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Puzzle Race

If you enjoy puzzles and friendly competition, you might want to sign up for the Puzzle Race at the library. Teams of four will have a 300 piece puzzle to complete as fast as possible. The first team to finish will win a prize. The Puzzle Race will take place on Saturday, September 9th at 2:00 PM. Registration is required and space is limited, so hurry up and form your team today!

Book Reading Challenge

For those who love reading and exploring new genres, the library offers a Book Reading Challenge through Beanstack. Beanstack is an online platform that allows you to track your reading, earn badges, and write reviews. The Book Reading Challenge runs from

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Where have all the frogs gone?

Recently, I asked the question, “What has happened to all of our wild turkeys?” Now, I want to know what has happened to all the frogs?

We were sitting outside the other night when my wife asked me if I had seen any frogs lately. I thought about it and came to conclusion that no, the frogs were gone.

Well, as nature would have it, all of a sudden there was a frog, one small one, bear in mind, but still a frog.

“I don’t know what has happened to all of them,” I said. “But, here is one. The cat is after it, and after he gets it, there will be none,” I replied.



While there may not be many frogs around, snakes are sure not suffering. I’ve seen more snakes this year than in years. Some of the largest rattlers and copperheads I’ve ever seen, too.

Some say all the rain we’ve had this year is responsible for bringing out the snakes, while others say

the resurgence of the rabbit and rat populations are the cause for it. So far this year, I know of several big rattlesnakes and copperheads that have been killed. My son-in-law, Mark Jones, killed a big rattler and two copperheads within a 100 yards of one another while bush hogging near the Les-

ter community. Then, prior to that, two Limestone County engineers killed two more rattlers beneath a bridge they were surveying near Lentzville.

I killed a small snake in my garage, and wondered how it got there. I thought to myself, there must be a mamma snake around

somewhere. Well, a little earlier my daughter told me that she saw a big snake crawling from my garage. That got me to thinking I hope that thing is not in the house.

All I can say is, look out for the frogs, but watch out for the snakes. It’s been an unusual year to say the least. Reprint from 2013

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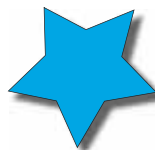


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Gardening: From vegetables to fruits

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Now that my vegetable garden is complete, I have turned my attention to the fruit trees. We did have quite an abundance of apples this year. We usually have apples and pears, but I think the freeze got the pear blooms because we had no pears this year. I did look up the bloom times on pear trees and apple trees. The pear trees generally bloom in early spring and the apple trees generally bloom in April-May. So the freeze could have damaged the pear blooms before the apple trees bloomed.

I like to preserve the apples so I can use them throughout the year in pies, or just cook the apples with a little sugar, cinnamon, and butter. I have in the past made apple jellies, but still have plenty, so I just canned apples this year. We are also trying to get a start of blueberry, raspberry, and blackberry plants. The plants are young, so only getting a few berries this year. Maybe as the plants mature, we will begin to get enough for pies or just to snack on. I am also thinking about having a raised bed of strawberries next year. The only task left for the garden this year is to dig up the sweet

potatoes. We have already cut the vines away from the plants and are ready to dig them. I hand dug a couple of the plants to see how they looked. These sweet potatoes are deep orange in color and pretty large in size. I actually still am using some that we preserved from last year.



Getting apples ready to can.



Our apples are canned.



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High School football underway

By Danny Johnson
Staff Writer

The Athens Golden Eagle football team is off to a good start being 2-0. Cody Gross starts his eighth year as head coach of the Eagles. Brogan Gross is quarterbacking the Eagles and has an offense made up of a good line, receivers, and running backs. The offense has put up some good numbers in the first 2 games of the season.

Jayshon Ridgle, Johnson Speegle, and John McIntyre provide good targets for Gross to throw the ball to. Big Spencer Dowland at 6'6" - 290 lbs. anchors down the offensive line. In the back field is running back, Silas Jones with Caiden Dumas making up the wide receiver core.



