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Noteworthy Early Games on the 2025 College Football Schedule

Late summer is an exciting time for sports fans. After months away from the gridiron, college football season kicks off at the end of August. Each college football season is unpredictable, as no one knows which game will mark the first big upset or who will ultimately be crowned as national champions in January. As college football fans prepare for another fun season, they can look to these notable early season games on the 2025 schedule.

TCU at North Carolina, September 1, Kenan Memorial Stadium, Chapel Hill, North Carolina: Even though TCU and North Carolina may not begin the season ranked among the nation's top 25 teams, all eyes will be on Chapel Hill come the evening of Labor Day. That's because the game marks the college head

coaching debut of six-time Super Bowl champion coach Bill Belichick. Belichick is recognized as one of the greatest professional football coaches of all time, and millions of fans are eager to see how the 73-year-old adapts to the college game.

Alabama at Florida State, August 30, Doak Campbell Stadium, Tallahassee, Florida: After a memorable 2023 campaign in which late-season injuries led to their controversial exclusion from the College Football Playoff, Florida State endured a difficult 2024 season, finishing 2-10 overall and last in the ACC. This late August matchup provides a great op-

portunity for the Seminoles to put that disappointment firmly in the rearview mirror. But second-year Crimson Tide coach Kalen DeBoer, who had an up-and-down first year in Tuscaloosa after replacing legendary coach Nick Saban, will undoubtedly also see this matchup as a great chance to make a statement about 2025.

Texas at Ohio State, August 30, Ohio Stadium, Columbus, Ohio: The reigning national champion Buckeyes kick off their 2025 campaign with a matchup against fellow 2024 playoff participant Texas. While the Buckeyes are reason enough to tune in, all eyes might be on Texas signal caller Arch Manning, who should finally take over

for Steve Sarkisian after patiently waiting to be the full-time starter for two seasons.

Georgia at Tennessee, September 13, Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, Tennessee: Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel has made great strides since becoming the Vols' head coach in 2021. But Heupel has never beaten Kirby Smart or Georgia since arriving in Knoxville, and this week three clash provides another chance to do so. Complicating matters for Heupel and the Vols is the sudden and surprising offseason departure of talented quarterback Nico Iamaleava, who transferred to UCLA after a financial dispute.

Oregon at Penn State, September 27, Beaver Stadium, University Park, Pennsylvania: These two 2024 playoff teams will be looking to make an early season

statement that they deserve to play into January once again. Oregon entered the 2024-25 playoff as the top overall seed but fell to eventual champion Ohio State 41-21 in the quarterfinals. Penn State advanced to the semifinals before losing a close one to Notre Dame. Each team is hoping this late September Big Ten matchup will boost their resume and help them earn a return trip to the playoffs.

Excitement is the name of the game in college football. These early season matchups are just a handful of the many games on the 2025 college football schedule that figure to excite fans this fall.



Time Spent Serving the Lord Is Never Wasted

BY JUDY POSTON

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Robert Wayne Poston was born the fourth of six children to Frank and Martha Poston. Growing up, he toiled alongside his brothers and sisters, and mom and dad, in the cotton field. At playtime, he and cousins, Kenny and Tommy Cogburn, could be found, cap pistols in gun belts slung low across their hips, cowboy hats on their heads, boots on their feet, chasing imaginary outlaws across the family farm. Robert and his siblings and cousins were always up for a game of baseball played in the front yard.

As a young teenager, Robert received Jesus Christ into his heart and life as his LORD and Savior. Students at Crockett High School, in Maury City, remember, atop his stack of school books, he carried his Bible.

As a United Methodist Church minister in Georgia, one spring, he received his assignment to move to a new church. As was his custom, he approached the move with enthusiasm and zeal, looking forward to the change, only to be informed after a short time there, that the decision had been made to permanently shutter the church the following year.



Robert Poston

This decision was disheartening, to say the least, to both pastor and congregation. With the news came the knowledge that no matter what was accomplished during that year, this local church would be disbanded, its members forced to find other places to worship, and its pastor

a new congregation at the end of those twelve months. He would later recall this year as the most difficult of all his years of ministry.

Throughout that year, Robert continued to shepherd the flock with tender care, carefully and lovingly carrying out the duties of a devout

pastor including ministering to one of the saints in her final days on earth, conducting her funeral, and seeking to bring hope and comfort to her family.

The year came to an end. The conference moved Robert to a new church and he continued his years of service.

He and wife, Joyce, had family serving in the military and stationed in South Korea. The couple made plans for an overseas visit at Christmas. The day dawned when they would begin their trip from the Atlanta airport.

Things did not work out as planned and the two ended up at Chicago's O'Hare Airport where, yet again, plans were upended and the airport ended up putting Robert and Joyce up for the night in a hotel. There was a train which went out of the airport and into the city. The couple knew nothing about Chicago, but decided it might be fun just to ride the train. Since, they were unfamiliar with the Windy City, they planned to remain onboard and ride back to the airport without ever getting off the train.

Robert and Joyce boarded the train and took their seats. Another couple took the seats facing them. Robert had already noticed the cou-



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Playing cowboys are (from left) Robert Poston and cousins Kenny and Tommy Cogburn.

ple even before they sat down opposite of Joyce and him, thinking they looked familiar somehow. Soon the two couples greeted each other, with the other couple mentioning they, too, felt they knew Robert and Joyce from somewhere, but couldn't think where.

Suddenly, the wife turned to her husband and said to him, concerning Robert, "Honey, he was your

mom's pastor." His mother was the church member whose funeral Robert had preached during the difficult year. AND, there was more to the story.....

The man told Robert, at the time of his mother's death and funeral, he had been far from God. However, God used the words Robert shared over her casket, to touch and soften his hard heart. He could not forget

the truths God embedded within his soul that day, and soon he surrendered his heart and life to God.

