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### LOOKING FOR A FIXERUPPER OR A NEW PROJECT?

Check out this little bungalow in the heart of Arcadia! Has great potential, and is waiting for someone to bring it back to life! This 3/2 is situated on a city lot close to downtown, shopping, and schools! It also has a large private backyard to enjoy the outdoors!

### OWNER FINANCING!

**\$89,000** A4507447



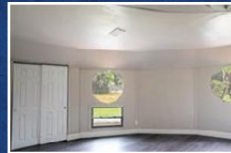
*New*



Welcome to your hideaway on the lake! This house is not going to last long. Schedule your showing today!

**\$582,900** A4507940

## Homes are selling FAST! Now is the time to LIST!



This Yacadome is built to withstand Florida weather. Offering 2 downstairs bedrooms and 2 bathrooms with a second floor loft, which could easily be an additional bedroom/game room/office.

**\$200,000** A4503081

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Gorgeous Post Victorian 1917 home with 7580 sq. ft. of Southern Charm featuring 4 bedrooms and 4.5 bathrooms in the city limits!

\$524,900 C7445081

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**\*PRICE REDUCTION\***

Spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home with a 4 car garage with a Mother-in-law apartment within the city limits!

\$259,900 C7444177



Immaculately maintained 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom home located in the Brownville area! Nice backyard with a large workshop!

\$139,900 C7445405



**\*ONLY 1 MORE LEFT\***

6+ acre parcel available the Hog Bay area for you to build your dream home on surrounded by a serene atmosphere!

\$75,000 C7433304



**\*INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY\***

Great Commercial Space located in the heart of the Historic District boasting over 6500 square ft!

\$209,000 C7437229



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DeSoto County's Weekly Publication

AUGUST 3, 2021

## The Arcadia Community Local Distribution Locations

DeSoto County Annex  
 DeSoto County Tax Office  
 DeSoto County Property Appraiser  
 Circle K (North)  
 Before & After Hair Salon  
 Craig's RV Park  
 Little Willie's RV Park  
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**SOLD**



2 BR 1 BA 5 AC Barn

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3BR 2 BA home, TLC, ½ ac lot

**SOLD**



60 AC, zoned ag, fenced, pond

**SOLD**



3 Houses, TLC, Income

**SOLD**



20 AC, zoned ag, well & electric

**SOLD**



3 BR 2 BA CBS, TLC

**SOLD**



3BR 2 BA home, TLC, ½ ac lot

**SOLD**



2BR 2BA D/W M-H, ½ ac



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ARREST REPORT 7/23/21 -7/30/21

# DESOTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**AMBLER, LEE EMERSON:**

Drugs-Sell -  
Methamphetamine Wi 1000 Ft  
Worship/Busn, Drug Equip-  
Possess - And Or Use

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**BARWICK, ROBERT**

**WESLEY:** Failure To Appear -  
Written Promise To Appear

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**BLACKMON, JASHAYLA**

**CLIENISHA:** Battery - Touch  
Or Strike, Trespassing - Fail To  
Leave Property Upon Order By  
Owner

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**CALLEIA, STEPHANIE**

**DENEE:** Out Of County  
Warrant

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**CORDERO, CESAR**

**ORLANDO:** Dui-Unlaw Bld  
Alch - .15 Or Higher Or With  
Person Under 18 1St Off

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**DEAN, ALFREDA ROMONA:**

Larc - Petit Theft 2Nd Degree  
3Rd Subsq Offense, Larc - Petit  
Theft 2Nd Degree 3Rd Subsq  
Offense

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**FARABEE, MICHAEL DAVID:**

Aggrav Asslt - Weapon - W  
Deadly Weapon Without Intent  
To Kill

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**GARCIA, GUILLERMO**

**ALVAREZ:** Damage Prop-Crim  
Misch - 1000 Dols Or More,  
Battery - Touch Or Strike, Drug  
Equip-Possess - And Or Use,  
Shoplifting - Petit Theft From  
Merchant 2Nd Off, Drug  
Equip-Possess - And Or Use

