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Lot 310 Big Spring Gap • Pikeville, TN 37367 **\$199.500** #1398310

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In blease or and the view of the valley is a wonderful pastoral area of this part of the Sequatchie Valley. Public water was just laid along the road.

397/398 Fawnwood Drive • Spring City, TN 37381

**\$12,000** #1504980

New listing-Lower price for these 2 lots sold as one! New listing-Lower price for mess 2 lots solo as one: Please visit the Apollo Shores website for all the infor-mation on ownership. Come live the lake life and enjoy a wonderful neighborhood. Access to lake 24/7. Deep water year round. This quiet, lush subdivision offers a relaxed lake-life community. Two for the price of one! Call this listing



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the Lord to keep you from believing false teachings

God will judge that person, whoever he is, who has been



confusing you"





"It's called a tuffet. I got it off this little girl I frightened!"



## Community Events Calendar



EMAIL: THEUCSHOPPER@GMAIL.COM FOR A FREE LISTING OF YOUR EVENT

ONGOING: Wilson County **Veterans Center** 112 Hartman Dr. Lebanon, TN. VVA 1004 meeting 1st Mon- in the Park Location: 5:30pm. American Legion 2nd Mon-5:30pm. VFW 50015 3rd Mon., 5:30pm. Free meal provided before meetings Contact: 615-804-

Free Food Giveaway for Veterans every Saturday from 5:00 am be available to play. until it's all gone. At Uncle Pete's Restaurant. 1210 Sparta Pike, Lebanon,

4404

Jammin' at the **Depot**, 116 W. Broad St., Cookeville, TN. Time: 4-7 pm. Every Friday night. Hip Cookeville hosts the weekly acoustic pickers' jam session. Bring your instrument, chair/blanket and join us to enjoy the music.

June 7 Annual Fish for FREE Day Location: Cane Creek Park, 201 CC Campe Rd., Cookeville, TN. Time: 9 am - 5 pm. Event, presented by TN Tech University's Student Fisheries Assoc., TN Wildlife Resource Agency and Cookeville parking area on Leisure Services. No fishing license is required. Participants

should bring their own fishing gear and bait.

<u>June 8</u> 2nd Annual Sundae Dogwood Park, 30 E. Broad St., Cookeville, TN. Time: 3 pm. FREE Cancer Patient ice cream served with fellowship presented by One Name, a multitude of churches banding together across denominations standing for God's truth. Games will also

**June 13 After Dark Movies** in the Park Location: Dogwood Park, 30 E. Broad St., Cookeville, TN. Time: Sundown. Wicked will show under and operating on air the stars this week. Bring your chair and blankets. Concessions Meet with amateur will be available.

<u>June 14</u> Juneteenth Celebration Location: a station there. Algood Ball Park, just passed Hope Church. Algood, Cookeville, TN. Time: 3 - 6 pm. Vendors, live music, food. FREE parking and admission.

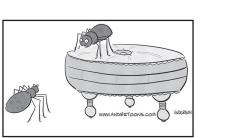
<u>June 21</u> 2025Summer Splash 5k Location: Race will start near the **Exceptional Bean** North Walnut Ave., Cookeville, TN. Time: 6 pm. This

family friendly race is open to runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. Hosted by the CRMC Foundation, the event raises funds for the Upper Cumberland Assistance Fund. Register by June 6 to secure an optional race t-shirt. Register: cookvilleregionalcharity.org

<u>June 28</u> **Plateau Amateur** Radio Club Annual Field Day Location: 370 West Main St., Livingston, TN. Time: Starting at 10 am. Join US to see amateur radio communications setup with other stations around the world. radio operators and learn more about Ham Radio. The TN State Guard will have

July 4 **Red White & BOOM** Location: Putnam Co. Fairgrounds, Cookeville, TN. Time: 5:30 - 9:30 pm. Gates open at 4. There will be live music, food and fireworks.

**CONTACT INFO TO PLACE** YOUR EVENT CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE ~ IN THE INFORMATION HEADING. ADS WILL BE EDITED FOR SPACE CONSIDERATIONS.









