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A long winter with frequent bouts of ice and snow has not been kind to Kentucky trees, and we'll probably be hearing the buzz of chainsaws with increasing frequency as things warm up and thaw out.

While chainsaws are a powerful tool, this characteristic also makes them very dangerous.

Mark Purschwitz, agricultural safety and health specialist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment, states that improv-

## Chainsaw Safety On The Farm And At Home

er chainsaw use can cause serious, sometimes fatal, injuries, so if you're using a chainsaw, follow these three safety guidelines: know how your saw works and how to properly use it; wear personal protective equipment to protect your eyes, hearing, head, legs and feet and never work alone.

Buy a chainsaw you can comfortably handle and that is appropriate for the tasks you do most often. Always read and follow instructions in the owner's manual. Be sure all parts of your chainsaw are present and in good working order. Check the saw chain for proper tension and sharpness. Use a saw with a chain brake and low-kickback type of chain. Be sure the chain is well-lubricated and all safety devices, including the chain brake, are properly working.

Be sure to mix fuel in a can, not in the saw's tank and keep the gasoline can at least 10 feet away from where you're going to start the chainsaw.

Always start a chainsaw with the saw on the ground

with one of your toes in the handle and one hand on the handle. Never hold the chainsaw in the air with one hand while pulling on the starting rope with the other. Keep both hands on the chainsaw when cutting; always operate the saw below shoulder height; only operate a chainsaw up in a tree when you've received special training to do so, and engage the chain brake when starting and walking with the saw.

Many chainsaw injuries take place when the moving chain comes into contact with the operator, with kickback being the most common cause. Kickback takes place when the upper tip of the guide bar touches an object, or the chain gets pinched. This rapidly and uncontrollably throws the saw up and back towards the operator. Kickback can cause severe lacerations to the upper body, neck or face, and even death. Remember to maintain a stiff left elbow to lessen the chance of the saw striking you in a kickback. When cutting logs from a tree, be sure to stand to the left side of the chain so any kickback will go over your shoulder.

Hand and arm injuries comprise 41 percent of total chainsaw injuries; legs, 39 percent; head and face injuries, 11 percent; feet, 6 percent and upper body, 3 percent. You can significantly reduce chainsaw injuries or fatalities by wearing

personal protective equipment. Wear cut-retardant chaps and cut-resistant boots to protect thighs, shins and feet; goggles not sunglasses to protect eyes; ear plugs to protect hearing; non-slip gloves to protect hands; and a hardhat and face screen to protect your head and face. One convenient way to protect your head, face and ears is to use a helmet system that combines hardhat, face screen and hearing protection. Also, wear sturdy, snug fitting clothing that gives you complete freedom of movement. Avoid loose things that might catch in the moving chain including sleeve and pants cuffs, unfastened long hair or jewelry.

Never go out alone to operate a chainsaw. Another person can share the cutting tasks to prevent fatigue, a major cause of injuries in the woods, or go for help should an accident occur. Always take a first aid kit and keep it nearby.

Remember, these safety features won't replace proper training, safe operating practices and common sense, but they will reduce your risk of an injury. Please be safe!

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

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## Wishing Well®

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

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.

T HIOOQHHYIF CTEEXTBQ XH

TZ QGXIXOQ VLTV CIHV RQ

EQRXFV QUQED GTD.

- TZGEQ CTIEKXH

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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: J equals E

EQJP W GJKKCE CG BJFVWP

OJNHJPU YN YPHFJOYSKA QRBJ,

VWASJ QJ'O SJ HWKKJO W

UYUWPYH UJRUCPYH.

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## Puzzle Answers

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### Puzzles4Kids

Answer

Why do penguins carry fish in their beaks?

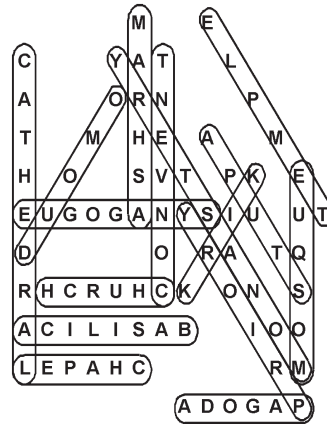
Because they don't have any pockets.