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**CLEMONS, CHRISTIAN:**

Amphetamine-Traffic - Or  
Methamphetamine 14 Grams  
Or Over, Drugs-Sell - Sell  
Methamphetamine, Marijuana-  
Possess - Possess Marijuana  
Over 20 Grams, Marijuana-  
Possess - With Intent To Sell  
Mfg Or Deliver Schedule I,  
Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo  
Prescription, Drugs-Health Or  
Safety - Poss Harmful New  
Legend Drug Wo Prescription,  
Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive  
While Lic Susp 2Nd Off, Drug  
Equip-Possess - And Or Use,  
Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive  
While Lic Susp 1St Off,  
Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive  
While Lic Susp 2Nd Off,  
Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo  
Prescription, Marijuana-  
Possess - Not More Than 20  
Grams, Drug Equip-Possess -  
And Or Use, Nonmoving Traffic  
Viol - Drive While Lic Susp 2Nd  
Off, Marijuana-Possess -  
Possess Marijuana Over 20  
Grams, Drug Equip-Possess  
- And Or Use

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**GOLDEN, FRANK PHILLIP:**

Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo  
Prescription, Drug Equip-  
Possess - And Or Use,  
Drugs-Possess -  
Methamphetamine Wi 1000 Ft  
Worship/Busn, Drug Equip-  
Possess - And Or Use,  
Drugs-Sell -  
Methamphetamine Wi 1000 Ft  
Worship/Busn, Drug Equip-  
Possess - And Or Use, Moving  
Traffic Viol - Drive On  
Permanently Revoked Driver  
License

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**GONZALEZ, ISAAC:** Burgl -  
Unoccupied Dwelling Unarmed

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**HARRIS, JASON MICHAEL:**

Public Order Crimes -  
Tampering With Electronic  
Monitoring Device, Prob  
Violation

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**JANACEK, JARED JOSEPH:**

Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo  
Prescription, Drug Equip-  
Possess - And Or Use,  
Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive  
While Lic Susp 1St Off

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**JARECKI, KEVIN MICHAEL:**

Out Of County Warrant, Out Of  
County Warrant, Out Of County  
Warrant

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**LINDBERG, SAMANTHA**

**MEGAN:** Fraud-Imperson - For  
Public Aid Und 200 Dols

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**LOPEZ, JOAQUIN SALES:**

Dui-Unlaw Bld Alch - .15 Or  
Higher Or With Person Under  
18 1St Off

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**MOORE, RUSTY PHILLIP:**

Marijuana-Possess - Not More  
Than 20 Grams, Drugs-  
Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo  
Prescription, Drugs-Possess  
- Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription,  
Drug Equip-Possess - And Or  
Use

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**PRUETT, CAMERON**

**EDWARD:** Battery - Touch Or  
Strike

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**PULITZER, ZACHARY**

**SIMPSON:** Traffic Offense -  
Dui Alcohol Or Drugs

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**RANDOLPH, CHAVONTE**

**MARKESE:** Failure To Appear  
- Written Promise To Appear

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**SHERIDAN, JEFFERY**

**EARNEST:** Battery - Touch Or  
Strike

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**SMITH, KRIST'ONA JANAE:**

Retail Theft (Value \$100 To  
\$300) 1St Ofns - Pursuant To  
812.015

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**SUMMERSETT, TQUILLA**

**SHANNEL:** Aggrav Battery -  
Commit Aggravated Battery

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**TERRELL, JAMES**

**QUINTERIAS:** Prob Violation

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**WATERS, AMY SKINNER:**

Prob Violation, Prob Violation

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**WRIGHT, CASSIDY**

**MICHELLE:** Homicide -  
Murder Resulting From  
Distribution Cntrl Subs

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**YOUNGBLOOD, TONY:**

Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

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**ZARCO-CARON, JADE**

**MARIE:** Out Of County Warrant

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**ZUNIGA, ARMANDO**

**GABRIEL:** Burgl - Unoccupied  
Dwelling Unarmed, Burgl -  
Unoccupied Dwelling  
Unarmed, Larc - Grand Theft  
Of Dwelling 100 Less 300 Dols,  
Burgl - Unoccupied Dwelling  
Unarmed