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7099	Kelsey Goolsby 27	70-427	-955
2761	Cayden Shrum 6'	15-670	-897
)441	Landon Colter 6'	15-633	-537
3786	Nick Hill6	15-388	-118
5595	Jennifer Sullivan 6	15-476	-206
3906	Danielle Eldridge 6'	15-489	-786
9232	Whitney Shrum 6	15-489	-682
2161	Claudia Sullivan 6	15-388	-908
1617	Kyle Woodard 6'	15-388	-771
3224	Jennifer West 6	15-830	-495
5298	A.J. Holiday 6	15-578	-046
5576	Danya Cox 6	15-655	-419
3621	Karen Burrow 6'	15-948	-597
7097	Stephanie Gray 6	15-651	-947
7002	Dovin Shrum 6	15 670	352

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#### **CARS**

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**Ducklings available-**Swedish: Black and Blues; Mixed breed. Last hatch of the season. \$10 each, straight run only. Farm pickup. Call or text 931-252-0176.

#### <u>HOUSEHOLD</u>

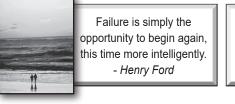
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#### MISCELLANEOUS

93 older concrete blocks. 11-5/8" wide by 15-1/2" long. \$150 cash for all. 931-644-0407, Cookeville.

Community Yard Sales: Three Island Rd, Walling, TN. 5 miles long, June 7th - some on the 6th. Off Hwy 136 South. Call 931-261-0646 Walling, TN.











#### **Tips On Trading In**

(NAPSA)—Trading your old wheels to a dealership is often the easiest option but can be less lucrative. Try these tips to help get more money the next time:

- Clean up your ride. Vacuum, spot clean (or detail) and take out any coins, receipts or trash. Make that baby look like new again.
- Take care of easy-to-fix problems that will help prove your car is in tip-top shape. Top off fluids, fill tires and repair dings or scratches.



Taking a few small steps before you kiss your old car good-bye can help you get a better price when trading it in.

- Check your car's history to determine the value. Use the information in a Carfax Vehicle History Report to call out details that may help swing negotiations in your favor.
- Be prepared. Make sure you have the owner's manuals, all keys (spare and valet), and radio security code in order.
- Get multiple offers. It pays to shop your car. Get offers from a few different dealers first. You may not have to buy your next car from the dealer with the best offer.
- Learn more. For other easy-to-do tips on getting the most for your trade, search "trading in" on the Carfax.com blog.



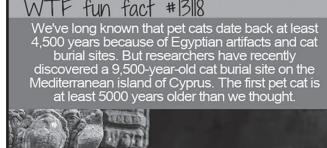
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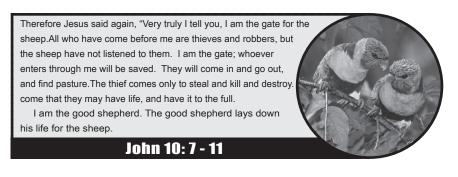




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**Selling from the Fentress County Court House -**101 S Main St., Jamestown, TN 38556

A traditional brick ranch with 1,400 +/- sqft of main level living area plus a basement. Situated on a large semi wooded lot in Clarkrange, TN.

> Lee J. Amonett **Broker/Auctioneer** 931-252-1907

Terms: The auction is being held in conjunction with a foreclosure action. James R. Brown, Attorney for People's Bank & Trust. 20% Deposit at the time of sale, with the balance due in 30 days. The property will be conveyed by a Trustee's Deed. All Property selling "As Is, Where Is" both surface and subsurface with no warranties. Bidders should complete their own due diligence prior to the sale. Announcements & Updates Take Precedence Over All Other Advertising.