Team discussion

Athens will be playing across the river rival, Decatur Friday night, Sept. 8th at Larry McCoy field in



Senior, Nelson Brown, punting.

Athens. Good crowds have been turning out to support the football team and band. Athens football

has been a tradition for many years. Make plans to catch some games this fall.



Coin toss to start the game.



John McIntyre returning the ball.



Jay'shon Ridgle running toward the goal line.



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August 1st to December 30th and features a virtual bingo card with different categories and prompts. You can collect badges for completing activities, submitting book reviews, and earning bingo. Show your completed Beanstack challenge or bingo card to staff at the circulation desk for prizes!

23 Books in 2023

If you are feeling ambitious and want to set a reading goal for next year, you can join the 23 Books in 2023 challenge. The library is challenging the community to read 23 books in 2023 and log them on Beanstack. The challenge will start on January 6th, 2023 and end on December 31st, 2023. You will earn badges for each book you log and enter for a chance to win a \$100 gift card!

Yoga Classes

If you are looking for a way to relax and stay fit, you might want to try Yoga @ the Library. The library hosts yoga classes every Thursday morning from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM and every Tuesday night starting at 7:15 PM. The classes are suitable for all levels and are led by a certified instructor. You will need to bring your own yoga mat and sign a waiver before

attending. The yoga classes are sponsored by North Alabama Area Health Education Center and are free of charge.

Used Book Sale

If you are looking for some bargains and treasures, you might want to check out the Used Book Sale at the library. The sale is run by the Friends of the Library, a volunteer group that supports the library's programs and services. You can find hardbacks and DVDs for \$1.00 and paperbacks for 50¢. The sale is open every Tuesday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. You can also browse a smaller collection of books for sale all week long.

Digital Literacy

If you want to improve your digital skills and confidence, you might want to enroll in the Digital Literacy program offered by Calhoun Community College and Drake State Community and Technical College. The program will provide you with online lessons that cover various topics such as computer and internet basics, email, Windows operating system, and Microsoft Word. The lessons are self-guided but are presented in a

classroom setting at the library's Technology Center. The program is free of charge and open to anyone who wants to learn.

Genealogy



If you are interested in tracing your family history, you might want to join the Genealogy group at the library. Starting on September 14th, the group will meet every second Tuesday of the month from 6:00

PM to 7:30 PM at the Technology Center. You can bring your own laptop or other WiFi enabled device or use one of the library's computers. You can also access

various online resources such as Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest through the library's subscription. Whether you are a genealogy expert

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Read to a Therapy Dog

If your child loves animals and reading, this program is perfect for them. Therapy Partners, Inc. partners with the library to provide this program on the second Wednesday of each month from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Children in first through sixth grades will have 15 minutes each to read to a therapy dog, giving them an attentive, always appreciative audience. Registration is required and is available one week before the program.

Baby Storytime

Babies (newborn to 18 months old) listen to stories, sing songs, watch finger puppets, enjoy felt boards, and more. We will have a lot of fun together as your baby develops a lifelong love of reading! Baby Storytime takes place in the Classroom. Siblings are welcome to Baby Storytime.

Toddler Storytime

Little ones from ages 18 months to 3 years of age will listen to stories, sing songs, watch puppets, enjoy felt boards, and more. We will have a lot of fun together as your little one develops a lifelong love of reading! Toddler Storytime takes



place in the Classroom. Siblings are welcome to Toddler Storytime.

Preschool Storytime

Preschool Storytime is for ages 4-5. (Older or younger siblings are welcome!) Preschoolers have a ball weekly as they listen to

stories, sing songs, make crafts, and more! Storytimes are entirely free to attend and do not require pre-registration. Two sessions are held each Wednesday, starting at 9:30 AM. Storytime is held in the Classroom.

Homeschool Hangout

Homeschool Hangout is a program designed specifically for homeschool families. This program will take place in the Classroom. Registration is required and will be available one week prior to the program.