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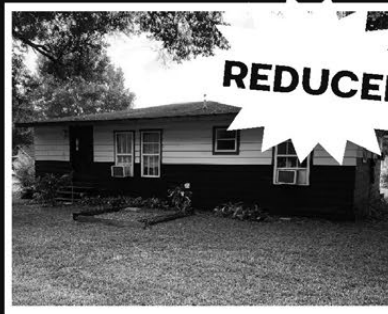


- 3 BEDROOMS
- 2 BATHROOM
- FULLY FENCED IN YARD
- 2 STORAGE SHEDS

**\$199,900**

## REDUCED

Check out this tucked away bungalow on the outskirts of Desoto County! You will love the privacy that this place has to offer. The inside is cozy and features an open layout. There is a back deck that looks out onto the private above ground pool! The yard is spacious so entertaining will be a breeze and your furry friends are sure to enjoy! The country life offers solitude and peacefulness and that is exactly what you are purchasing when you buy this property!



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- 10 ACRES
- BUILDABLE

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## 5 MORE CLOSINGS



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**5 ACRES**

5 ACRES, PINE LEVEL AREA. CORNER PROPERTY, HAS A CULVERT, WELL AND SEPTIC SYSTEM. TREES THROUGHOUT THE PROPERTY. HOME WAS ON THIS PROPERTY BUT WAS REMOVED. \$175,000 A-301

**SOLD**

FOREST PINES, 2 BR, 2 BA, CBS HOME, BUILT 2006. 18X18 MASTER BEDROOM W/DBL DOORS. KITCHEN HAS PASS-THRU BAR TO DINING ROOM, BUILT-IN OVEN. INSIDE LAUNDRY RM W/LAUNDRY SINK. CORNER LOT, OAK TREES, FENCED BACK YARD. APPLIANCES STAY INCLUDING WASHER & DRYER. SINGLE GARAGE. \$223,000 H-2357

**PUNTA GORDA**

LAZY LAGOON IN PUNTA GORDA. 2 BR 1.5 BATH MANUFACTURER HOME IN THE PARK. BOAT RAMP FOR ACCESS TO SHELL CREEK AND THE PEACE RIVER. CO-OP OWNED PARK WITH RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. HOME HAS A LAVAL AND STORAGE/UTILITY ROOM. FURNISHED. \$64,000 M-485

**5 ACRES**

5 ACRES, YOU WOULD THINK YOU ARE IN A STATE PARK ON A WALKING TRAIL. PROPERTY HAS NOT BEEN TOUCHED EXCEPT FOR A SMALL WINDING NATURAL ROAD INTO THE PROPERTY. GRANDFATHER OAK TREES, ALL TYPES OF NATIVE FLORIDA TREES. HAS ADJOINING 5 ACRES. CAN BE PURCHASED SEPARATELY. \$150,000 A-302

**REMODELED**

3 BR 1 BATH, CBS HOME IN FOREST PINES. NEW PAINT INSIDE AND OUTSIDE. ALL TILE FLOORS, NEW REFRIGERATOR, NEW ROOF AND NEW GUTTERS COMING. FENCED IN DOG AREA, HALF ACRE LOT, CITY WATER, LAVAL, COVERED FRONT PORCH, PATIO, IRRIGATION WELL & PUMP. \$199,000. H-2299