### JUNE 14th @ 9:00 AM 999 BROWNTOWN RD. MORRISON, TN

FARM EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, ATV & TOOLS

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HAY EQUIPMENT: Krone Easy Cut 280 w/ KMC Kelly 4760 caddy, Kuhn GMD 55 Select 6' disc mower, New Holland 256 hay rake, Gehl 420 10-wheel hay rake, New Holland double hay rake Rolabar 258, Massey Ferguson square hay baler, Massey Ferguson 10 hay baler, self-propelled sickle bar hay mower, New Holland hay bine, hay tetter, hay conditioner

FARM EQUIPMENT: Fred Cain 10' Agri-Cutter pull type rotary cutter, 12' disc, , Massey Ferguson 4 bottom turning plow, 3 pt. hitch root rake, 11' disc, 9 shank chisel plow, 12' disc harrow, 3 pt. hitch 6' disc, 7' pull type bog, grain drill, homemade bucket, 3 pt. hitch cultivator, 3 wheel wagon, 2 bottom plow, John Deere 6' bushhog, 12' disc, Huskee 22 ton log splitter, Massey Ferguson 468 corn planter, (2) cultivators, 4 fuel tanks, (2) Allis-Chalmers All Crop conditioners, Ezee flow fertilizer applicator, horse drawn disc, horse drawn cultivator, International 2 bottom plow, Yamara 6' tiller, large hoist, bucket loader, turning plow, Honda 3 wheeler, Porter Cable 155 PSI pressure washer, 5x8 2 wheel trailer w/ramp 2 horse bumper hitch trailer, 6.5x14 bumper hitch trailer, Hudson Brother's 18' gooseneck flatbed trailer w/ 5' dove & ramps, 6x18' stock trailer, 6x14 stock trailer, 7' trailer dolly, All Star 5x8 2 wheel trailer, 5x7 2 wheel trailer, fiberglass boat w/ trailer

VEHICLES: 2001 Buick LeSabre, 1981 GMC Kodiak 3208 Cat engine 175HP, 2003 Chevrolet 2500 HD 4 speed 4WD w/ gooseneck hitch, 1996 Ford F100 351 engine, GMC 2 ton flatbed cab over, (3) Chevy C-10's, GMC V6, (2) Ford F100 Custom, (3) Ford F100, ca. 1980's Ford F150 extended cab, Ford V8, Chevy 60, GMC 2 ton truck, Toyota, GMC Sierra Grande, GMC Sierra 1500, Chevy 2 ton truck, Dodge Dakota SE, Ford Ranger, Dodge Arrow, Ford F150, Buick GS 400, Chevy Impala 327, 1999 Lincoln Continental, (2) Fiats, Chevy bed, Datsun station wagon, Pontiac Sunbird, Ford Pinto, Chevy Chevette, Ford Pinto Runabout, Buick Apollo, Jeep Cherokee V6, Ford Econoline, (2) Chevy Malibu Classic, (2) Plymouth Fury, Ford Galaxy, Buick Special, (2) Buick LeSabre, Ford F250, Pontiac Phoenix, Toyota Tercel, 1988 Buick Park Avenue, Pontiac Grand Prix, Chevy Euro Sport, Ford Mustang, Ford LTD, Chevy Brookwood, old tanker truck, Cobra 5th wheel, school bus.

GUNS: Scofield Revolver SN .44 CFW, Stevens 12 ga. Single shot w/ scope rail, Harrington & Richardson Topper single shot Model 58 .22 Homet w/ Tasco 4x20 scope, Stevens single shot .410, J.C. Higgins 103.13 .22 semi-auto, Mossberg 12 ga. 500 ATP, Winchester Model 190 .22 w/ Weaver K4 scope, Marlin Firearms .22 cal. Model 25MN micro groove barrel, Amadeo Rossi 12 ga. Single shot, Savage Model 62 .22 synthetic stock, military style rifle, Marlin Glenfield Model 60 .22, Daisy BB gun, Spiegel Huntmaster Model 128 12 ga. bolt action, Savage Springfield Model 67 Series E 12 ga.

JEWELRY: 9 rings, mostly men's 10K yellow gold w/ diamonds

MOST OF THESE VEHICLES ARE NOT RUNNING—PREVIEW 3-6 PM FRIDAY JUNE 13th

Directions: In McMinnville head west on US-70S. Continue onto Hwy. 55 towards Morrison. Turn right onto Shelbyville Rd. 11.5 mi. Turn right onto Browntown Rd. Auction site on the right in 1 mi.

