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Eric Baker **Estill County Extension Agent for Agriculture** & Natural Resources

The 2014 Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference and Trade Show will have meeting of the Kentucky something of interest for all fruit and vegetable producers. This year's event Lexington's Embassy Suites Hotel and concludes around 5 p.m. Jan. 7.

Preconference activities and the Kentucky Vineyard on Jan. 5 include tree fruit Society. and small fruit roundtable discussions.

"We always have many tional Celebration of Kenexcellent sessions and speakers, and this year is no different," said John Strang, University of Kentucky Col- Hill Winery & Vineyards, lege of Agriculture, Food Boucherie Vineyards & and Environment horticul- Winery, Chuckleberry Winture specialist. "Success ery, Heritage at Kentuscany, with fruit and vegetables is Lake Cumberland Winery, most always based on a pro- Louisville Meade Co., Old ducer's management skills, 502 Winery, Rose Hill Farm especially being able to do Winery and Verona Vine-

Ky. Fruit & Veg. Conference Jan. 6-7 ence is for beginners and ex- tasting and hors d'oeuvres is request registration materi-

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the Kentucky Vegetable State University and the January 2nd. Growers Association, the Kentucky Department of convenes at 8 a.m. Jan. 6 at Kentucky Farmers' Market Agriculture jointly sponsor the Cooperative Extension Ser-Association, the Organic Asthe conference.

als. contact Mary Ann Kellev Participants will have an at 270-365-7541, ext. 216. able online at http://www. Conference registration is uky.edu/Ag/NewCrops/ \$30 and includes a one-year 2014KFVCprogram.pdf sions with topics including membership in the Kentucky and the Ag Credit AgGe-Vegetable Growers Associa- nius Agriculture Innovations Contest entry form may be found at http://www. uky.edu/Ag/NewCrops/ 3AgGeniusAwardsProgram.

The Kentucky Vineyard clude wines from Atwood

from the Old English word fane (banner). The first one known to be built was atop the Tower of the Winds in Athens in 48 B.C. by the astronomer Andronicus. It took its shape from the god Triton (with the body of a man and the tail of a fish) and was 4 to 8 feet long. The largest weathervane in the world is located on the shore of White Lake, Michigan. It stands 48 feet tall and sports a 26-foot-long arrow that

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Stickelers Answer

1-e, 2-a, 3-d, 4-b, 5-c

Stickeler's Puzzle on Page 13

Applications due by Friday, January 17, 2014

Conservation Stewardship Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is opening the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for new enrollments for federal fiscal year 2014. Now through January 17. 2014, producers interested in participating in the program can submit applications to NRCS.

The CSP is an important Farm Bill conservation program that helps established conservation stewards take their current level of natural resource management to the next level to improve both their agricultural production and provide valuable conservation benefits such as cleaner and more abundant water, as well as healthier soils and better wildlife habitat.

"CSP encourages landowners who are already implementing conservation on their land to take a comprehensive look at their resource concerns and adopt new conservation activities that can go even further to conserve natural resources and increase the productivity of their operations," said Jack Kuhn, acting state conservationist for the NRCS in Kentucky.

Kuhn said today's announcement is another example of USDA's comprehensive focus on promoting environmental conservation and strengthening the rural economy, and it is a reminder that a new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill is pivotal to continue these efforts. CSP is now in its fifth year and so far, NRCS has partnered with producers to enroll more than 59 million acres across the nation, over 160,000 of those acres are in Kentucky.

The program emphasizes conservation performance – producers earn higher payments for higher performance. In CSP, producers install conservation enhancements to make positive changes in soil quality, soil erosion, water quality, water quantity, air quality, plant resources, animal resources and energy.

Some popular enhancements used by farmers and ranchers include:

- Using new nozzles that reduce the drift of pesticides, lowering input costs and making sure pesticides are used where they are most needed;
- Modifying water facilities to prevent bats and bird species from being trapped;
- Burning patches of land, mimicking prairie fires to enhance wildlife habitat; and
- Rotating feeding areas and monitoring key grazing areas to improve grazing management.