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SIDE BY SIDE, 2 LOTS, CLEARED, READY TO BUILD. EACH LOT IS .36 ACRE. MINUTES TO PEACE RIVER. PUBLIC BOAT RAMP & AND PAVILION. RIDE TO THE PARADISE GOLF COURSE IN YOUR GOLF CART. \$29,000 EACH LOT. L-421

**FT OGDEN AREA**

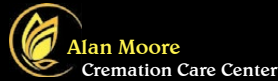
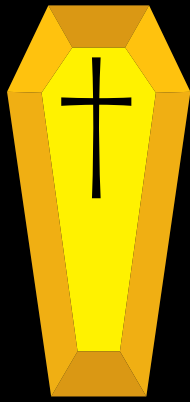
MOBILE HOME LOT, HAS A HOME ON THE PROPERTY. HAS WELL, SEPTIC, CONCRETE PADS, LAND SIZE .17 OF AN ACRE. \$40,000. L-437

**SOLD**

OVER 1900 SF OF LIV AREA. 4 BR 2 BA, 2005 DW HOME, IN SUNNYBREEZE. REMODELED W/ NEW KITCHEN CABINETS, 24 FT OF GRANITE COUNTER TOPS. LIVING RM, PLUS FAM RM W/FIREPLACE. NEW AC, NEW SEPTIC, NEW WELL, NEW DBL DRIVEWAY, NEW PAINT, NEW STG SHED. MUST SEE THIS BEAUTIFUL HOME, CARPORT. \$184,000 M-481

**NEW LISTING**

TREES, TREES AND MORE TREES ON 5 ACRES. PROPERTY HAS A CULVERT, ELECTRIC, SEPTIC, WELL, ODP POLL BARN, PATIO AND A NON-LIVABLE DW MH. SOME FENCING. THE LAND HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED. FLORIDA TREES ARE STILL ON THIS PROPERTY. ADJOINING 5 ACRES CAN BE PURCHASED SEPARATELY. \$170,000. A-303



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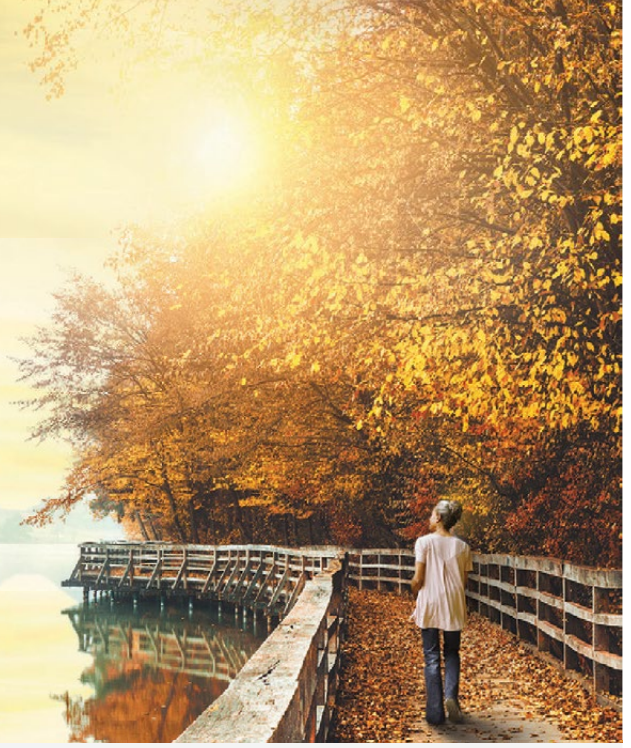
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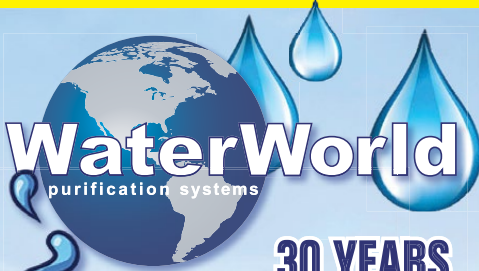
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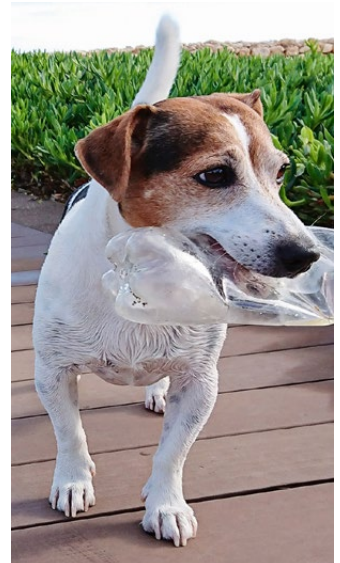
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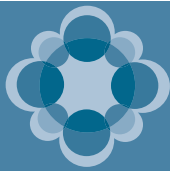
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4	6	9	1	5	7	2	3	8
2	1	8	9	6	3	5	4	7
7	3	5	4	8	2	6	9	1
5	9	3	7	2	6	8	1	4
6	8	4	3	9	1	7	5	2
1	2	7	5	4	8	3	6	9
9	7	1	8	3	5	4	2	6
8	5	2	6	1	4	9	7	3
3	4	6	2	7	9	1	8	5