Terms: 10% Buyer's Premium. Cash or check day of sale.

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303 W. Main St. McMinnville, TN 37110

10 AM: WOODS HOLLOW RD. MCMINNVILLE

0.479± AC UNRESTRICTED L

**DIRECTIONS:** From downtown McMinnville head east on TN-56S/E Colville St. 1.2 mi. Left onto Higginbotham Rd. .7 mi. Slight right onto Leesburg Rd. .4 mi. Turn left onto Clements Rd. .2 mi. Auction will be held between

11 AM: NW OF SPARTA ST. MCMINNVILLE

2.00± AC UNRESTRICTED LOT

12 PM: 115 MORNINGSIDE ST. MCMINNVILLE

0.224± AC LOT IN TOWN

DIRECTIONS: From downtown McMinnville head south on S Chancery St. . 6 mi. Turn right onto Old Morrison Rd. .4 mi. Turn right onto Morningside St. Auction site on the left between 113 and 117 Morningside St.

**Terms:** 10% BUYER'S PREMIUM. 10% will be added to final bid to determine contract price. 10% down day of sale. Balance due at closing within 30 days. Taxes to be prorated. Possession with deed.

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Saturday June 14 • 10:00 AM • 8170 Trousdale Ferry Pike, Lebanon, TN



This doublewide home has approximately 1,440 sq ft, three Bedrooms (12x14) (10x11) (8x10), Living Room (14x23), Kitchen (9x11), Dining Room (8x9), Laundry Room (3x5), Master Bath (8x12), Hall Bath (6x9). This home has a (8x16) wood covered Front Porch, and a (10x12) rear wood Deck. Property has city water, existing septic system, and high-speed internet available.



**Doublewide Home and Lot • Personal Property** 

Auctioneer's Note: Rental property is in great demand and there is a need for starter homes. We are proud to sell this three-bedroom two bath doublewide home on a nice shady lot that is located between two exits on 1-40 on Trousdale Ferry Pike just minutes from Lebanon There is a nice collection of glassware, furniture, tools, musical instruments, boat and boat trailers along with a zero turn Cub Cadet, and lawn equipment. Make plans to come and spend the day with The

Title: Seller will provide Attorney Title Opinion Letter and Warranty Deed. 2025 County Taxes will be prorated at closing.

Closing Attorney: Mr. David Bass

Terms: Real Estate: 20% non-refundable deposit down day of sale, sign sales contract, w/ balance due at closing. Real Estate is selling "As Is' "Where Is" with no written or implied warranties, and no contingencies including and not limited to financing, appraisal, or inspections of any

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Bank Tennessee - Eddie Dale Sykes - (615) 735-9805

Directions: 1-40 East to Linwood Exit #245, go left back across the interstate ½ mile to stop sign, take right onto Trousdale Ferry approx. 2 miles on the right. See Signsl

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Martha Beck

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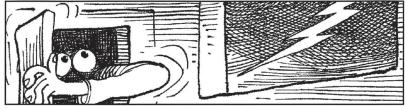
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#### Absolute

**Hogans Creek Road** Carthage, TN

Saturday - June 21, 2025 • 10:00 AM

We are offering this 35.82 acres selling in five tracts that have all been soil mapped and septic approved.



Auctioneer's Notes: Home Builders and Investors - If you are looking to build your dream home or a great place to hunt, this property is for you Conveniently located between Carthage and Lebanon, just on the outskirts of town. This property allows you plenty of room to roam and grow in Smith County, which offers the Cumberland and Caney Fork Rivers and the Cordell Hull Lake that is great for fishing. All five of these tracts have been soil mapped and are septic approved with city water, electric, natural gas, and high-speed internet available. We encourage you to come take a look at your convenience, as these tracts are open daily for your viewing pleasure. This is a sale that you don't want to miss out on. take a look at your convenience, as these tracts are open daily for your viewing pleasure This is a sale that you don't want to miss out on.