Tinker Tuesday

Tinker Tuesdays are classes for children incorporating S.T.E.A.M. (Science, technology, engineering, art, math). The classes rotate four focus areas each month to suit the ages and specific interests of participants and are listed below. Registration for each class is required and will be available one week prior.

First Tuesdays

Write Now (ages 8-11)

Second Tuesdays

Story Lab (ages 6-11)

Third Tuesdays

Adventure Book Club (ages 9-11)

Fourth Tuesdays

Lego Club (ages 6-11)

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Fall largemouth bass fishing

By Danny Johnson
Staff Writer

The fall months are the perfect time of the year to enjoy fishing your local lakes. With college football season ramping up and hunting season underway, the pressure of fishing is reduced. Many of the spring and summer fishermen put up the boat and

transition to dove hunting and bow hunting. The temperatures of fall days are usually ideal, and bass move into the shallows for heavy feed. Bass anticipate the colder months ahead, and fall is a time to add body weight while shad minnows are plentiful.

There are a couple of patterns I will discuss in today's article.

Shads move into major pockets off the main river channel. Creeks also become active with the bait fish. Often, bass school up and attack the shad schools. The feeding frenzy is easy to spot with the aggressive fish blowing the bait fish out of the water. There are 2 baits I use for this action. The first choice is the rattletrap, and the second choice is a willow leaf spinnerbait. Larger bass feed beneath the small ones, usually on the surface. Allow your bait to sink lower for bigger bass.

Another pattern is to go shallow and fish around structure like lily pads and logs with brush. Fall is a good time to catch pad bass. When the lake drops a couple of feet to the winter draw down, the bass will bunch up in the deeper pad stems. Early in the morning a buzz bait will get some arm jerking action.

As the sun gets higher in the sky, I go to the floating frog. Working the plastic frog through pads can trigger big bites. Fishing the frog on a good braid line is necessary because of the heavy cover. The back end of creeks can be good fishing if the bait fish are present along with brush in about 3 feet of water. In Elk River, fish bite better when there is some water current moving. Log jams and blow down

will hold bass when the water is moving. The shallow bait of choice is a shallow running crankbait or spinnerbait.

On the lower end of Wheeler Lake in the clear water, some of the bass will remain deep. I catch deeper bass in 20 to 25 feet of water. Bends in creek beds, rock piles, and deep bush are the irregular features bass relate to. The shaky head worm and deep diving crankbaits will catch the deeper fish. Slow fishing is a necessary attribute to have.

As the air temperature drops the water temperatures, remember to go gravel bank when the sun is shining. The rock help warm the shallow water. When the water temperature drops into the 50's, the rock and gravel bank help keep the bite going. Enjoy the water and share your passion with a friend.



Robbie McDowell of Athens with a trophy largemouth bass.



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5 Things Your Horse Remembers!

Horses have an exceptional level of awareness meaning that they can understand situations much more deeply than other animals. They are so attentive that they can pick on other people's emotions through body language, voice, or just the general vibe you give off. This type of awareness can lead to much more intense experiences for horses. Here are some experiences your horse will remember forever!

1. Places

Horses have quasi photographic memory, meaning that they can remember places very clearly. It can be positive or negative, depending on the experience they had in a particular place. Imagine your horse witnessed a very traumatic event. Most likely he will never forget the place or event and move away from that area. If your horse seems hesitating to go somewhere, listen to him, comfort him and trust him, he knows what he's doing!

2. People

As horses have an almost photographic memory, it's no surprise that they remember people by their faces. Show them the picture of someone they know, and they will probably react. Horses can even recognize people



after years of being apart! But their memory goes far beyond our general appearance. Horses can read our facial expressions and remember them for later, too.

As part of the study, horses were shown pictures of people with happy or sad expressions. After meeting these people in person (with neutral expressions), the horses reacted based on the original expression they had memorized in the photos. If you meet a horse for the first time, then you have to make a very good impression on him!