ANSWER:





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# OBITUARIES

## John "Jack" L. Bebb Jr.



John "Jack" L. Bebb Jr., 80, of Benton Twp. Died Sunday July 25, 2021, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley, Wilkes-Barre. Born in Olyphant on May 18, 1940;

the son of the late John L. Bebb Sr. and Elizabeth Jones.

John was a partner in life and work with his late wife Jean Longenecker Bebb, who died July 1, 2021, in owning and operating Tunnel Hill Ice Cream stand in Factoryville. They would have celebrated 62nd wedding anniversary on December 5th, 2021. He enjoyed going camping in Florida and Pennsylvania. They spent their winters in Arcadia, Fl. where they attended her own family run church, Church of the

Brethren and attended Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by his son Michael A. Bebb who died on May 3rd, 2020; by both brother, Harry Bebb and wife Diane of Arizona; also, by sister Carol Heller her husband is Fred who lives in Hop Bottom.

John is survived by his son John L. Bebb III and his wife Kathleen of Factoryville; brother Richard Bebb, Scranton his wife was Vivian who died and also his partner Joyce Holly died; sister Ruth Zeiler and husband

Don, Columbia, NJ.; sister-in-law Gloria Sheets and her husband Jim of Colombia NJ; Two brothers-in-law Allen Longenecker and his wife Sharon of Johnsonburg, NJ; John Longenecker and his wife Roberta of Florida; many nieces and nephews and cousins. Jack's kind spirit will be missed dearly.

**Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. For on-line condolence please visit [www.aplitwinfuneralhomes.com](http://www.aplitwinfuneralhomes.com)**

## Fayree Mathis McIntyre

Fayree Mathis McIntyre, 91, of Fort Myers passed away July 27, 2021 at Orchid Cove in LaBelle. She was born in Wauchula to Claude Mathis and Ethel Wilson Mathis and moved to Sebring in 1939 where she met and married the love of her life, Robert McIntyre, in 1950. They were married for nearly 71 years when her beloved husband preceded her in death by just two weeks. She was a faithful and

supportive farm wife, an incredible cook, and the most loving of mothers. She was predeceased by her sons, Rob and Jesse and is survived by her daughters, Marilyn Owen of Fort Myers and Carline Henson and her husband, Charles, of Preston, Georgia and by her daughter-in-law, Dawn McIntyre of Arcadia. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren adored her and affectionately called her "Mema". She will be remembered for her devotion to her family, her beautiful smile, and for her kind and cheerful spirit.