Title: Seller will provide Attorney title opinion letter and Warranty Dood. 2026 Taxes Will be paid by seller.

Directions: I-40 Exit 258, take left onto Hwy 53N, go approx. 4.1 miles, exit onto Hwy 70N, turn left onto

Hwy 70 N toward Lebanon, go 2 miles, take left onto Hogan's Creek Road. See Signs!!

DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN BIDDER

Closing Attorney: Jamie Winkle

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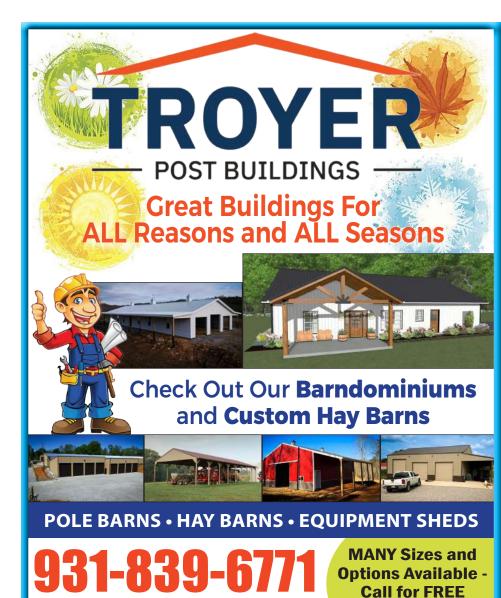
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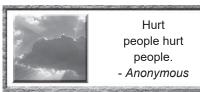
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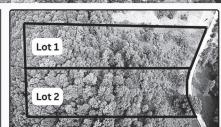
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#### When to Go

Traveling during less popular travel times can help save money and avoid crowds of summer tourists. Early fall is a great time to hit the beach while it's still warm out. In fact, prices are poised to drop nearly 30% for vacation rental homes in some popular beach towns while temperatures remain balmy, according to data from Vrbo, the go-to for families and friends to book vacation homes, cabins, and condos.

"Shoulder season refers to off-peak travel times, and while there are no official dates for the start and end of shoulder season, owners of Vrbo vacation homes tend to set their nightly rental rates to drop right after Labor Day," said Melanie Fish, Vrbo travel expert. "Shoulder season offers so many benefits: reduced vacation rental home prices, more selection available, less crowded beaches, the list goes on."

#### Where to Go

From sought-after eastern shores to a popular Gulf beach town, top spots to visit during shoulder season where your dollar can go further include Ocean City, New Jersey; Sunriver, Oregon; Cape Cod, Massachusetts; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and South Padre Island, Texas.

An example of the price drop on vacation homes is Sunriver, Oregon, where prices historically drop as much as 29% lower per night with average nightly rates dropping from \$401 per night in August to \$285 per night in September. Sunriver is a great destination for families with activities such as biking, kayaking, and horseback riding.

If you're seeking a more traditional beach vacation, check out Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Average nightly rates for vacation homes in the area are dropping from \$255 per night to \$193 in Septem-



Your travel dollar can go further when you head into shoulder season for your vacation.

ber, or 24% lower on average. Experience endless summer with warm temperatures continuing into fall. The area is also a great destination for golfers, with courses designed by famous golfers, including Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Robert Trent Jones, and Greg Norman.

#### Where to Stay

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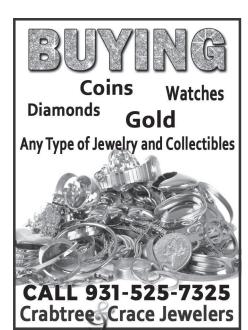
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- · Look for free things to do. Do the research ahead of time, looking for free concerts and other events. Many museums and zoos often offer free admission times, especially for kids.
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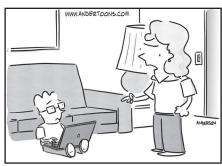


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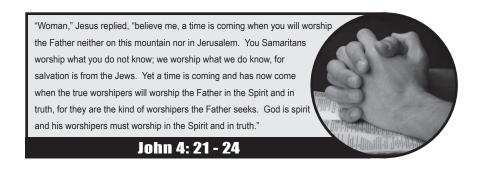


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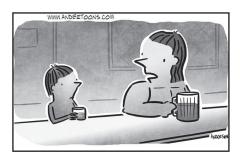
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To help people prepare, OPEI encourages homeowners to education themselves by visiting WeatherItBetter. com, which includes tips on having the right outdoor power equipment, severe weather and emergency cleanup, and safety measures, such as:

Have the right equipment on hand—before you need it. Acquire equipment based on weather, seasons and individual preferences before an emergency arises.