3. Emotions

Besides places and people, horses have an innate ability to recognize human emotions. Horses have a tendency to perceive body language, even the most subtle, which helps them determine a person's feelings. If we are feeling stressed, sad, or angry, our physical appearance tends to reflect this. Same goes when

we feel happy or excited! Horses don't just read emotions; they also remember a person based on the last emotion they felt from their last interaction. This is a useful strategy for horses to avoid any possible aggressive encounters.

4. The other horses

Humans aren't the only ones who can leave an indelible imprint on a horse! Horses can remember and recognize other horses from their social network. Whether it takes a few years or decades, one horse will never forget its relationship with another. This doesn't mean as much they will pair up with each other if they ever get together. One horse will only react to another if the bond they had was particularly strong. If he knows a horse from a previous encounter, he may treat it differently than others.

Other important bonds between horses, like the one that unites a mare and her foal, are known to last a lifetime. As horses also

remember smells, this can help a mare recognize her baby, even years after separation.

5. The words

Horses are able to understand words much deeper than we thought, but not in the traditional sense we give words. They understand the words by tone, height, and length of the voice. Words with fewer syllables tend to stick better to horses. They can tell when someone is insulting them and when someone is complimenting them. Don't underestimate their intelligence, because there's a good chance, they're listening very attentively to every word you utter.

Horses are incredibly gifted animals and should be treated as such! Having an idea of the memories horses hold with them forever will allow you to understand and communicate with them even more deeply. Whatever the experience, good or bad, you can be sure your horse has felt it fully. Do your best to give them a good memory, and they will surely do the same.

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Raising teens



Their teenage years. I've heard many stories from families over the years about the challenges that come with raising teens. I've had firsthand experience being an educator for 20 years currently teaching middle school students. There is an abundance of research out there on ways to approach raising teens. I think what families should understand is that every child is different. Every child responds in a different way. We should also understand that comparison is the thief of all joy. Be careful when thinking a strategy will work for both, plus be very careful comparing each child. You cannot paint every child with the same paint brush.

Teens want to do things on their terms. That is the nature of being an adolescent. When adults are calling the meeting and setting the agenda - when we are saying, "How was your day, what happened?" - teens can sometimes bristle and feel cornered. But teens also want and need to be connected to loving adults. And they do tend to bring up topics that are close to their heart, often at times that are unexpected or even inconvenient. As a parent, I try not to take it personally when they're not in the mood to answer my questions, or when they tend to question my approach at times. We have taught them questions are perfectly fine but how you ask those questions are important. The tone and attitude you use can make or break the conversation. For example, one of our daughters will disagree at times, but she will preface it by saying, "I promise I am not trying to be rude or mean, but I do not want to do that." My first thought is I do not care because you are doing it; however, I take the time to be calm in the matter because of how she approached the conversation. I want my girls to understand that it is very important

to approach every conversation with the right attitude, and even though you disagree, if you approach it in the right way, then this conversation will go a lot further.

The ultimate responsibility of a parent is to model for your teens how to handle certain situations. From situations like riding in a car and a person cuts you off, instead of going into a scream fest with the car in front of you, use this as an opportunity to model for your kids on how to be calm in tense situations. I promise you - your teens will take on the attitude that you present everyday in life. I have heard so many of my middle school students say to me I respond this way because my mom or dad does the exact same thing. I had a student tell me that he did not have to clean up the lunch table because the girls made all the mess. I told him he should lead by example, but his response was my dad said I only should clean up the mess that I make. Your child will take on the attitude that you are modeling for them. Some parents may feel the same way, but I try to model you try to do the right thing regardless. I understand this can vary based on the circumstances. If we want to raise our teens through a stressful period of life, then we as parents, must be the ultimate role model. Even in times when you make mistakes as parents (and the kids witness it) use it as an opportunity to show them your mistake and what you should have done. Kids need to understand that we are not perfect, and that we will admit when we are at fault. I honestly believe our kids will have so much more

respect for us as parents when we admit that we make mistakes as well. I remember my mother would chew me out at times (I mean really scream at me) when making a mistake, but she would always come back and say I should have not yelled at you - I just want you to make good decisions. I always respected that in my mother.