Throughout the years, many times Robert had wondered about that year in his life. Why had God placed him there? Was it really time just wasted? The lesson learned?

Time spent serving the LORD is never wasted.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the LORD, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the LORD." 1 Corinthians 15:58



BULLYING

Can Happen to Anyone

Bullying can happen to just about anyone in any school in any town in the country. It is important to realize that bullying can occur in person, online and even through devices. Rumor-spreading and verbal insults are forms of bullying. Students do not always report behaviors that are indicative of bullying, so bullying instances may be greater than data suggests. The Monique Burr Foundation for Children says 13 million students will be bullied in the United States this year. Around 160,000 students miss school daily for fear of being bullied. The U.S. Department of Justice says one in four children are bullied. Bullying also is a problem in Canada. According to the 2019 Canadian Health Survey on Children and Youth, the majority of Canadian youth between the ages of 12 and 17 (71 percent) reported experiencing at least one form of bullying in the 12-month period prior to the survey. Eighty-nine percent of Canadian teachers see cyberbullying as a top concern, and 42 percent of bullied youths face it monthly. Parents, educators and students need to be aware of bullying and treat it with the concern it deserves.

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Robert and Joyce Poston



Savor a Summer Fruit Salad

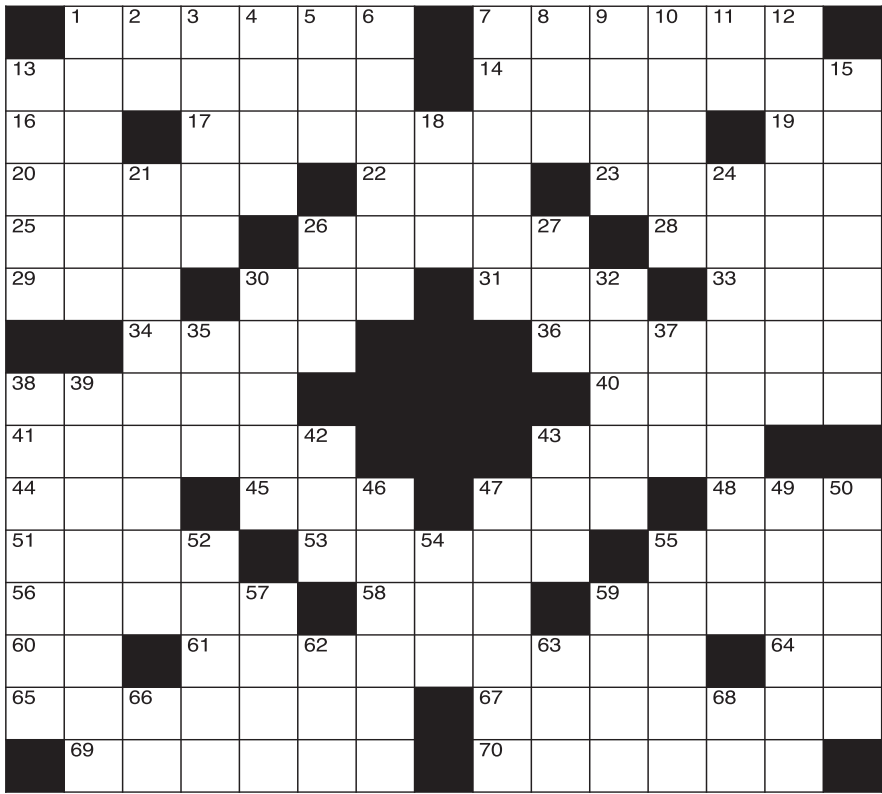
Even as summer winds down, there tends to be plenty of time to reap the rewards of backyard gardens and warm-weather entertaining. Refreshing salads are favored at such gatherings, and the interesting pairing of peaches and tomatoes makes the most of these fruits when they’re at their peak. Sweet and savory flavors combine in this recipe for Peachy Tomato Salad courtesy of The Mediterranean Diet Cookbook (Rockridge University Press). This delicious side pairs best with grilled fare..

Peachy Tomato Salad

Serves 2

- 2 ripe peaches, pitted and sliced into wedges
- 2 ripe tomatoes, cut into wedges
- 1½ red onion, thinly sliced
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Toss the peaches, tomatoes and red onion in a large bowl. Season to taste. Add the olive oil and lemon juice, and gently toss. Serve at room temperature.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Spiritual leaders
- 7. Salt
- 13. Fortified wine
- 14. Edible mollusk
- 16. They precede C
- 17. A way to compare
- 19. State lawyer
- 20. “Game of Thrones” actor Ciaran
- 22. Eighth month (abbr.)
- 23. Very willing
- 25. __ ex machina
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. Mountain in New Zealand
- 29. A doctrine
- 30. Popular Dodge truck model
- 31. Dekagram
- 33. Naturally occurring solid
- 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains
- 38. Cricket frogs

Answers on Page 19.

