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One of the last garden chores of the season is preparing our strawberry plants for winter. Strawberry plants have already set their buds for next spring's flowers and the crop can be lost unless you protect them from harsh winter conditions.

Winter Care For Strawberry Plants

A fully dormant strawberry plant's flower buds can be damaged at temperatures below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. In addition to flower bud damage, the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil that commonly occurs in winter and early spring can cause plant roots to break and the plants to be heaved right out of the ground.

Mulching strawberry plants will insulate them from extreme low temperatures, minimize soil heaving and decrease excessive drying (desiccation) of the plant crowns. But be sure to wait until plants are dormant before you pile on the mulch. Applying mulch too early can cause the crown of the plant to rot. Plants should be mulched before the temperature drops below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, usually by late

November or early December.

Several materials can be used for winter mulch, including clean (weed-free) straw, chopped cornstalks, hay, corn cobs or bark chips. Tree leaves and grass clippings are not recommended, since they tend to mat down and smother the plants. About 2-3 inches of mulch, after settling, should provide adequate protection. This is a great use for those fall decorator straw bales.

Put a note on your garden calendar to uncover the plants in spring as new growth begins. Rake off

most of the mulch as soon as the first new leaves develop. The new growth will probably look a little yellow at first but will green up with exposure to light. Rake the mulch between the rows to provide weed control and a source of emergency cover in case frost threatens. Mulching around the plants will also help keep the berries clean.

For more information, contact the Estill County Extension Office at 723-4557.

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Flowering mums planted outdoors in the fall won't have enough time or energy to develop a hardy root system before winter. The plants will succumb to the frequent freezing and thawing. Instead, keep them in their pots, trim off spent flower heads, and place the plants in a cool, dry indoor area that does not freeze. Keep them slightly moist. This can maintain them until spring. Plant in the ground when threat of frost has passed.

- Brenda Weaver
Source: www.mums.org

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Stickeler's Answer

Stickelers Answer

2. 12396

The digits in each number in the top row total 21.

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True Vine Ministries
102 River Drive, Irvine
Sunday Services
10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Terry Barnes, Pastor
Everyone Is Welcome!

MONEYWISE WEBSITE

High consumer prices from fuel to food are encouraging consumers to spend wisely. Making informed financial choices in your everyday living can help stretch your dollar.

The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service recognizes the need for Kentuckians to be able to access up-to-date information regarding financial decisions. This website will provide information, decision aids, and financial calculators directed at all aspects of

everyday living. Content will be regularly updated, please check back often. The web address is as follows: <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/moneywise/resources.htm>

Website categories you may find helpful include: homewise, farmwise, foodwise, businesswise, youthwise, creditwise, gardenwise, healthwise, familywise, and energywise.

Please visit the website or call your local Extension Office for assistance at 723-4557.

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University of Kentucky - College of Agriculture

Estill County
4-H Youth Development
Isaac L. Hollon
Estill County Extension Office

Saturday, December 14th @ 9am or 10am

Breakfast With Santa 4-H Fundraiser

Don't miss out on a "Pancake Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, December 14th at the Estill County Extension Office. Youth will have breakfast, make Christmas crafts, and also receive a free photo with Santa. There will be two sessions: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. There is a limit of 30 youth per session. Youth: \$5. Adults-breakfast only: \$3. Paid pre-registration is required; no walk-ins. Deadline to register for one of the sessions is December 11th. For more information, call 606-723-4557.

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Wishing Well®

7	2	4	6	2	5	6	8	2	6	3	2	5
Y	E	B	A	X	A	S	Y	P	O	Y	L	F
8	2	7	6	3	6	3	2	8	3	2	6	2
O	O	O	C	O	I	U	R	U	G	E	A	N
3	5	3	7	8	3	6	2	6	4	3	6	2
E	R	T	U	A	T	L	E	E	E	H	V	W
7	2	7	6	2	6	4	8	3	2	8	7	6
W	I	I	E	D	N	Y	I	I	E	D	L	T
3	2	7	3	5	3	8	4	5	2	7	5	3
N	A	L	G	I	S	E	O	E	S	G	N	D
7	8	5	4	8	4	8	4	5	8	5	8	3
O	L	D	U	D	R	E	S	V	R	I	L	O
8	3	5	3	5	4	5	7	5	4	7	4	7
Y	N	S	E	I	E	T	F	S	L	A	F	R

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

AQQN TZR OGZ PCZM SCQ

EZZ PCOP PCZ EJXGXP KOV

XE EPGQRAZG PCOR ORM

TOPZGXOV IQGBZ.

- GOVJC SOVNQ ZTZGEQR

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: A equals F

DALGT RO PFVJ WA HJCCVO

VGNPV JDP MCHWRC VGWFQCP,

VWRCWSC QDMCQCP LJCR

"GWLDLWCV DN TWLLCS."

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Puzzle Answers

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

Why is Thanksgiving a very smart holiday?

Because it is in Know Vember.

Letter Box

Solution

D	R	I	N	K	C	O	L	A
O	A	N	D	I	L	R	K	C
K	L	C	O	A	R	I	N	D
N	K	A	C	L	I	D	R	O
I	D	L	R	O	K	C	A	N
R	C	O	A	N	D	K	I	L
L	O	R	K	D	A	N	C	I
A	N	K	I	C	O	L	D	R
C	I	D	L	R	N	A	O	K

TEA

CryptoQuote

answer

Good men are they who see that the spiritual is stronger than any material force.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

CryptoQuip

answer

After my dish of cheesy spuds had become spoiled, someone labeled them "potatoes au rotten."

FEAR & KNOW

answer

P	E	L	F
A			R
R	E	C	I
		A	W
C	A	R	T
P			A
S	H	E	E
E			S
			A
			T
			E

Even Exchange

answers

- Mayor, Manor
- Police, Polite
- Terry, Tarry
- Flare, Flake
- Switch, Snitch
- Corner, Cornet
- Venus, Vents
- Wizard, Lizard
- Aster, Alter
- Basin, Basil

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

King Crossword

Answers

F	A	R	M	A	I	N	D	E	J	A	
I	C	E	A	M	M	O	I	M	A	M	
R	E	D	C	R	O	S	S	V	I	N	E
A	U	K	O	E	U	V	R	E	S		
W	A	L	T	E	R	D	R	Y			
A	L	E	T	I	M	N	U	R	S	E	
G	A	R	B	P	A	L	P	E	A	R	
S	I	T	U	P	R	O	B	D	I	N	
S	I	T	U	P	R	O	B	D	I	N	
C	A	R	A	V	A	N	F	E	W		
A	B	A	B	R	E	D	F	L	A	G	S
R	E	N	O	K	O	O	L	R	A	P	
S	E	G	O	N	C	E	F	L	Y		

Bible Trivia Answers

Casey's trivia book "Know It? ... or Not?" is available from BearManorMedia.com

ANSWERS: (1) Old; (2) Righteous; (3) Stoned; (4) Redemption; (5) Ill John; (6) Faces

Estill Arts Council
presents
A Christmas Arts & Crafts Show
Saturday, December 7, 2013
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Central Office Gymnasium
253 Main Street - Irvine, KY
Everyone Welcome

Arts & Crafts for sale Music of the Season
Visit from Santa 50/50 pot
Concession Booth (Chili & Hot Dogs)
Silent Auction (Arts & Crafts items)
Free Children's arts activities

Admission: \$1.00 or one can of food for the food bank
(Children 12 & under free admission)

Handicap accessible

Booth registration forms available at: Citizens Guaranty Bank (River Drive),
Ravenna Greenhouse, or Estill County Library

Contact phone numbers: 723-5694 or 723-4678