It's important for teenagers to express their emotions. Verbalizing feelings and talking about their internal world is one way that they do that. Again, try not to take it personally if they "fly off the handle" at you. But it's not the preferred option for every teenager. We need to respect that some teens just want to go for a walk, put on a favorite song and turn it up, or be left alone. I was the type of teenager that just needed space. Rarely did my mother give me that space needed because she was the "yelling" type. I mean that with the utmost respect. That may be a reason that I like to give my girls space because my mom was always yelling at me. I try to be the calmer head in the matter because if both the child and parent are yelling, then the situation will not improve.

How do you respond when a teen tells you: "I'm an adult now. I don't have to listen to your rules anymore." My mom would sarcastically yell, "GREAT! Since you are an adult now, I am going to need you to pay some bills. Since you do not have to listen to rules, I guess that means you own this house!" LOL! The goal is to be calm and consistent. The time will come when you are living independently. And you'll get to make your own

rules. For now you're a member of this household. And that means living with the rules we make. It's best if the adult in that conversation can underscore that the rules are organized around respectful treatment of one another and the teenager's safety. Please do not get me wrong. We tend to be very strict parents, but the goal is to treat teens in a calm and consistent manner instead of a screaming match every night.

There may be times when social issues arise with your teen. First, we can note that friction and disagreements are a natural, if unwanted, aspect of relationships. The goal is to handle conflict well when it arises. Examples of poor conflict management include being mean, icing someone out, or gossiping with third parties about the problem. Instead, we want to encourage teens to try to be direct and fair with one another, or to create a polite distance if that hasn't worked or won't work. Conflict aside, friendships often shift and change in adolescence. This painful reality can be easier for teens to accept if we reassure them that just because a friendship doesn't last forever doesn't mean that it was never good. Just be there for them during this challenging time.

Teens need a calm and consistent approach. They also need role models in their life who will provide positive examples on how to handle situations. Remember that you cannot treat every teenager the same and try your best when comparing your teen to someone else. Teens also like to have a choice in the matter, so present possible choices to give them ownership in the situation. Ready or not, here come the teen years for my family. While focusing on God's principles, working together in a calm, consistent manner, and having open communication will go a long way when raising teens.



Spicy Touchdown Chili *from Taste of Home*

We are beginning football season and that brings crowds together. It may be a little hot to serve chili for your gatherings but save this recipe. You will want to cook it for a crowd later as it gets cooler weather.

Ingredients

1 pound ground beef
1 pound bulk pork sausage
2 cans (16 ounces each) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
2 cans (15 ounces each) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) diced tomatoes with mild green chiles, undrained
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes with onions, undrained
1 cup water or broth
6 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