- 40. One of the founders of modern psychology
- 41. Endured
- 43. A female domestic
- 44. You can get stuck in one
- 45. Partner to feather
- 47. Passive optical network
- 48. French ballet dynasty
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Bottom layer
- 55. Sound
- 56. Yankee great Judge
- 58. Dickens character
- 59. Late beloved TNT sportscaster
- 60. South Dakota
- 61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- 64. Gold
- 65. Longtime Braves hurler Julio
- 67. Humor
- 69. Shawl
- 70. Hospital unit

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Animal disease
- 2. Commercial
- 3. Necklace materials
- 4. Containers
- 5. Investment account
- 6. Colorado Heisman Trophy winner
- 7. Dipped down
- 8. Head injury category (abbr.)
- 9. Lay about
- 10. Intestinal
- 11. Not yes
- 12. Caused to be loved
- 13. Muslim spiritual leader
- 15. Showing sincere conviction
- 18. Not in
- 21. Number above the line in a fraction
- 24. Lawn pest
- 26. Pouch
- 27. Ancient language in India (abbr.)
- 30. Start over
- 32. Wild white flower
- 35. Fourteen
- 37. Visual way to interact with computer (abbr.)
- 38. Side by side and facing the same way
- 39. Religious conflicts
- 42. Touch lightly
- 43. “Boardwalk Empire” actress Gretchen
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. One who supports the pope
- 49. Malaise
- 50. Body fluid
- 52. Inauthentic person
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. Chilean city
- 57. Japanese city
- 59. Silk garment
- 62. Draw from
- 63. Automobile
- 66. The man
- 68. Top government lawyer



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Imani Rogers Wins Crown, Represents Crockett in Nationals



Eleven-month-old Imani Rogers, daughter of Ca'Mera Rogers of Maury City, has been crowned Queen in the America's Best Pageant, earning the prestigious title of Baby Miss Crockett County.

Imani's big win came during the regional competition, where her charm and personality wowed the judges. With this victory, she will now advance to the America's Best National Pageant, set to take place September 5-7 in Nashville, Tennessee. There, she will proudly represent Crockett County on a national stage.

The America's Best Pageant sys-

tem is known for promoting community involvement and good citizenship, values that young Imani is already beginning to embody. Her goal? To bring home a national title for her hometown and make Crockett County proud.

"I'm so proud of my baby," said her mother, Ca'Mera. "She's already a star in our eyes, and now she gets to shine even brighter."

Imani's journey is just beginning, and the community is encouraged to cheer her on as she represents them with grace and spirit in Nashville this fall.



Tips to Teach Young Kids Manners

Parents know that children learn some lessons more quickly than others. Youngsters may be eager to learn lessons related to an extracurricular activity like dance or sports, but other lessons, including those pertaining to table manners, may require a lot more teaching over a longer period of time.

Teaching kids manners may not be parents' most enjoyable task, but there are some ways to make the process go as smoothly as possible.

- **Teach by example.** It's no secret that children learn many of their behaviors from their parents. Parents can use kids' tendency to engage in observational learning to their advantage when teaching kids manners and lead by example. Parents can thank one another around the house and make a concerted effort to exhibit good manners when out in public. Say "please" and "thank you" when visiting restaurants, grocery stores, libraries, and other places you visit with children in tow.

- **Acknowledge youngsters when they exhibit good manners.** Children seek attention and recognition from their parents. Parents may admonish youngsters when they behave poorly, but they also should recognize when children exhibit good manners.

- **Establish a positive environment for children.** Children who are continuously placed in situations where it can be tough to be civil may struggle to develop strong manners. The more positive influences a child is surrounded by, the more likely the youngster is to exhibit his or her own respectful behavior.

- **Remain patient.** Most parenting-related responsibilities require ample amounts of patience, and teaching youngsters manners is no exception.

There's no surefire way to instill proper manners in children. But some simple strategies can set a positive example and provide some encouragement as youngsters learn to behave respectfully.



Children’s Eyes Continue to Develop During First 12 Years of Life

There is no definitive age when a child may need to get eyeglasses. However, the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus notes that children’s visual systems are still developing during the first 12 years of their life, and during this period wearing glasses can be important for normal vision development.

Glasses can help straighten crossed or misaligned eyes, bolster weak vision caused by differences in vision between a child’s eyes, and even protect the stronger eye.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children begin vision screening around age 3 and receive annual screenings each year at ages 4, 5 and 6. After that, screening is recommended when children turn 8, 10, 12, and 15.

Of course, parents who begin to suspect their children are having trouble with their vision are urged to take the child to an ophthalmologist once such suspicions arise. Some notable signs include inexplicable declines in academic performance, children sitting closer to the television than they once did and children’s own remarks regarding their vision if they say anything at all.

ACS Students Score Among State’s Highest

Alamo City School is proud to share their outstanding results from the Spring 2025 **Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP)**. Our students' performance ranks among the **top in the state** for academic achievement.

The State of Tennessee evaluates student performance using four categories:

- Below Expectations
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- Met Expectations
 - Exceeds Expectations

Across **all grade levels and subject areas**, our students exceeded the state average by a significant margin. The data below reflects the percentage of students who achieved "**Met Expectations**" or "**Exceeds Expectations**," indicating they are performing **at or above grade level**.

"We are extremely blessed at Alamo City School with a staff that is loving, caring, and passionate about helping students become successful. This year's data is a testament to the hard work that takes place in our PreK through 6th Grade classrooms each day."

Brooks Rawson, Director of Schools

"We're incredibly proud of our students and teachers for their hard work and dedication. These strong test scores reflect not only academic achievement, but the power of a school family that believes in every child's potential. At ACS, we are inspired to keep reaching higher, dreaming bigger and preparing our students for a limitless future while continuing A Tradition of Excellence."

