

**PUZZLE SOLUTION**

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**ANSWER:**

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**CONSERVATION CORNER**  
**Ivy, Oak, and Sumac**  
 by James L. Cummins

Ivy, oak, and sumac are innocuous words until you put the word "poison" in front of them. Poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac contain a potent oil, urushiol, which can cause an aggravating, itchy rash in those sensitive to its effects. It is doubtful that anyone reading this article hasn't had some sort of history with these plants, so let's look at some of the myths surrounding them.

**Myth 1:** There is an old saying that says something to the effect of "leaves of three, let them be." This is a good rule of thumb; however, poison sumac has 7 to 13 leaves on a branch but is not encountered as often as the others.

**Myth 2:** The rash caused from poison ivy is highly contagious. The fact is that rubbing the rash will not spread poison ivy to other parts of the body or to another person. The rash can only be spread if the urushiol oil is still present. Therefore, it is a must to wash immediately if you know that you have encountered it.

**Myth 3:** Dead plants are no longer a threat. Unfortunately, the urushiol stays active on any surface, including dead plants, for up to 5 years. So, keep those gloves on even when discarded withered vines and plants.

**Myth 4:** You can be affected by poison ivy just by being near the plant. The fact is that direct contact is needed to release the urushiol oil. However, forest fires or burn piles containing these plants can cause the oil to become airborne. Even if a lawnmower or trimmer passes over the plant, the oil can become activated and airborne.

**Myth 5:** Many believe that if they have been exposed before and did not

**TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

WHEREAS, SGGGS, INC, executed a Deed of Trust to Malcolm D. McAuley, III, Trustee, for the benefit of First Choice Bank, Pontotoc Mississippi, dated February 7, 2024, and recorded in Book 20241 Page 160, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Yalobusha County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust mentioned hereinabove and recorded in Book 20241 Page 160; and

WHEREAS, the holder of the Note and Deed of Trust having requested the undersigned Trustee so to do, will on the 8th day of May, 2026, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during the legal hours of 11:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m. at the East front door of the First Judicial District of Yalobusha County Courthouse, in Coffeeville, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property lying and being situated in Yalobusha County, Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

The land described as:  
 INDEXING INSTRUCTION: SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 13, Twp. 24 North, Range 7 East, First Judicial District of Yalobusha County, Mississippi.

4.50 acres, more or less, lying and being in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 24 North, Range 7 East, described as follows, to- wit:

Commencing at USA Monument Number 184 at the Southeast corner of said Section 13; run thence South 89 degrees 33 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 702.55 feet to the point of beginning.

From said point of beginning, run thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 16 seconds West a distance of 355.12 feet to the point on the public road (referenced by an iron pin 8.44 feet North); thence North 00 degrees 56 minutes 56 seconds West a distance of 626.10 feet to an iron pipe on the South R.O.W. of the Old M and SD Railroad; thence North 65 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds East along said R.O.W. a distance of 305.78 feet to an iron pipe; thence South a distance of 551.57 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 24 degrees 18 minutes 28 seconds East a distance of 209.90 feet to the point of beginning.

**SUBJECT TO:** Road Right-of-Ways and Easements for public utilities now in existence, and mineral reservations and conveyances if any, of record.

**TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS, HEREDITAMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING.**

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, on this the 1st day of April, 2026.

*/s/ Malcolm D. McAuley, III*  
 MALCOLM D. MCAULEY, III  
 Trustee  
 MS State Bar No. 8596

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**GREEN GOSHEN CME CHURCH**  
 2371 County Road 58  
 Water Valley

3 NIGHT REVIVAL.  
 Sunday May 17  
 5:00pm - Host Pastor  
 Cristy Rubbin-Fuzz  
**GREEN GOSHEN CHURCH**

Monday May 18  
 7:00pm - Guest Speaker  
 Pastor TK Townsend  
**PLEASANT GROVE MB CHURCH**

Tuesday May 19  
 7:00pm - Guest Speaker  
 Pastor Essie Hillard  
**MT ZION AME CHURCH**

Come Expecting A Move  
 Of God!  
 All Are Welcome

**Zion Grove Missionary Baptist Church**

The pastor and members of Zion Grove M.B. Church cordially invite your pastor, officers, and members to worship with us on Sunday, May 17, 2026, for our combined Memorial and Homecoming Program. Sunday School will start at 10:00 A.M. followed by Worship and Memorial Services at 11:00 A.M. The Homecoming Program will begin at 200 P.M. and the message will be delivered by Pastor Gregory Wilson, Mount Grove M.B. Church, Coffeeville, MS.

Lunch will be served following morning worship service.

We are looking forward to worshipping with you on this occasion.

Yours in Christ,  
 Sister Ethel Morgan  
 Church Secretary

**Mt. Moriah Usher Federation**  
 Mt Moriah District Usher Federation will be meeting Sunday May 17th, 2026 at the Association building in Coffeeville, MS. Asking all ushers of the Mt. Moriah and those interest in this profession to come lend you ideas.