**A joint memorial service for Bob and Fayree McIntyre is planned for August 21 at 2:00 in the chapel at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home in Wauchula.**



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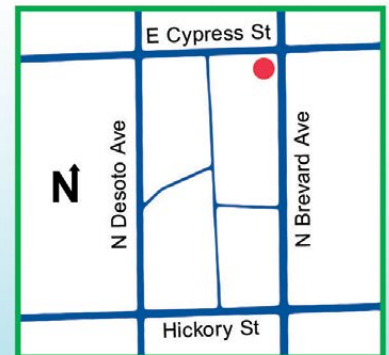


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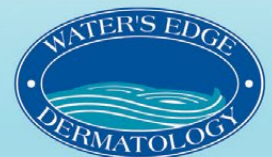
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52. Rich tapestry
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60. Surrounded by
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67. Type of screen
68. Old Norse poet

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3. Sudden, very loud sound
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5. Tin
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8. Some animals have it

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47. Boy
49. Violently break
50. Brief appearance
52. Expressed pleasure
53. A light informal meal
55. Fabric with smooth finish
56. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
57. Ancient Greek City
58. Close tightly
59. Commit
61. A way to communicate (abbr.)
65. Heavy metal

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4. Every 30 minutes, open up the smoker and spray the meat with apple juice. (Put about 1/2 cup of apple juice in a spray bottle for this.) After about 6 hours, check the meat to see if you've achieved that mahogany bark.
5. When this bark is achieved, lay the pork on a big sheet of aluminum foil. Pour the Stubb's Pork Marinade around the base of the meat, close up the foil, and return the meat to the smoker. This step essentially steams the meat and breaks it down to achieve the tenderness you want; keep the smoker at 225 F. This stage usually lasts 3 hours, but it can always vary. At the end of the cook, you are watching for internal temperature to reach the target goal of 197 F. You don't want it so tender that the money muscle falls apart. Remove the meat from the pit and open up the foil to let out the steam. Then, close it back up and place it in a dry cooler to rest for at least an hour. (I have let it rest for up to 4 hours, and it was great.)
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7. Finally, it's time to break down the meat. Carefully carve out the money muscle, keeping it as a perfectly shaped loaf, move it to a separate pan, and cover it with foil to keep it warm. It's time to remove the bone. It should slide out easily and clean – if so, job well done! Chunk the remaining meat, paying close attention to the bark, trying to capture the best pieces. Separate the meat into nice barky chunks and tubes and then pull and slightly shred the remaining pork. Lightly glaze the meat with sauce, making sure not to add too much. Cover the pan with foil and set aside.
8. Turn your attention to the money muscle. Brush the muscle with sauce; add just a light coating. It should glisten with the honey in the sauce. Next, carefully slice it into even pieces, but make sure to keep the loaf shape intact.
9. To assemble, start with the arranged greens in a serving box. Then, place the money muscle slices along the back of the box and fill in the front of the box with chunks on one side and pulled pork on the other side. If you're serving it in your backyard, drop it on the picnic table and watch your neighbors fight it out.



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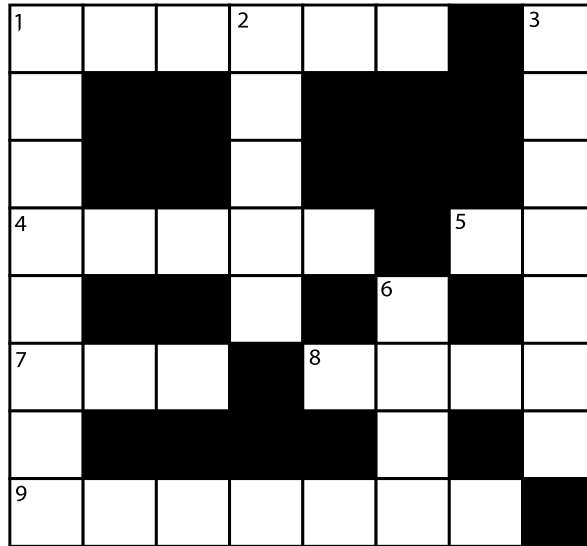