Kelsie Henning, Principal

ELA	Overall % Met/Exceeds	ACS Top Scores
ACS	64.4%	4 th Grade - 71.4% & 3 rd Grade – 65.8%
TN State Avg.	40.9%	
MATH		
ACS	67.6%	4 th Grade – 73.7% & 5 th Grade – 70.4%
TN State Avg.	39.1%	
SCIENCE		
ACS	61.2%	5 th Grade – 67.6% & 3 rd Grade – 67.1%
TN State Avg.	46.0%	

6 th Grade	ACS	TN State Avg.
% Met/Exceeds		
ELA	61.5%	39.5%
MATH	58.5%	41.3%
SCIENCE	52.3%	46.6%
SOCIAL STUDIES	49.2%	47.3%

2 nd Grade	ACS	2 nd Grade is optional in TN
% Met/Exceeds		
ELA	90.1%	
MATH	79.1%	

To see all scores: visit the site below, locate the district and select 2025 TCAP Results:
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Brooks Rawson
Director of Schools

Kelsie D. Henning
Principal

Football Tailgate Fare Can Go Beyond the Standards

Tailgating outside a stadium might not be as exciting as the game action once fans arrive at their seats. But tailgating is a big part of the game day fun. Tailgating is as much about food as it is fun, as it's great to share a few laughs around the grill with fellow fans. When grilling outside a stadium, pre-game prep work is best done at home. Such is the case with this recipe for Grilled Chicken Kebabs with Grilled Corn on the Cob from Lines+Angles. Traditional grilling fare like hamburgers and hot dogs may always have a place at a tailgate, but these chicken kebabs are perfect for those who want to try something unique the next time they host fellow fans outside the big game.

Grilled Chicken Kebabs with Grilled Corn on the Cob

Makes 4 servings

- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 6 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1 tablespoon honey
- Salt, to taste
- Freshly cracked pepper, to taste
- 2 yellow bell peppers, rinsed, trimmed and cut into pieces
- 4 onions, peeled and quartered
- 12 mushrooms, cleaned and thickly sliced
- Skewers; wooden or metal
- Oil for grill grate

Grilled Corn on the Cob


- 4 ears corn, husks and silk removed
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1. Rinse the chicken under cold running water and pat dry with paper towels. Using a sharp knife, cut chicken into bite-size pieces. Place the chicken in a large resealable plastic storage bag.
2. In a small bowl, combine the lemon juice, olive oil, curry powder, honey, salt and pepper, whisking to blend. Pour the marinade into



the plastic storage bag with chicken and add peppers and onions. Seal bag securely; squeeze the bag several times to thoroughly coat the chicken and vegetables. Refrigerate for at least one hour.

3. When ready to cook, prepare grill for direct grilling. Preheat to high.
 4. Thread chicken and vegetables on the skewers, dividing chicken and vegetables evenly. Brush the grill grate with oil. Place kebabs on hot grate and grill until cooked, 3 to 4 minutes on each side. When done, the chicken will be firm to the touch and turn white.
 5. Transfer kebabs to serving dish and serve with grilled corn.
- For Grilled Corn on the Cob:**
Brush the prepared corn with olive oil and season to taste with salt and pepper. Watch carefully, grill for about 5 minutes, turning occasionally, until done.



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Career Opportunities in the Agricultural Sector

Individuals approach their careers in various ways. Some may aspire to climb the corporate ladder, while others may pursue a career that affords them ample personal time to spend how they see fit. Many individuals look for careers that afford them ample opportunities to work in the great outdoors, which could make the agricultural sector an appealing industry.

Talented individuals with an array of diverse skills dot the agricultural sector landscape, and the following are just a few of the many careers to consider within this vital industry.



products to manage inventory. The average salary of a warehouse manager is around \$52,000 per year.

Environmental engineer: Environmental engineers play pivotal roles within the industry, and could become even more vital in the decades ahead as the effects of climate change become more apparent. Environmental engineers design and implement solutions that occur on agricultural sites, helping to address issues such as unhealthy soil, insufficient drainage and inefficiencies, among other concerns. A career as an environmental engineer within the agricultural industry can be rewarding and lucrative, with Indeed noting that the average annual salary for this position is a little more than \$77,000.

Equipment technician: Data from the career experts at Indeed indicates agricultural equipment technicians earn an average salary around \$65,000 per year. Agricultural equipment technicians maintain and repair existing machines and install new ones, among their many responsibilities.

Purchasing agent: An agricultural purchasing agent buys products and raw materials at wholesale. Indeed notes that purchasing agents often must meet specific purchasing quotas for processors and work with various clients who supply an array of agricultural products. The national average salary for agricul-

tural purchasing agents is around \$51,000 annually.

Warehouse manager: The receiving, shipping and storage of agricultural materials is overseen by a warehouse manager. Indeed notes that these professionals now routinely utilize artificial intelligence

These are just some of the career paths individuals can consider as they explore the agricultural sector.

Back to School.

MOTORIST TIPS FOR CHILDRENS SAFETY

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School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children.



Seeing Red

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Traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus.



Stay Behind

Traffic behind a school bus (traveling in the same direction) must stop.



Crosswalks

Do not block the crosswalk.



Distance

Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.



Never Pass on Right

Never pass a school bus on the right.



Look Out

Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, residential areas, playgrounds and parks.



Stop

Always stop when directed to do so by a school patrol sign, school patrol officer or designated crossing guard



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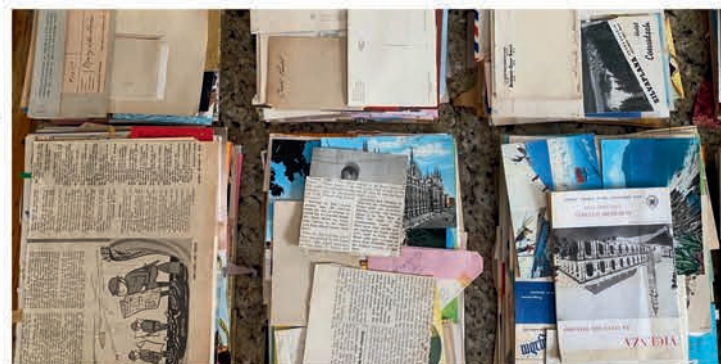
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Gideon's Army Hosting See You at the Library Event at Green Frog Farms

The Story Hour, Sponsored By Brave Books And Kirk Cameron, To Be Held At Green Frog Farms Event Center, Featuring Mystery Guest Readers From The Community

BY JUDY POSTON
(judyposton1936@gmail.com)

Last year, over 300 public libraries in forty-five states across the nation welcomed, "See You at the Library," Story Hour, sponsored by BRAVE Books and Kirk Cameron. This year, organizers of the third annual Story Hour hope to see the event spread to some 1000 libraries across America.