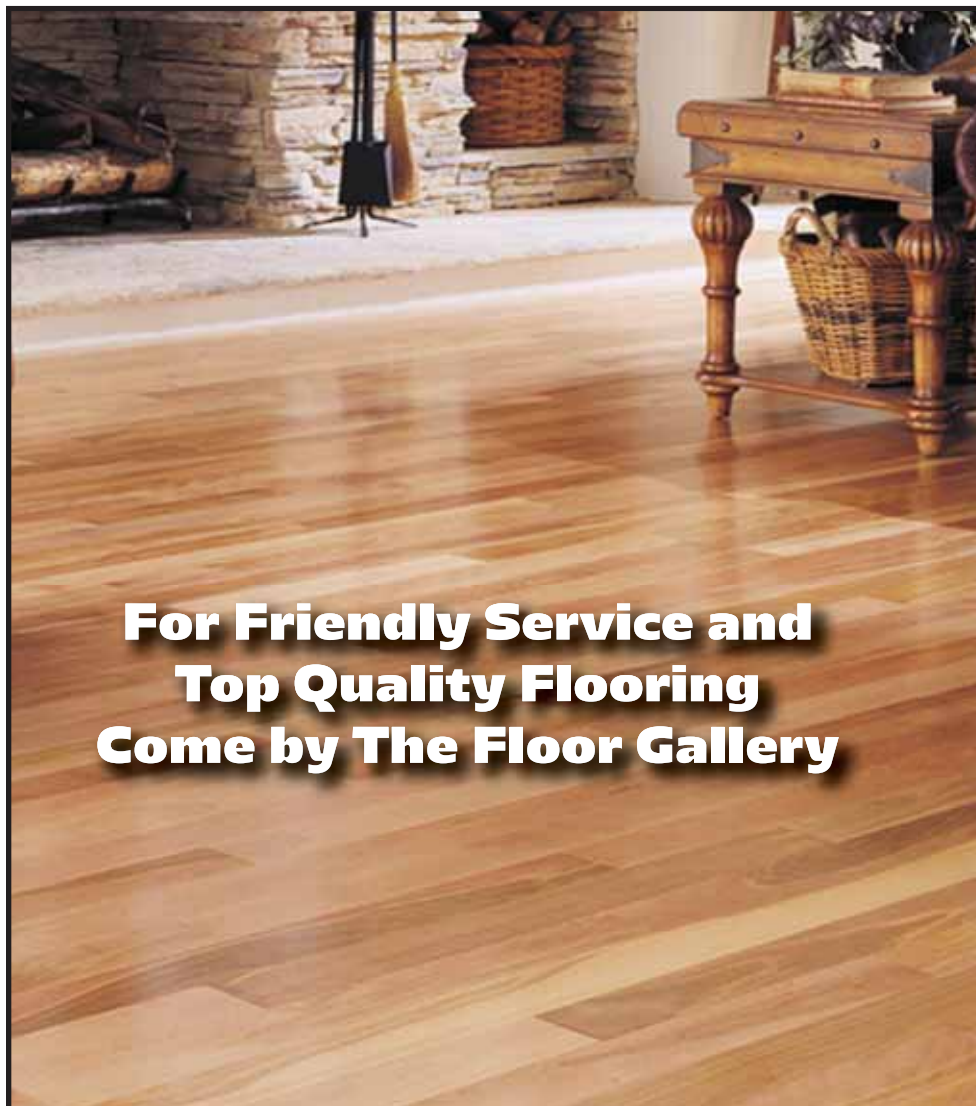
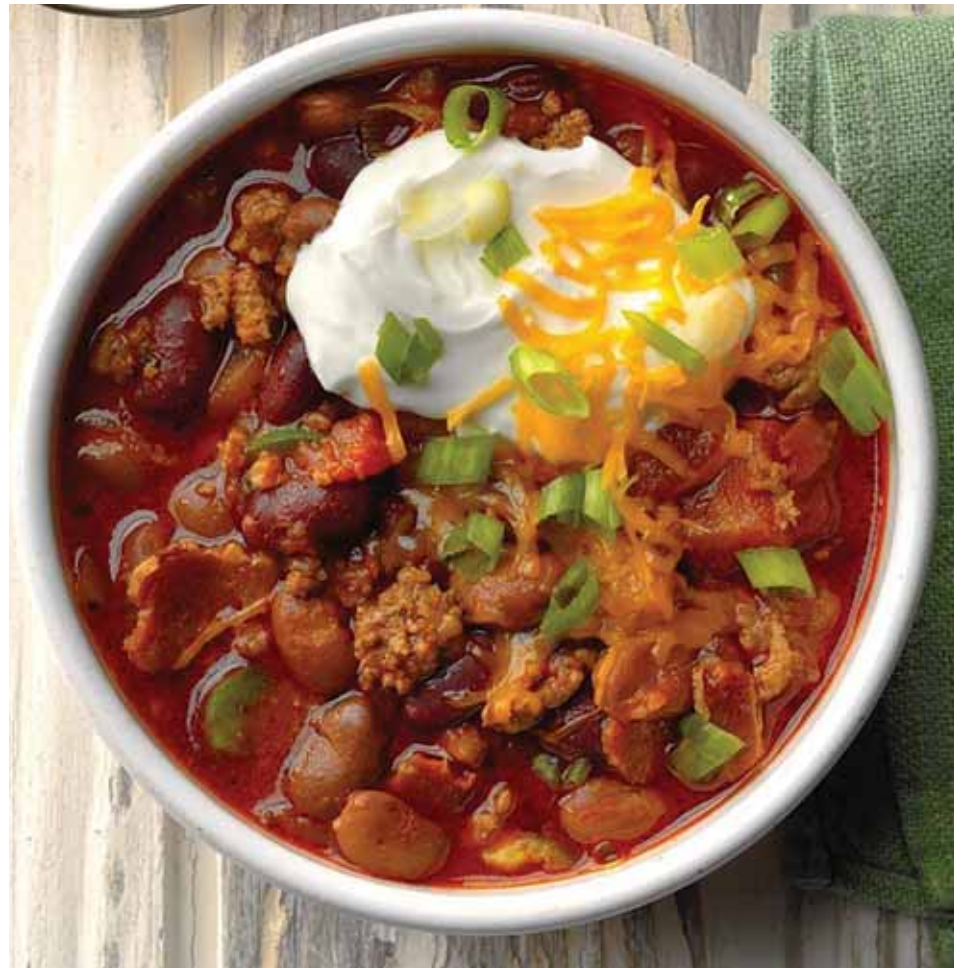
1 small onion, chopped
1/4 cup chili powder
1/4 cup chopped pickled jalapeno slices
2 teaspoons ground cumin
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon dried basil
3/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Optional: Shredded cheddar cheese, sour cream and chopped green onions

