room could be used as a den.
MLS W20172252 \$115,000



1800 Mixon School Road, Ozark

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962 South Union, Ozark

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6:30p.m. - BENTON BROTHERS
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

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Aunt T's Kitchen

HAM-AND-TOMATO PIE

Ingredients

- 1 (8-oz.) package diced cooked ham (NOT DELI)
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions (about 4 onions)
- 1 (9-inch) frozen unbaked pie shell (NOT DEEP DISH)
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 2 medium plum tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 1 large egg
- 1/3 cup half-and-half
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- Garnishes: fresh basil sprigs, tomato slices



Directions

- Sauté ham and green onions in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat 5 minutes or until ham is brown and any liquid evaporates.
- Brush bottom of pie shell evenly with mustard; sprinkle with 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Spoon ham mixture evenly over cheese, and top with single layer of sliced tomatoes.
- Beat egg and half-and-half with a fork until blended; pour over tomatoes. Sprinkle evenly with basil, pepper, and remaining 1/2 cup cheese.
- Bake on lowest oven rack at 425° for 20 to 23 minutes or until lightly browned and set. Cool on

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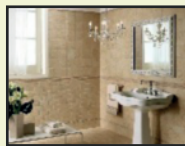
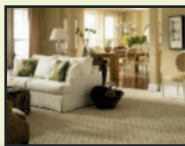
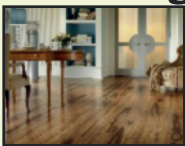
- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 2 cucumbers, seeds removed, diced (about 2 cups)
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 2 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh dill
- 2 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh mint
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more for serving
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, plus more for serving
- 6 Texas Toast slices or other thick white bread slices, toasted
- 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 lb. assorted fresh tomatoes (about 3 large), cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Thinly sliced chives



Directions

Stir together cream cheese, cucumbers, red onion, dill, mint, lemon juice, vinegar, salt, and pepper in a medium bowl until well combined. Spread about 1/4 cup of the cucumber mixture onto each slice of the toasted bread. Top each with 2 to 3 tomato slices, and drizzle each with 1 teaspoon olive oil. Sprinkle tomatoes with chives, salt, and pepper. Serve immediately.

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4 large tomatoes
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1 shallot, minced (1/4 cup)
1 Garlic clove, minced
1/2 lb. sweet Italian sausage, casings removed
1/4 c. freshly chopped basil, plus more for garnish
3/4 c. panko bread crumbs
3 oz. fontina cheese, cut into 1/4" cubes
1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan
kosher salt
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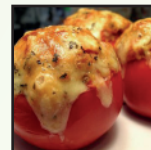
Directions

Preheat oven to 425°. Core tomatoes with a paring knife and cut a larger 2"-wide circle on top of each. Using a small spoon, scoop out insides, then place tomatoes upside-down on a paper towel-lined baking sheet and let drain while you prep the filling. In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add shallot and garlic and sauté until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Add sausage, breaking it up with a wooden spoon, and cook until browned and cooked through, 8 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, remove sausage mixture to a large paper towel-lined bowl to soak up grease, then discard paper towel and stir in basil, panko, fontina, and Parmesan. Place tomatoes in a small baking dish and season insides with salt and pepper. Stuff tomatoes with sausage mixture (filling will shrink as you cook, so be sure to mound tops until they look like they're overflowing), and bake until cheese is melting and tops are golden, 15 to 20 minutes. Let cool 5 to 10 minutes and serve with a simple green salad.

STUFFED TOMATOES

Ingredients

2 large ripe tomatoes
1 (10 ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chile peppers, partially drained
1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
2/3 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1/4 pound smoked sausage, cut into 1 inch pieces



Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Cut the tops off of the tomatoes and use a knife to cut around the inside, separating the flesh from the skin. Scoop out the flesh. Place the tomatoes in a small baking dish. In a small bowl combine the canned tomatoes with the bread crumbs, 1/3 cup of cheese and the sausage; mix well. Spoon the mixture into the tomato skins and top with the remaining 1/3 cup of cheese. Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes

SOUTHERN TOMATO SALAD

Ingredients

2 cups halved multicolored cherry tomatoes
1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
1 cup sliced fresh peaches
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon fresh mint leaves
2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar
1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 ounce crumbled goat cheese



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Combine tomatoes and 1/8 tsp. salt in a bowl. Let stand 5 minutes. Add peaches, olive oil, mint leaves, vinegar, and 1/8 tsp. kosher salt; toss. Top with pepper and crumbled goat cheese.