AND this year, organizers are especially excited to announce, in addition to locations across the country, the Story Hour will also take place, for the first time, at the Library of Congress, Washington D.C. President Donald Trump, himself, will sponsor the event and The Department of Education will be hosting. Kirk Cameron will be on hand to welcome those attending.

This year's date will be Saturday,

August 16, beginning at 10:00 a.m., local time, in cities across the nation. The venue for the family event in Crockett County, due to lack of available space at our local library, will be Green Frog Farms Event Center. The Story Hour is being brought to Crockett County through the efforts of Gideon's Army, whose activities include a Monday night prayer group who meet weekly at the chapel at Green Frog. They invite moms and dads, grandparents, and aunts and uncles to bring their families to Story Hour.

Story Hour features stories which reflect timeless American values that celebrate God, family, and country, from the popular BRAVE Book Series. It offers a resource for parents and grandparents longing for a quality, God honoring, truth filled media for their children. BRAVE Books, in their own words, are designed to "water hearts, ignite wonder, and plant seeds of faith."

The Story Hour movement was started by Kirk Cameron after he partnered with BRAVE to write his first children's story entitled, "As You Grow," which taught children about the Fruit of the Spirit. Story Hour provides an opportunity for families in the community to gather with other families who are like-minded for fun and fellowship. Songs, prayers, and stories from the BRAVE series will be shared.



Gideon's Army is pleased to announce the readers for this year's event in Crockett County will be Mystery Readers from the community. A hint to their identity? They are men and women who protect and provide safety, security, protection, and encouragement for children and their families. In addition to sharing books, they will also be sharing and explaining more about the special equipment they use to help keep our community a safe

place to live and play and grow.


KONA ICE will have cool, refreshing treats available on site.

There is no cost for admission. Please share. Invite someone to come with you. Bring your children. Bring your family. Come in out of the August heat and enjoy a story hour filled with stories that are pro-God and pro-country. Gideon's Army volunteers look forward to hosting children and their families!



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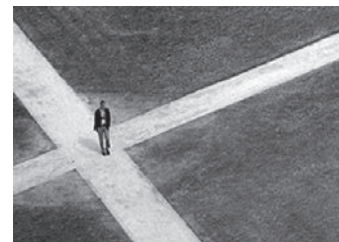
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"You should not perish" because the choice not to is placed before you. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from

wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom we have now received the atonement..." [Romans 5:6-11].

Paul writes that "we shall be saved from wrath through Him." Make the right choice. As Luke records: "Then Peter said unto them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost ["everlasting life"]. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.' And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" [Acts 2:38-41].

That is why Jesus made it so clear concerning the necessity of baptism as He commanded with power: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, 'All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen'" [Matthew 28:18-20]. And Mark made clear the dire consequences of making the wrong choice: "And He said unto them, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned'" [Mark 16:15-16]

Later, Peter was inspired to write: "The like figure [comparing the water that held up the ark to save Noah and his family to the water of baptism] whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him" [1 Peter 3:21-22]. It is a choice placed before the world. Make the right choice, the only right choice.

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Inclusive Grace: Maury City First Baptist Begins New Ministry

BY JUDY POSTON

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Ruthie was given the task of choosing the color of paint for the walls. She picked a soft, soothing shade described by Benjamin Moore Paints as “a calm, airy, pale blue with a hue that stimulates creativity.” Perfect! It’s name? “Heaven On Earth.”

The room itself started out as the choir room. Later, it was needed for the pastor’s office. Now, Bro. Mike, Ruthie’s dad, is more than happy to give up the space in order to accommodate the new ministry taking shape at Maury City First Baptist Church.

Jennifer Jordan has called the church home ever since 1988, when she married Alan, and, in doing so, married into the church family. Through the years, Jennifer has served the church in various capacities including teaching the youth class. With this new outreach, Jennifer is building a bridge, getting the church’s youth involved with hands-on practice in being the hands and feet of Jesus.

It was some six months ago that Bro. Mike Wadley first approached the congregation about

beginning a new ministry aimed at meeting the challenges faced by children with special needs and their families. He held a confidence that the folks would be in agreement as his own family has already been the recipient of the church’s love and support for daughter Ruthie who is deaf.

As a small girl born in China, Ruthie immediately won the hearts and devotion of those at Maury City First Baptist when first she came to town. Her smile and energetic spirit are a blessing to all with whom she comes in contact. As Ruthie grew, so did those in the congregation’s desire to better communicate with her. Soon, a special time was set aside on Wednesday evenings for those who wished to learn American Sign Language to participate in a class taught by Bro. Mike.

Now, the church wants to extend that same level of acceptance, understanding, and commitment to others in need of support – a Christ-like endeavor, for certain. “Inclusive Grace: One Body, Many Gifts,” is the title chosen for the new branch of ministry.

Inclusive Grace reflects God’s grace, or unmerited favor, and the fact that it is “available



Jennifer Jordan is heading up the new ministry @ Maury City First Baptist Church.

to ALL people – regardless of background, social order, or perceived shortcomings.” Inclusive Grace “emphasizes that God’s love and forgiveness are extended to EVERYONE. It is a grace FREELY offered to all. It is not something that can be earned or deserved.”