Know all equipment is not the same. Understand your equipment and its unique safety and usage requirements before using it. Review your owner's manual and follow all instructions.

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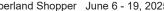
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#### **Finding God**

I didn't go to church in jail to find God. I went because it was the only way to interact with guys from other blocks and pass off contraband. On this particular day, I had to get some pills to a guy in B block, and chapel was the safest way to do it. I don't remember the sermon. I don't remember the pastor's name. What I do remember is the janitor. She was always there, a quiet woman in her late forties, maybe older, maybe younger—jail ages people in strange ways. She wore a faded uniform and kept her eyes down.

That day, as I passed off the pills—a small, sleight-of-hand gesture perfected by survival—there was a sound. A sudden crack of wood against tile. The mop handle had fallen. It startled everyone. Even the guards looked up. Then she did something no one expected. She stepped forward. With wrinkled hands and a slight tremble in her voice, she asked the pastor if she could say a few words. But really—she didn't ask, She just spoke. She said she'd been mopping the floors of Linn County Jail for eight years. That every night, as the halls emptied and the noise

eight years. That every night, as the halls emptied and the noise died down, she filled her mop bucket with warm water, a splash of disinfectant... and anointing oil. She said she prayed over each cell as she worked. Every corner. Every door. Every bunk. Every soul. We didn't move. We didn't breathe.

"I know y'all don't see me," she said, "but I see you. And more importantly, God sees you."

I don't know the theology of anointing oil. But I know what it feels like when someone speaks life over you with fire in their eyes and tenderness in their voice.

She looked out over the chapel and said, "You think no one's fighting for you? I been fighting for you on my knees for eight

years. You think no one cares? I care. God cares. And this mop water's got more of heaven in it than you'll ever know." I felt my heart catch in my throat. I felt something deeper than fear or shame. I felt seen. She said it softly but with so much force it cracked the room open: "God loves you. Not the future you. Not the



cleaned-up you. He loves you now. Right now. Exactly as you are. 'I'd heard those words before. But never like that. She wasn't preaching. She was pouring. And we were the ground catching her rain. And I broke.

Right there, in the middle of the most corrupt thing I'd done that week, I bawled like a kid. So did the guy next to me. So did the dealer from C block and the lifer from A. It was like time stopped, and the Spirit of God swept through those cinderblock walls with the fragrance of Pine-Sol. Then she picked up her mop and walked out. The pastor never reclaimed the mic.

That was fifteen years ago. I don't know her name. I don't know if she remembers that day. But I do. Because that janitor, a woman without a title, without a stage - she delivered a sermon that still gets me choked up. She didn't come to save us. She came to serve. And in doing so, she became the loudest gospel I'd ever heard.

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there. Some use their power to do God's will. Others use their power in an attempt to go against God's will. Whoever serves the people as leaders serve as He pleases with His permission. Yet, it follows that those who refuse to obey the laws of God will ultimately be punished for their disobedience. Perhaps they will get away with it here, but certainly not in the "hereafter." "God presides in the great assembly," wrote Asaph, the author of Psalm 82. And he concluded, "He gives judgment among the 'gods'." In other words, if those whom God has placed in positions of leadership as rulers or judges do not rule with God's laws and commandments as their guide they will face His judgment. Not long ago, one ruler who was dying cried out, "Now I must face the Judge. This is what disturbs me." We, too, must face this Judge. What will we face on that day?"