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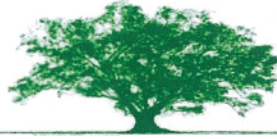
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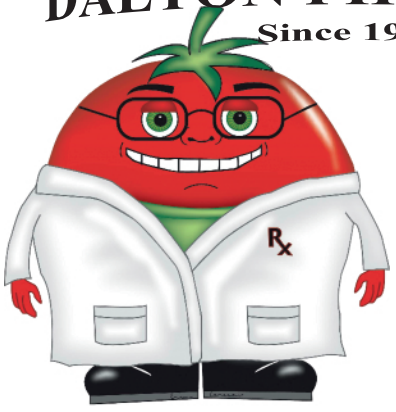
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On April 19, 2018 I had my six month follow-up as a cancer survivor and the results were negative. I can't help but to love, praise, give honor and glory unto God. God looks throughout the earth, looking for His Words; He says His Word will not return to Him void.

Be encouraged in these words: A Psalm of David. *"Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies: Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle."* **Psalm 103:1-5**

You may be going through something right now: health issues, relationship issues, financial short falls, uncertain future, feeling like He is a great distance away or maybe He has forgotten your needs and concerns.

Be of good cheer my friends, the Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed. When you call on Him, He will answer; He will be with you in trouble times and He will rescue us and honor us with His love, mercies, forgiveness and grace. **Psalm 34:19 says** *"The righteous person has many troubles, but the LORD rescues him from all of them."*

God loves you and He can never stop being good, He is the essence of love and nothing is impossible for Him.

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Which one would you choose to offer a ride to, knowing that there could only be one passenger in your car.

Think before you continue reading. This is a moral/ethical dilemma that was once actually used as part of a job application.

You could pick up the old lady, because she is going to die, and thus you should save her first; or you could take the old friend because he once saved your life, and this would be the perfect

chance to pay him back. However, you may never be able to find your perfect dream lover again.

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"And the best of the day te yerself. This is Father O'Malley at St. Ann's Catholic Church. There's a jack-ass lying dead in me front lawn and would ye be so kind as to send a couple o'yer lads to take care of the matter?"
Sergeant Jones, considering himself to be quite a wit and recognizing the foreign accent, thought he would have a little fun with the good father, replied, "Well now Father, it was always my impression that you people took care of the last rites!"
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In Romans 8:1-2 the apostle Paul says, "1: *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2: For the law of the Spirit of life in **Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.**"

When we were born into this world we all were born according to the law of sin and death. Jesus said He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. (ref. John 10:10)

Let us look at the words independence and death. When I hear the word death, I don't think about freedom like I do when I here the word independence. At death, the decisions have already been made. However, when someone has been given independence, they now have the freedom to choose.

I close with this question as we celebrate America's independence; are you living a life burdened by the pressure to obtain a standard you didn't ask for? Choose Jesus today because He came to give us new life and freedom. I don't "have to" live for Jesus, I want to. Today invite Jesus into your life and you will never be the same.



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However, keeping up with the weeds is a challenge, and the high humidity chases this gardener back indoors early in the day. It is happy rehydrating to put watermelon ice cubes in my tea or water. YouTube has so many great gardening tips, and some that just don't work for our climate, but I have found one easy homemade formula that actually deters the munching pests from basil and some veggies in my garden:



That's all, so easy. Spray your veggie leaves **top and bottom**. Look up YouTube video at "Homemade Garlic- Garden Insect Spray" from AnOregonCottage to get the details and visuals that will make it clearer.

Our **Wednesday July 11th Lunch and Learn** will be about Native Plants to use in your yard. Using native plants which are most maintenance free and adapted to our humid southern climate and milder winters is the best way to protect your yard from unwelcome and invasive pests. It will be held from 12 noon to 1 PM at the Dale County Extension Office, 202 South Hwy 123 in Ozark. Call the Extension Office at (334)-774-2329 for more information. Bring your bag lunch, drinks are provided.

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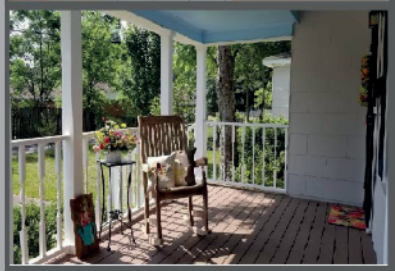
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Lions don't lose sleep over the opinion of sheep."
- John G. Stevens

The pastor was greeting folks at the door after the service. A woman said, "Father, that was a good sermon."
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The crew and the secret service were scrambling to launch a boat to go get it, when President Trump waved them off, saying "Never mind, boys, I'll get it."

President Trump climbed over the side of the yacht, walked on the water to the hat, picked it up, walked back on the water, climbed onto the yacht and handed the Pope his hat.

The crew was speechless. The security team and the pope's entourage were speechless.