Rev. Calvin Hawkins is Moderator  
 Deacon Reginald Baskin is President of the Usher Federation

**United M.B. Church Memorial Day**

United M.B. Church will be having a Memorial Day Program May 17 at 11:00 A.M.

Asking for donations for the upkeep of the cemeteries Elem Grove, Muddy Creek, Antioch and United. Please see Sis. Tisha Hooper or Sis. Nellie Fox Logan.

We will also be honoring our Fellowship Hall in remembrance of Rev. Barney Martin.

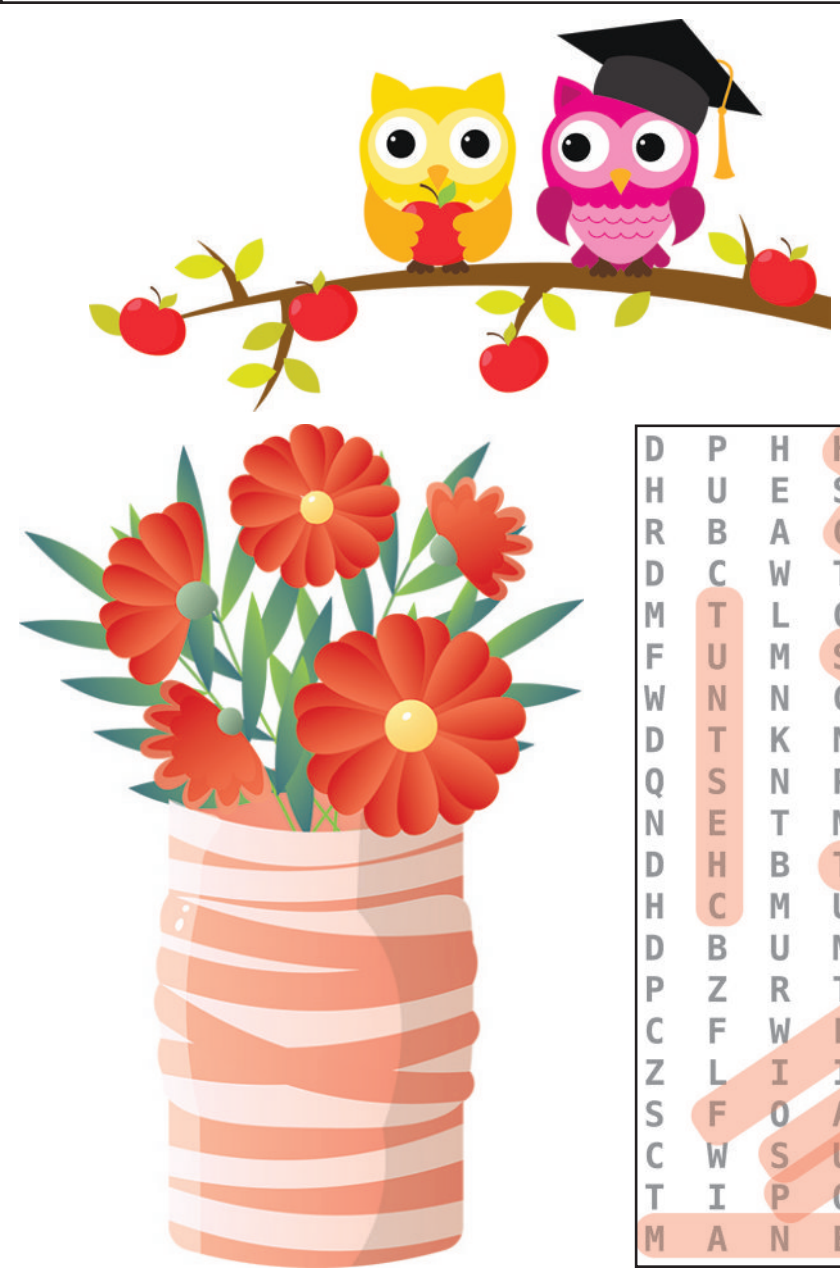
Rev. Kevin Lee of Hopewell M. B. Church will be the guest speaker.

Lunch will be served.  
 Pastor, Rev. Calvin Hawkins

**Persimmon Hill M.B. Church**

Persimmon Hill M.B. Church would like to invite you to our annual Vacation Bible School June 15-19 at 7:00 nightly. The theme is Hooked, Reeled In To Serve God. The adult instructor will be Pastor George Forrest of Rocky Mountain M.B. Church of Water Valley. We are looking forward to seeing your church family and everyone is invited to attend.

Thanking you in advance,  
 Persimmon Hill M.B. Church  
 Pastor Andrew Fluker  
 Secretary Sis.  
 Gwen Herron



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