While local NRCS offices accept CSP applications year round, NRCS evaluates applications during announced ranking periods. To be eligible for this year's enrollment, producers must have their applications submitted to NRCS by January 17, 2014.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if the program is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, stewardship threshold re-

quirements and payment types. Learn more about CSP by visiting the NRCS website or the Estill County Conservation District at 1505 Richmond Road in Irvine, or call (606) 723-5104.

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from several concurrent sescial fruit and vegetable protion, Kentucky State Hortiduction, high tunnels, small culture Society or the Organfruit production, organic ic Association of Kentucky production, direct marketing and entry to the Grape and Wine Short Course. Strang pdf. This year, participants will recommended preregistering enjoy Kentucky Proud prod-The conference is a joint them at the door.

Kentucky Wine Association about the conference, or to disability or national origin.

If you have questions, by Dec. 20 to ensure partici- contact the Estill County ucts at the exhibitor/grower pants' nametags and confer- Extension Service at 723ence materials are ready for 4557. The Extension Office will close December 25th The UK Cooperative Ex- through January 1st for the State Horticulture Society, tension Service, Kentucky holidays. We will reopen

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> > The word **weathervane** derives partly points in the direction of the wind. - Brenda Weaver

> > > Source: www.weathervanesplus.com

Policy Change

Due to program expansions, rising energy costs and the need to cut liability exposures, we will no longer be renting the Estill County Senior Citizens Center for private events beginning January 1, 2014. We look forward to assisting our aging population with some of our expanded programs and are excited to be offering evening and weekend activities. Be sure to watch this local paper for more details in the near future! Should you have any questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact the Senior Citizens Center at (606) 723-4787 or the office of Estill County Judge Executive Wallace Taylor at (606) 723-7524.

Food Court Applications

Food Court applications for the 2014 Mountain Mushroom Festival are now available at Irvine City Hall located at 101 Chestnut St. Food vendors must carry vendor liability insurance. Application, fees and proof of liability insurance must be submitted by deadline date of Friday, January 31, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Mailed applications must be postmarked by the deadline date. No late entries will be accepted. The application fee is \$150 per food booth space plus a \$75.00 Early Departure/Closing fee if applicable. For more information, you may call Kim Williams at 723-4235. The 2014 festival dates are Saturday, April 26th & Sunday, April 27th.

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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

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.

DGFE EGZ DBVAX KFAAH

BVJOJTFAJER JH BTAR FT

MTFKKMHEBQZX QZEGBX BP

EJKLAJTO JE. - OZBVOZ

IZVTFVX HGFD

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CryptoQuip

for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: D equals H

XY T DPLFWU FHTVVWHF T NWBDVP WY FJXUSXUS XUFPNJF,

NWBVQ KWB JAPU FTK JAPLP

TLP JHW CPPF XU T CWQ?

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Puzzles4Kids

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ELAPSE	A	SLEEP		
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Letter Box

Solution

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5. Place, Peace

8. Angel, Anger 9. Tease, Tense 10. Mitten, Kitten

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answer

A E H L E A P T

PIG

6. Spiral, Spinal

7. Closet, Closed

L A P E L

F U R

GEL

Weekly SUDOKU ___ Answer

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6 4 1 7 3 9 5 8 2

8 9 3 2 5 1 7 6 4

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CryptoQuote

What the world calls

originality is only an naccustomed method of tickling it. — George Bernard Shaw

CryptoQuip answer

If a person swallows a

couple of stinging insects, could you then say there are two bees in a bod?

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5) Herod; 6) Zero Bible Trivia Answers Nazareth; 4) Bethlehem; thew/Luke; 2) 2 years; 3) Casey's trivia book "Know It? ... or Not?" ANSWERS: 1) Matis available from BearManorMedia.com