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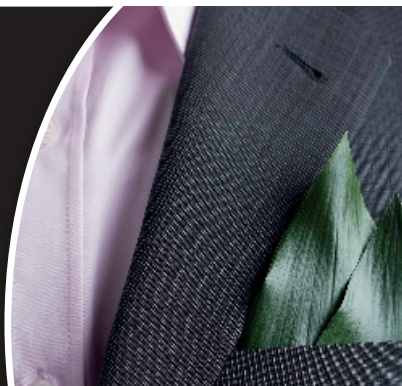


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CAN I GET A WITNESS

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally....I assumed you had stolen the car."

So, another week ends without becoming unexpectedly rich.

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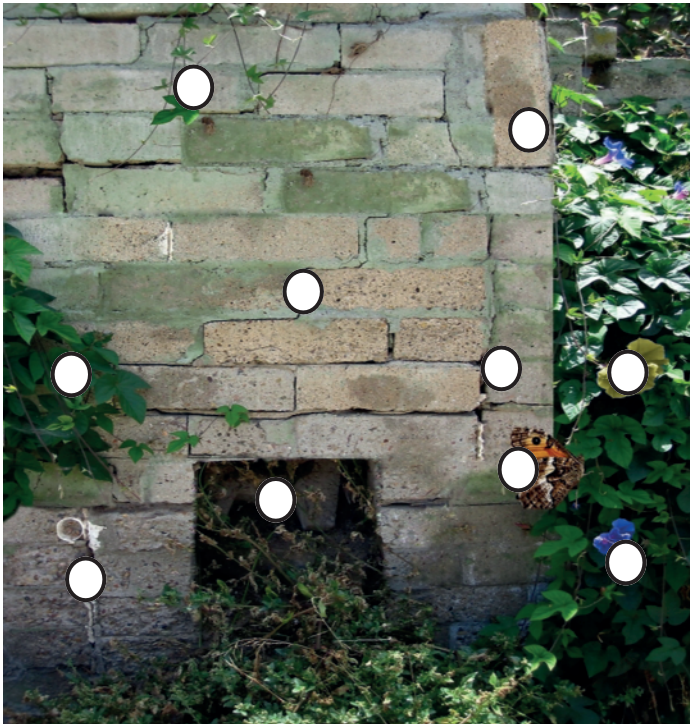
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*Aging may have slowed me down,
but it hasn't made me shut up.*



A young girl who was writing a paper for school came to her father and asked, "Dad, what is the difference between anger and exasperation?" The father replied, "It is mostly a matter of degree. Let me show you what I mean." With that the father went to the telephone and dialed a number at random. To the man who answered the phone, he said, "Hello, is Melvin there?" The man answered, "There is no one living here named Melvin. Why don't you learn to look up numbers before you dial". "See," said the father to his daughter. "That man was not a bit happy with our call. He was probably very busy with something and we annoyed him. Now watch..." The father dialed the number again. "Hello, is Melvin there?" asked the father. "Now look here!" came the heated reply. "You just called this number and I told you that there is no Melvin here! You've got lot of guts calling again!" The receiver slammed down hard. The father turned to his daughter and said, "You see, that was anger. Now I'll show you what exasperation means." He dialed the same number, and when a violent voice roared, "Hello!" The father calmly said, "Hello, this is Melvin. Have there been any calls for me?"

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Cowboy Joe was telling his fellow cowboys back on the ranch about his first visit to a big-city church.

"When I got there, they had me park my old truck in the corral," Joe began.

"You mean the parking lot," interrupted Charlie, a more worldly fellow.

"I walked up the trail to the door," Joe continued.

"The sidewalk to the door," Charlie corrected him.

"Inside the door, I was met by this dude," Joe went on.

"That would be the usher," Charlie explained.

"Well, the usher led me down the chute," Joe said.

"You mean the aisle," Charlie said.

"Then, he led me to a stall and told me to sit there," Joe continued.

"Pew," Charlie retorted.

"Yeah," recalled Joe.

"That's what that pretty lady said when I sat down besideer."

A cowboy and a biker are on death row, and are to be executed on the same day. The day comes, and they are brought to the gas chamber. The warden asks the cowboy if he has a last request, to which the cowboy replies, "Ah shore do, wardn. Ah'd be mighty grateful if'n yoo'd play 'Achy Breaky Heart' fur me bahfore ah hafta go." "Sure enough, cowboy, we can do that," says the warden. He turns to the biker, "And you, biker, what's your last request?" "That you kill me first."



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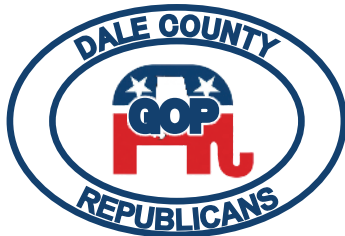
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