In order to further describe this ministry, an acronym for the word, “grace” has been formed:

- G = God-centered
- R = Respect for all abilities
- A = Acceptance and adaptability
- C = Christ-like community
- E = Embracing all people

Jennifer’s love for the LORD AND children coupled with her background surely indicate that the LORD has put her in place at Maury City Baptist for just such a time as this. Jennifer began her career teaching and working with children in the public schools. She has taught kids, Pre-K through high school. She now works for the state of Tennessee’s Department of Education and is Assistant Commissioner for Special Education and Intervention Programs within the department.

Bro. Mike and Jennifer recognize that sometimes a family with a special needs child can not attend worship as a family unit. Their child may not be able to sit through



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Part 2 of the Story of Glad and Wanda Castellaw

BY JUDY POSTON

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Glad and Wanda had always planned to come back to the family farm, back to Crockett County. Here were the roots of friendships Glad has maintained since childhood. Wayne Whitby, Larry Woods – his adventures with these guys date back to school days at Hamlett Robertson.

A nearby hill on the farm, amazingly enough, contains rocks larger than cars. During Glad's growing-up years, it was the site of many afternoon picnics enjoyed with his granddaddy and Great Aunt Gussie Cogburn. He had thought he might build a house there on the hill one day.

The original farm house was destroyed by a tornado. His granddaddy rebuilt. When Glad retired and moved back to Crockett Mills, to Darden Hill Farm, it was this house that he rewired and added a new roof atop. He and Wanda have lovingly filled the house with memorabilia that represent a lifetime of memories. Aunt Gussie's dishes rest in a cupboard. She ordered the set from Sears Roebuck with money earned picking cotton. The set costed \$16.00. Then there are souvenirs from their life's work around the world, including mementos that

are reminders of men Glad served with and pictures taken alongside U.S. Presidents.

Glad has always loved tractors and farming. Today, he raises Su-

ty much seven days a week on one project or another.

Everywhere Glad has been stationed in his career or traveled on business, he has tried to connect

copter, a farmer's tremendous acreage – over a million and a half acres – where he raises cattle and water buffalo. Wild boar and crocodiles could be seen as they gazed down from their perch inside the helicopter high above the ranch. Using the helicopter, Glad helped "muster" the cattle to prepare for shipment to Indonesia.

With his roots in farming, Glad has a special interest in combating hunger and a unique understanding of its connection to world peace. Some eighty years have passed since the ending of World War II. With no world wide war, some refer to this time period as the "Time of the Long Peace." Much credit for this goes to U.S. leadership and their efforts globally to combat hunger.

The American Soybean Association, the United States Department of Agriculture, the American Poultry Association, and others have joined together to help strengthen the infrastructure of impoverished nations, improving their economic situations. Well-digging teams have helped provide fresh, clean water. Veterinary teams have introduced animal vaccines that have bolstered the quality of meat. With food and clean water for themselves and their children, people feel hopeful for the



Glad and Wanda Castellaw with President George H. W. Bush at Cherry Point

dan grass for hay and soybeans. AND, he and Wanda have a few more irons in the fire as well. In fact, though retired, Glad says he can usually be found working pret-

ty with other folks involved in agriculture. Today, he and Wanda remain good friends with many of these acquaintances from all over the globe. In East Timor, he toured, by heli-

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future. Hope brings stability. AND stability lessens the likelihood of insurgence among a nation.

Just this summer, the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture made an exciting announcement, making news headlines across the state. The institute received a grant from Xseed Solutions for research using AI to quickly diagnose infectious diseases in cattle.

U.T. will cooperate, in this endeavor, with Enterprise Sensor Systems (EnSenSys) to identify infectious diseases in cattle using AI in the form of advanced imaging. Glad is CEO of EnSenSys. Wanda manages the company’s policy and compliance oversight and documentation.

The research team is made up of U.T. faculty, EnSenSys leadership, and subject experts. EnSenSys uses non-invasive sensors to test an animal’s breath for pathogens. (Similarly, the sensors, at this point can detect if a person has COVID, rhino virus, or flu.) Glad states, “This project strengthens our commitment to delivering breakthrough biosensory tools that protect animal health and food security AND also underscores the importance of university and industry collaborating in transforming AI research into scalable, deployable solutions.”

This is the latest in the contributions made by Glad and Wanda. During his 36 years of service with the Marine Corps, Glad’s duties included service with the United Nations during the Siege of Sarajevo. He served as commander of a U.S. joint force in a multi-national secu-

rity and stability operation in East Timor. Glad was chief of staff for the U.S. Central Command during the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.

In the Marine Corps, Glad had the opportunity to fly everything the Marines had at the time. Since Glad loved flying, one favorite assignment took him to Yuma, Arizona. Located here is the Marine Corps Air Station which hosts the Marine’s equivalent of the U.S. Navy’s TOPGUN elite training program. In training, an aircraft squadron is engaged in a variety of challenging exercises and scenarios designed to hone combat skills. Wanda held a lesser opinion of the assignment as, on the day she arrived, the temperature in the desert was a 115 degrees. “Why did you bring me here?” was the question she asked her husband.

While serving in the Marine Corps, Glad’s path sometimes crossed with presidents. One day, upon answering the phone, Glad heard a woman’s voice ask, “Is this Glad Castellaw?” Her second question: “Would you please hold for the President?” Glad waited, thinking surely this was someone playing a practical joke. Though he was no longer president, the voice that came on the line was unmistakably that of George H.W. Bush. He had a deep-sea fishing trip scheduled and wanted to make a stop at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point to encourage the men and women stationed there. Ultimately, the fishing trip had to be canceled. However, not willing to disappoint the Marines and sailors, Former President Bush made the trip to visit them as planned.



Glad poses with President Bill Clinton during Clinton’s visit to East Timor.