Directions

In a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink, 6-8 minutes, crumbling beef; drain. Transfer to a 6-qt. slow cooker. Repeat with sausage.

Stir in the rest of ingredients. Cook, covered, on low until heated through, 4-5 hours. If desired, top individual servings with shredded cheddar cheese, sour cream and chopped green onions.



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Yard birds

A common term you hear today made by the poultry industry is free ranging chickens. Being reared on a farm, chickens were a big source of our food chain. The feathered poultry provided fresh eggs and meat for the table on a regular basis. Chicken and eggs were used to barter for other needed staples. We raised chickens of different species, like Rhode Island Reds and Plymouth Rock and sometimes folks gave us game chickens. Our chickens always were free ranging and had a variety of foods from grass to bugs and also cracked corn.

Chickens could really make a mess if they chose to hang out on the front porch. We had a large coup for the chickens to roost in at night. Predators would take a toll on our yard birds if they ventured far from the house. Foxes would



sneak through the woods and take a chicken on occasion. Hawks would also swoop down and take young chickens and fly away with their meal. At night opossums would take chickens from the coups if the dogs were sleeping on the job.

We had a big oak tree in the back yard and the game chickens liked

to roost high in the oak tree. Owls would come in at night and take a chicken from the tree and fly away with them. Chicken snakes would raid the nests and eat the eggs so you could never drop your guard protecting your chicken flock. In the summer, mites would get bad around the chicken nests. Grandma would take a pinch of snuff and treat the straw nests to help control the mite population.

Sometimes, to get a hen to start laying eggs you had to place a white glass egg in their nest. The decoy egg would start the egg laying process. In the spring, the nest was left alone and the hens could hatch off chicks and the farm was covered with new chicks. Hens were very protective of their young. I witnessed several dogs getting flogged if they got too close to the new chicks. If the chicken hatch yielded too many roosters, they

were sold and thinned out. Laying hens were what provided the much-needed eggs. We kept some of the biggest roosters around, and they served as alarm clocks. Just before daybreak they would start their crowing, and we knew it was time to start the workday.

