



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Sealed with a kiss
 - Large sandwich
 - Swiss city
 - Japanese persimmons
 - When you hope to get somewhere
 - Wings
 - A name of God
 - Elected official (informal)
 - Abnormal breathing
 - "Seinfeld" character
 - Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
 - Something for sale
 - Gets rid of
 - One who touts
 - Blemished
 - Less than exciting
 - Born of
 - N. German town
 - Notes
 - Move away from land
 - Vulcanite
 - More ignoble
 - Child actor Kirk
 - Written works
 - Sea vessel
 - Residue
 - Engraved
 - Having sufficient skill
 - One and only
 - Erase
 - Broad inlets
 - Nightmarish street
 - Play again
 - Formerly (archaic)
 - Add a color to change the color
 - Move swiftly and lightly

- CLUES DOWN**
- Scottish island
 - River in the Netherlands
 - Asian people
 - Fuzzy fruit
 - Ninth month (abbr.)
 - An idealistic social reformer
 - What you owe
 - Colorless mineral
 - Overjoyed
 - Rattling breaths
 - Tropical Old World tree
 - A citizen of Senegal
 - Greek mythological beauty
 - Wrath
 - Instrument to measure wind speed
 - Luxury carmaker
 - Bitterly regret
 - Not or
 - Google certification
 - Midway between northeast and east
 - Space station
 - Relating to the cars
 - Congressman
 - Yelled at
 - Rudely assertive
 - Defunct European money
 - Shared one's soul
 - Onion rolls
 - A way to state clearly
 - Relating to a lobe
 - Underlying message
 - Hollywood pig
 - Indicates pitch
 - Filament of a feather
 - Small ornamental ladies' bag for small articles
 - Diminish

SUDOKU

9		4	8		5			
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	8		5					
	2					6		8
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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: intermediate

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

First Baptist . . .

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against the Jews" (Esther 8:3-6). Again, King Ahasuerus heard the pleas of his queen (Esther 8:7-17).

As the holder of the king's signet ring, Mordecai was responsible for any official action, so the king told Esther and Mordecai to draft a new decree as they saw fit that would save the Jews, but there was another major problem to overcome. Haman's decree was sent to all 127 provinces of the kingdom. Esther and Mordecai were pressed for time to get their new decree out to everyone. The day of death for the Jews, the 13th day of the 12th month, was fast approaching, so the Bible tells us in verse 14 that the king's servants who went out to deliver the message were, "hastened and

pressed on by the king's command."

In closing, I want us to consider those words, "Hastened and pressed on by the king's command." The Jews had a death sentence hanging over their heads, but the king had interceded on their behalf. A means of salvation had been provided, but people would never know it unless someone told them the good news. The content of the message was too important for delay or disregard. The king's decree was of the utmost importance and getting that message out was the priority of the kingdom. If the king's messengers failed, the Jews were doomed, so the king's messengers were, "hastened and pressed on by the king's command."

Church, we must under-

stand that we are about the King's business. Jesus, the King of King and Lord of Lords, commanded us, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." "Go make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." "Repentance and remission of sin should be preached in His name among all nations." "As the Father sent me; I am sending you."

Like the Jews in our passage, people today without Jesus are doomed with no hope of a future. Therefore, we must deliver the message of the gospel. The eternal lives of our families, friends, neighbors, acquaintances, and even the strangers we meet depends on it. The decree has been given. Time is running out. We must be hastened and pressed on by the King's command.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CONSERVATION CORNER

American Wetlands Month

by James L. Cummins

May is the month to recognize and celebrate the wonderful ways wetlands enrich the environment and people. It is time to give back to the environment by learning more about wetlands and participating in the many scheduled events. Wildlife Mississippi is proud to join with other federal, state, and private partners celebrating American Wetlands Month each May. This year we are proud to celebrate the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Program's 50th Anniversary. For the past 50 years, NWI has led the collection of scientific information necessary to strategically manage America's wetland habitats and their associated ecosystem benefits—from detailed wetland maps to information on how wetlands are changing.

Events are scheduled across the country to educate, involve, and engage Americans who want to better understand the value of one of Earth's vital ecosystems.

Wetlands are among the most valuable but least understood of natural resources. They provide rich habitats for wildlife. They are places in which many animals and birds build nests and raise their young. Migrating birds, such as waterfowl, stopover in wetlands to rest and to feed. We celebrate wetlands each May when they are teeming with new animal and plant life. Wetlands benefit our communities as well. They replenish and clean drinking water supplies and reduce flood risks, provide recreational opportunities and aesthetic benefits. They

serve as sites for scientific research and education, and benefit Mississippi's vast seafood industry.

Wetlands are the link between land and water, where the flow of water, the cycling of nutrients, and the energy of the sun meet to produce a unique ecosystem characterized by hydrology, special soils, and vegetation. Wetlands provide numerous benefits, including habitat for flora and fauna, improved water quality, flood abatement, water storage and groundwater recharge, reduced erosion, support of fisheries, and opportunities for education and recreation. Wetlands may not be wet year-round. In fact, some of the most important wetlands are seasonally dry transition zones.

Unfortunately, wetlands have been misunderstood for many years, often viewed as wastelands to be drained and converted to other uses. But if wetlands disappear, water will not be as clean, fish and

bird populations will suffer, and the frequency and severity of floods will increase. Americans have begun to recognize the value of wetlands, and the rate of loss has declined dramatically over the last 30 years. It is important that we continue to stop the loss of wetlands and begin to achieve a net gain through better management and restoration.

Many communities are now exploring how to best protect their existing wetland resources and restore some of the thousands of acres that have been lost or degraded. And many of the ones that do are seeing a reduction in flood insurance rates. Active citizens are working to protect this critical feature of the environment for future generations.

Learn how you can help by discovering more about wetlands and participating in events celebrating American Wetlands Month.

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www.wildlifemiss.org.



GREAT OUTDOORS WORD SEARCH

D U C V V S E M T F M V F G H G I P F Y
 B V B C A N Y O N R D A E H L I A R T T
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 S R A Y M H U L M B V V T S Y O E S I E
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WORDS

- ALPINE
- BACKCOUNTRY
- CANYON
- CASCADE
- CRAG
- EVERGREEN
- FOLIAGE
- GLACIER
- GORGE
- HINTERLAND
- MEADOW
- MESA
- OVERLOOK
- PLATEAU
- PRECIPICE
- RAVINE
- RIDGE
- SUMMIT
- TERRAIN
- THICKET
- TRAILHEAD
- VALLEY
- WILDERNESS
- WOODLAND

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.