The U.S. had invaded Iraq when Glad received a call that President George W. Bush would be coming to visit at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Glad and Wanda would serve as host and hostess for the trip. As the President and First Lady stepped off Marine One, they were greeted by the Castellaws, who guided them on their tour and visit. One stop was the mess hall where Marines and sailors, all from the state of Texas, lunched with George

and Laura Bush. The Marines and sailors were thrilled to meet and talk with George and Laura who were just as overjoyed to greet the young men and women. President Bush graciously asked Glad to ride with him in the presidential limousine as they made their way from place to place at Camp Lejeune. Back in the car, President Bush had nothing but praise for his fellow Texans who were serving their nation. Glad decided to tease



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President Bush. “Mr. President,” he said, “if your Texans had done as good a job holding your part of the wall at the Alamo, as the thirty or so Tennesseans who were there, Texas history might have been different.” Without missing a beat, President Bush retorted, “Well, Glad, let me tell you my favorite Davy Crockett quote. After, in their wisdom, the people of Tennessee voted him out of office as Congressman, Davy Crockett famously said, ‘You people can go to hell. I’m going to Texas.’” “Not long after than,” says Glad, “I found myself on my way to the desert in the Middle East.”

While Glad and Wanda were in East Timor, President Bush asked Former President Bill Clinton to head up the U.S. Delegation to the country’s independence celebration. While there, President Clinton stayed on a hotel boat in the harbor. During the day, it was Glad’s responsibility to accompany President Clinton to various events. At night, the two would return to the hotel boat where they would talk for hours at a table in the hotel bar.

Other service assignments took Glad to Africa, Europe, the Asia Pacific, and parts of the Middle East. Some assignments took him ashore. Others kept him afloat. Glad’s final tours on active duty were served at the Pentagon, first overseeing Marine Aviation, then later the Marine Corps’ budget creation and execution.

Today, while Glad and Wanda reside on the family farm in Crockett County, they also retain a home in Washington D.C as they remain active on many fronts both in Tennessee and in the nation’s capital. In addition to farming, Glad serves on the board of the Bank of Crockett. He is co-founder and CEO of Farm-



Glad greets President George W. Bush up on his arrival on Marine One at Camp Lejeune.

space Systems LLC, a provider of aerial data collection, management, and equipment. Through Farm-space, Glad pioneers new farming techniques that depend upon drones for much information. His business partner in the venture is fellow Veteran Derrick Seaton of Savannah, TN.

Glad is a recognized security expert who continues to be active in national security issues, serving on the National Security Advisory Council of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition. Likewise, he serves on the Board of the American Security Project. He has testified before a Senate committee on food security and is affiliated with several Washington think tanks providing expertise on the impact of climate, food, and energy insecurities.

Glad is a teaching fellow in the College of Business and Global affairs at U.T. Martin. He works with economic development organizations, advises corporations on management and strategic planning, and recently completed his final term as the National Commander of the

Marine Corps Aviation Association.

Glad is a member of the Advisory Board for the Center for Climate and Security. Too, he serves on the Board of Directors of Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture, an international agriculture development organization.

Glad and Wanda’s work often takes them overseas. Recently, they have visited Cuba, Israel, Quarter, the Central African Republic, Rwanda, and Australia.

A proud accomplishment completed since retirement is Glad’s help in bringing a CH-46 to Halls for display at the Veteran’s Museum. Those who flew her, lovingly called the CH-46, “Phrog.” Glad states, “She was the love of my aviation life.” This CH-46 was in the boneyard in Tucson, Arizona. Transportation had to be arranged to bring her from the desert to Halls. Glad reached out to a great American and fellow Veteran Fred Smith, founder and CEO of FedEx. Fred had served in Vietnam.

Under Fred’s guidance, a FedEx team traveled to Arizona, carefully

disassembled the CH-46, loaded its parts on a special FedEx low bed truck, transported it over 1,500 miles, then reassembled it in Tennessee. The entire operation was carried out by Marine Veterans who worked for FedEx. The CH-46 is now on display at the Veteran’s Museum – a permanent tribute to a generation of war fighters.

Glad pays tribute to Wanda, his life partner since 1972, saying, “We are equal partners.” Glad tells she moved them some twenty-five times, making each house a home, and worked some twenty-four different jobs, all the while raising son Jake alone while Glad was in the field. As for Wanda, she says, “I loved every place we ever lived and cried each time we left for a new assignment, mainly because we grew so close to the people.” Wanda has also worked in the area of suicide prevention.

Both Glad and Wanda love to read and write. Since they dated before the internet and cell phones, and were separated at times when Glad was in the field without the benefit of modern technology, they have always expressed themselves to one another through hand-written letters, each one cherishing the written expressions communicated to the other.

Glad and Wanda, you are cherished members of the Crockett County Community and truly hometown heroes. Thank you for your many years of service to our nation and our community. Your fellow Crockett Countians are proud of you! May there be many more happy memories made as you work side by side at Darden Hill Farm and continue lives of service your fellow man.



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This tasty recipe for Banana and Pecan Granola Bowl with Caramelized Bananas from Rainbow Bowls (Sourcebooks) by Niki Webster relies on bananas in two different ways to impart a sweet taste that is hard to beat. The granola makes about four to six portions, so there will be leftovers to enjoy as a snack later in the day or stored away for another time.