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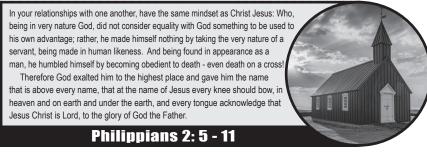
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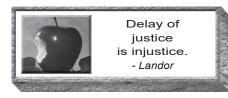
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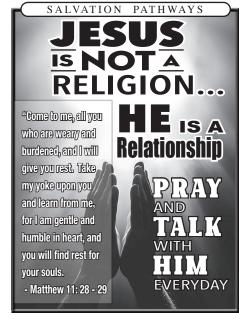
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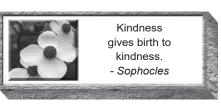
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## Reducing Waste by Lisa Luck



Shopping is a favorite pastime for many. Items such as clothing, jewelry, toys, electronics continue to get more expensive every year. It appears that tariffs may increases prices for the next few years even more depending on the outcome of the court case questioning the legality of the tariffs. There is one very obvious solution to saving money on tariffs. That is to be more thoughtful about which purchases are necessary and which ones are not. In other words – buy less.

This is a good time to be deliberate about our purchases. Most of what we buy is discarded in the trash within months. Products — especially clothes — wear out quickly, and are made for short-term use so they will be replaced over and over again. Much of what is manufactured is now disposable or only lasts for a short period of time. To reduce long-term spending, buy products that are durable and of high quality to ensure they will last for many years. Reduce short-term spending by buying less or by buying none at all. Avoid investing in products that are of low quality. These products are driving the increase in trash which is filling up our landfills. The price of managing trash will only increase over time as the landfills in which it can be discarded are closed.

While we are focusing on reducing our spending, we can also focus on reducing the amount of waste we generate. The loftiest goal is to strive for zero waste by reducing waste, recycling, composting and refusing to purchase. Zero waste is next to impossible. Many products are made of or packaged in materials that cannot be properly recycled or composted. Plastic is one of these items. It is estimated that approximately 91% of plastic purchased each year goes into landfills. Plastics are almost 20% of the total of materials that are discarded in a landfill annually.

According to EnvironmentAmerica Research & Policy Center, "The U.S. produces more than 12% of the planet's trash, though it is home to only 4% of the world's population." They estimate that approximately 62% of the waste is discarded in landfills or is incinerated. We can reduce those numbers by considering the huge impact that our purchases have on the environment and acting accordingly.

Quick and easy suggestions on reducing waste include: refusing to use plastic straws, plastic lids or plastic stirrers. Use a thermos or water bottle rather than consuming bottled water from a store. Take your own to-go box to a restaurant for leftovers rather than taking home Styrofoam boxes that are not easily recycled and last many lifetimes as trash. To avoid packaging from restaurants, dine in instead. Food waste is about 25% of the waste that goes into a landfill. Compost food waste rather than putting it into the trash. Each family spends approximately \$1,600 -\$1,800 a year on food that is discarded rather than consumed.

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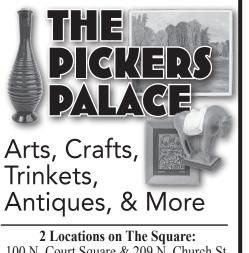
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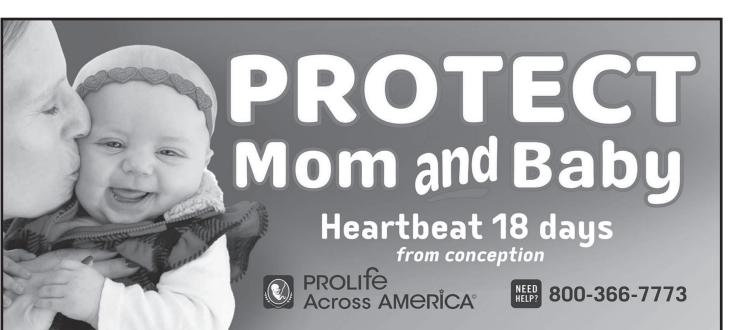
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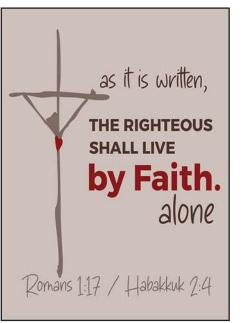
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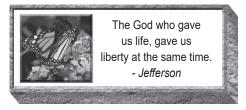