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## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. Metal frames on a grill
4. Cup-shaped spoon
5. Midwestern state (abbr.)
7. Writing fluid
8. Venison
9. Comes together

### DOWN

1. Cooking food over a flame
2. Place to eat a meal
3. Chicken or turkey
6. Unpleasant emotion

Answers: Across 1. Grates 4. Ladle 5. IL 7. Ink 8. Deer 9. Gathers Down 1. Grilling 2. Table 3. Poultry 6. Fear

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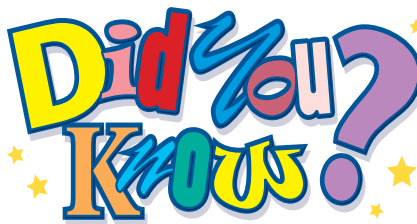
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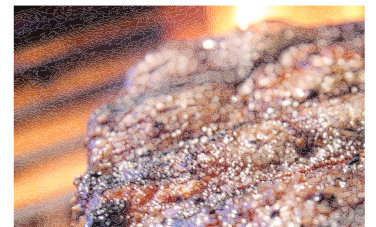
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**FRENCH:** Gril

**GERMAN:** Grill



GRILLING COOKS FOOD DIRECTLY OVER HEAT, WHILE BARBECUING USES HEAT THROUGH CONVECTION OF HOT AIR. GRILLING IS FAST WHILE BARBECUING IS SLOW.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: GRILLED STEAK

# CHAPTER 13

As I went by Larry's house, I heard a really strange noise. The noise was almost mechanical in sound, like a washing machine running but different. Different enough it made me stop and take a moment to listen. Maybe it was because I was a little scared about the wells and ready to get home. But either way, it was strange. I couldn't make out the noise, but I did notice that all the lights were on in Larry's house, inside and outside lights. The lights on the outside were extremely bright. They were on each corner and completely encircled the house. The lights on the inside were bright, just not as bright. I guess I had not been out in a while or never noticed before about his lights. Being that lit up, I didn't get too close, and I already had it in my mind to get home, so I turned to head home. Just as I passed his place, I saw a figure coming from behind his house. I couldn't make out who it was, but I could tell they were big, and he was

dragging something behind him. That wasn't strange enough for me to wait again so I took off and ran the rest of the way. There was no sleep for me that night. My mind continued to go over and over things. What about those wells, would someone find them, and would we be in trouble? Oh, and what about Larry's house being lit up like that? And someone coming in the back door after dark. And what was he dragging? Over and over all those things went through my mind. Soon I could hear mom getting up for school. Funny thing is, I wasn't the least bit sleepy. Not a bit. I got right up, got ready and went in for breakfast. Mom always, or at least most of the time, she fixed oatmeal, which was probably good for us, but it did get boring to eat sometimes. Mom was happy as usual, but I couldn't bring myself to say anything about last night. What would I say anyway, she probably wouldn't understand, I'm not sure I do. After breakfast, off we all go to the bus stop. There, waiting on me is my girlfriend

Alley. She gives me that big green-eyed smile and of course, my heart melts. I get up to her and we say a few nice words and then I tell her that I didn't go down to the wells last night to check on them. She looks up at me with that smile and says for me not to worry, that she had been down to the wells this morning and they were all covered back up and that everything was back where it should be. As I opened my mouth to ask another question, the bus pulls up with a new driver. We got on first, but there were quite a few coming in late behind us. Larry caught my eye as he ran up beside me. He was running a little late I thought to myself, probably up late last night. I was just about to go through the door when he got there. His face was about a foot away from mine when he stopped. I don't know if it was how, I looked at him or if he really had a bad look for me. Either way, the way he looked at me was not the same as I had remembered. He never was real friendly with me, but now I could tell things would be different between us.



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