Banana and Pecan Granola Bowl with Caramelized Bananas

Serves 2

- 2 tablespoons coconut oil
 - 4 tablespoons maple syrup
 - 2 very ripe medium bananas
 - 1 teaspoon almond extract
 - 100 grams (3.5 ounces) oats of your choice
 - 3 tablespoons unsweetened shredded coconut
 - 2 tablespoons ground almonds
 - 3 tablespoons sunflower seeds
 - 3 tablespoons chopped nuts, such as hazelnuts or almonds
 - 40 grams (1.4 ounces) pecans
 - Pinch of sea salt
- For the caramelized bananas**
- 2 unpeeled bananas
 - 1 tablespoon coconut oil
- To serve**
- Coconut yogurt
 - 1 teaspoon maple syrup (optional)
 - Pinch of thyme (optional)



Preheat the oven to 180 C (350 F). Blend the coconut oil, maple syrup, bananas, and almond extract in a blender until smooth. Add all the dry ingredients to a large bowl and mix well. Add the wet mixture to the bowl and stir well to combine. Line a large baking tray with bak-

ing paper and then tip the granola mix on to the tray and flatten out. Bake for 25 minutes, until starting to brown. Carefully flip over on the tray, then return to the oven and bake for a further 15 minutes (until you get a nice brown color). Leave to cool before breaking into smaller chunks, then store in an airtight container for up to 1 week (if not eating straight away). To make the caramelized bananas, chop off the top end of each of the bananas, then carefully slice through the middle lengthways. Now, peel the bananas. Melt the coconut oil in a pan on medium heat. Add the banana slices and fry in the oil on one side for 1 to 2 minutes until browned, then flip over to caramelize the other side for another 1 to 2 minutes. Serve the granola with yogurt, caramelized bananas, a drizzle of maple syrup, and a pinch of thyme if you fancy.

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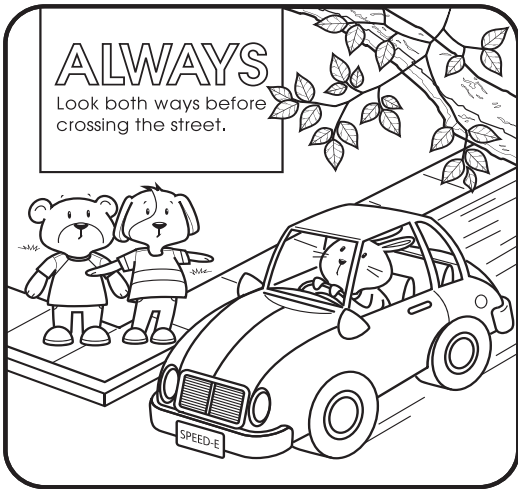
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Thailand, the United States and the United Kingdom often appear on lists that say they have a lot of this.

Answer: Traffic

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

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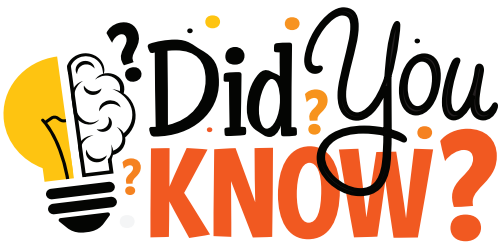


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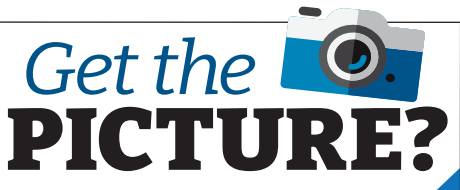
a state of crowding or accumulation



English: Traffic
Spanish: Tráfico
Italian: Traffico
French: Circulation
German: Verkehr



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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Traffic cone

Bite Back at Mosquitoes in the Yard

Mosquitoes are winged pests no one wants to have around, except for bats and other animals that eat them for dinner. The World Mosquito Program says mosquitoes can spread a number of nasty diseases, including malaria, dengue, West Nile virus, chikungunya, yellow fever, and Zika. Pet owners likely are aware that mosquito bites can transmit diseases like heartworm.

Vector Disease Control International says mosquitoes are some of the most adaptable and successful insects on Earth. Adult female mosquitoes lay an average of 50 to 200 eggs at one time, ensuring the population continues to thrive. Unless people take adequate precautions, mosquitoes can be anything from a nuisance to a real danger. Controlling mosquitoes around the home helps improve health and comfort. These strategies can help.

Eliminate standing water

Mosquitoes require stagnant water sources in order to reproduce. Regularly emptying, scrubbing and turning over items that can hold water can help control populations. This includes flower pots, tires, bird baths, and any other vessels that can hold water.

Sow the right plants

Mass Audubon says certain scented plants help to repel mosquitoes. Incorporating them around outdoor living areas can keep mosquitoes at bay. Such plants include lemon balm, eucalyptus, marigold, garlic, sage, lemon verbena, scented geranium, catmint nepeta, lemongrass, and others.

Tidy the yard

Mosquitoes love to hide in tall



grass and debris. Mowing the lawn and addressing weeds or other natural litter can help deter mosquitoes from hanging around.

Replace outdoor lights

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126 Highway 88, Halls **\$184,900**



140 Forest Lake Dr, Humboldt **\$469,900**



1313 Old Bells Rd., Humboldt **\$389,900**



Lots for Sale in THE HIGHLANDS Subdivision



Lot#4 Humboldt Lake Rd Gadsden **\$250,000**



Lot#1 Humboldt Lake Rd, Gadsden **\$390,000**



122 Skyridge Dr., Jackson **\$250,000**



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PENDING: 723 Alecia Page Cove, Humboldt **\$425,000**



PENDING: 1185 Belle Vernon Cemetery Rd., Friendship **\$449,000**



PENDING: 58 Glenwood Dr., Jackson **\$254,900**



PENDING: 3529 TN-88 Hwy. S, Bells **\$389,900**



REDUCED: 165 Harris Grove Cemetery, Alamo **\$429,900**



REDUCED: 508 Vancil Street, South Fulton **\$209,900**



REDUCED: 207 S Johnson Street, Alamo **\$219,900**



REDUCED: 3017 Northwood Blvd. Humboldt **\$184,000**



REDUCED: 19 Allen Station Rd Brownsville **\$329,000**



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