The game chicken was an undesired breed to have around. They had a wild nature and often were used for stews and Sunday dinner. If the population of roosters increased, the more fighting took place. Chickens were one of the popular animals found on the farm. Uncle Snoots was a sharecropper and moved around a lot to work on different farms. He would laugh and say, "When I load my bed in the back of my old pick up truck the chickens come a running and fly into the back of the truck. The chickens know it is time to move on."

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For 1956 the larger 322 cu in V8 engine was shared with the rest of the range, although it was replaced by the bigger, 250 hp, 364 V8 for 1957. This year also brought all-new bodywork, as well as a four-door hardtop station wagon called the Buick Riviera Estate. The 1957 wheelbase remained 122 inches. In the June, 1957 issue of Popular Mechanics, the Special was rated with a 0-60 mph time of 11.6 seconds, fuel economy of 17.4 mpg;



20.9 mpg at 50 mph and ground clearance of 6.9 in.1958 brought the most chrome yet and twin headlights, as the car grew longer and wider, albeit on an unchanged chassis.

1949-1957 Buick Specials had

three VentiPorts on each side while more senior Buicks (with the partial exception of the Buick Super, which switched from three to four in 1955) had four. Earlier versions had a “Sweep Spear” inspired character line alongside

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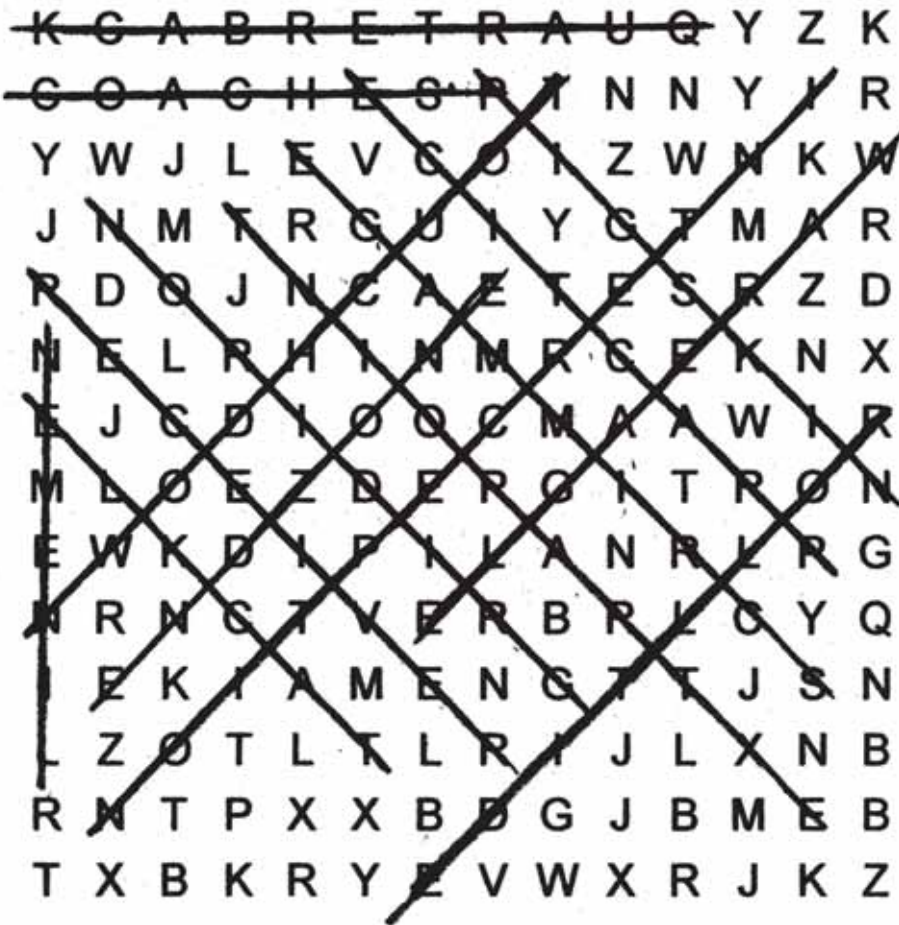
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