### Letter Box

Solution

K	E	T	G	S	I	N	H	C
N	G	I	C	H	E	S	K	T
C	H	S	N	K	T	G	I	E
E	C	H	I	G	S	K	T	N
I	T	K	E	N	C	H	G	S
G	S	N	H	T	K	E	C	I
H	N	C	S	I	G	T	E	K
T	I	G	K	E	N	C	S	H
S	K	E	T	C	H	I	N	G

### RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS



### CryptoQuote

answer

A successful marriage is an edifice that must be rebuilt every day.  
- Andre Maurois

### CryptoQuip

answer

When a fellow of German descent is incredibly huge, maybe he'd be called a titanic Teutonic.

### FEAR & KNOT

answer



### Even Exchange

answers

- Chore, Chord
- Huddle, Hurdle
- Blame, Blare
- Maury, Marry
- Flock, Frock
- Lawyer, Sawyer
- Butter, Batter
- Shaky, Shady
- Clover, Closer
- Daily, DAILY

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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

### Bible Trivia Answers

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

ANSWERS: (1) Neither; (2) Neither; (3) Carmel; (4) Boaz; (5) Abimelech; (6) Boaz; (7) Carmel; (8) Boaz; (9) Boaz; (10) Boaz

## Agriculture Events

Wednesday, February 19th @ 7pm

### Estill Farmers' Market Meeting

There will be a Farmers' Market meeting at the Estill County Extension Office on February 19, 2014 at 7 p.m. All current members should plan to attend as well as anyone interested in becoming a vendor.

Thursday, February 20th @ 6pm

### Estill/Powell Tobacco Production Update

Estill and Powell County Extension Services have teamed up to offer area tobacco producers a production update and GAP (good agriculture practices) training on Thursday, February 20th, 6:00 p.m. at the Estill County Extension office. UK Extension tobacco specialist Robert Pearce will lead the session. Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative will attend and have sponsored the meal. Please pre-register by calling 723-4557 by February 17th.

Through March 21, 2014

### Strawberry Plants & More

The Estill County Cooperative Extension Service will be taking orders for reasonably priced and good quality strawberry, blackberry, blueberry, raspberry, asparagus, and Candy onion plants through March 21st. Orders must be prepaid with delivery expected early April. If you are interested or need more information, call 606-723-4557.

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  - (Great for Pulled Pork)
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  - (Hot, Medium or Mild)
  - Cured Ham . \$3<sup>50</sup>/Lb.
  - (Whole or Sliced)
  - Ham Steak . \$3<sup>50</sup>/Lb.
  - Ham Cutlets . \$3<sup>50</sup>/Lb.
  - (Similar to cube steak, only ham)
  - Bacon . \$4<sup>00</sup>/Lb.
  - Jowl Bacon . \$3<sup>50</sup>/Lb.
  - Pork Tenderloin . \$4<sup>00</sup>/Lb.
  - Pork Chops . \$3<sup>50</sup>/Lb.
  - Spare Ribs . \$3<sup>50</sup>/Lb.
  - Country Style Ribs . \$3<sup>50</sup>/Lb.
  - Baby Back Pork Ribs . \$3<sup>00</sup>/Lb.
  - Pork Burgers . \$3<sup>50</sup>/Lb.
  - (Ground, pattied pork with no seasoning)
  - Bratwursts . \$3<sup>50</sup>/Lb.
- Bundle Packages**
- 1/4 Processed Hog . \$115<sup>00</sup>
  - 1/2 Processed Hog . \$210<sup>00</sup>
  - Whole Processed Hog . \$400<sup>00</sup>

## UK COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

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### Estill County 4-H Youth Development

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### 4-H Shooting Sports Sign-Ups

4-H Shooting Sports Sign-Up and Organizational Meeting will be Thursday, February 27, 2014 at the Estill County Extension Office. The 4-H Shooting Sports Club is open to all youth, ages 9-18 (as of January 1, 2014). Parents are required to attend meetings with their children. If you need further information or are interested in learning more about what is going on in 4-H, please call the Estill County Extension Office at 723-4557.

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## Stickeler's Puzzle



by Terry Stickels

The last thing or event to happen is referred to as the "ultimate." The next to last thing is referred to as "penultimate."  
The second to last thing or event is ?  
(Sometimes this word is referred to as "third from last.")

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## Attention Veterans



A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the National Guard Armory, 335 Cow Creek Road, Ravenna, on Thursday, March 6, 2014 and the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Veterans and their dependants will receive assistance filing for Federal and state veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within Kentucky, 1-866-376-0308, to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

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