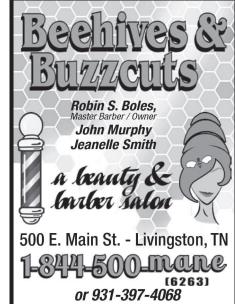


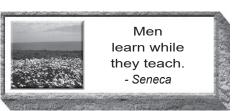


Wait, a piano has 88 keys and I only get three? What a rip off!"

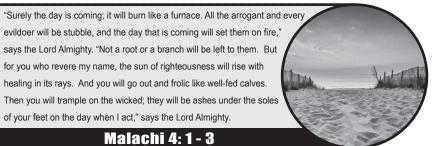














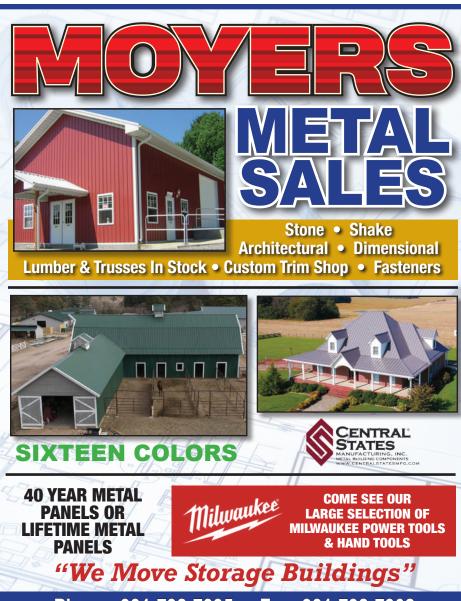


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## a Father

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How does a man become a father? The answer to that question goes well beyond biology. Being a birth father alone does not make a man a real father. A genuine father helps to raise his children. Providing for the material needs of a child is important; however, it is only the beginning of the journey of fatherhood. The longest and most challenging part of being a father is the process of teaching your children the important lessons of life. Many of the lessons that I learned from my father are still in me, and impact my life every day. My father taught me to work hard and to work smart. If I wanted something special in addition to the basics of life (food, shelter, clothing, and such), I had to work to earn money to buy it. I did a great deal of yard work and other odd jobs to earn money to buy the extra things that I wanted. Those things meant a great deal to me because I had to work hard to acquire them.

My father also taught me to respect authority. Many years ago, just before my senior year of high school, I got my first regular job with a standard employer at a supermarket. Although I liked the job for the most part, I still complained about some parts of the job. I also complained sometimes about how my boss was being unfair to me. My father told me in reply, "The boss might not always be right, but he's always the boss." At 17 years old, I did not

want to hear that, but even at that young age, I knew he was right.

Among the many other lessons that my father taught me were to count my blessings and thank God for them every day; be humble; and don't be judgmental towards other people because I've never lived their lives and don't know their history. He also taught me the importance of being generous and helping other people. The list of what I learned from my father is too long to put on paper in one sitting; however, those lessons are part of who I am today. He has been in Heaven for well over 27 years, and I still find myself saying very often in conversations with family and friends, words that begin with: "my Dad often told me..."

To all fathers, I would like to share this observation: I did not like to hear everything that my father taught me over the years, but those lessons have stayed with me for a lifetime, and I have shared them with my own children.

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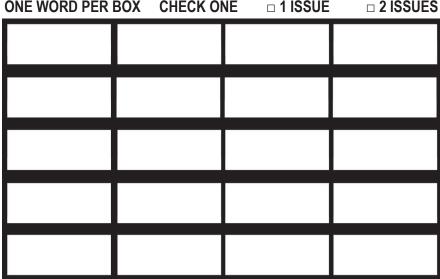


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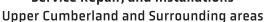




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