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Lone star ticks are very active this spring. All stages of this species feed on humans, pets, livestock, and wildlife. Adults and nymphs are active now. Differences in size and appearance can be confusing, but the irritation and itching from their bites makes a lasting impression.

Nymphs, an immature stage, are about 1/16 inch long. The adults are about 1/8 inch long. Males have a red-brown back; females have a single white spot (the lone star) on their backs. Nymphs and adults can be found from March through early July. The tiny 6-legged

Lone Star Ticks Active

stage, also called seed tick or turkey mite, is abundant during July and August.

Tick numbers tend to be high in around clearings and along so be especially careful in these areas. Here are some tips to protect you from ticks: 1) wear light-colored clothing so ticks can be seen easily; 2) tuck pants into socks and shirt into pants keep ticks from reaching your skin; 3) avoid or minimize time in tick habitats; 4) use personal protection - repellents (DEET or picaridin) or permethrin-based (Permanone) clothing spray; 5) inspect your clothing and body regularly and remove ticks, especially at the end of the day. Ticks wander on the body for some time before settling to feed. Often, they can be found before they become attached; 6) take a warm soapy shower after potential tick exposure; and 7) wash clothing in hot water and detergent - store in sealed bag until it is washed.

Barbed mouthparts and cement secreted as they feed cause ticks to be anchored firmly to the skin. Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin surface as possible. Then, pull


upward with steady, even pressure. The longer the tick has been in place, the harder it is to remove. Twisting or "unscrewing" the tick may cause the mouthparts to break off and remain in the skin. After removing the tick, thoroughly disinfect the bite site and wash your hands with soap and water.

Lone star ticks prefer overgrown areas, such as woodlot margins or trail edges, where cover protects them from direct sunlight and hot, dry air. Making areas unsuitable for ticks is a sustainable means of managing them. Keep lawns where ticks have been a problem mowed (3" or less). This will lower humidity and raise soil temperatures making conditions unfavorable. It also discourages cover for mice and other small animals that can be hosts for ticks. This is a long term approach but can reduce tick numbers by

about 75%.

Insecticides provide a short-term means of reducing tick numbers until habitat modifications can be made; they are not the answer to long term control. Sprays should be applied to shady areas or borders along woods, especially where small animals could live. In general, there is no need to spray open sunny, mowed areas of turf. Follow the label direction for mixing and applying any insecticide.

A fact sheet on the lone star tick is available at the following internet website <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/entomology/entfacts/ef648.asp>. For a hard copy or more information, contact the Estill County Cooperative Extension Service at 723-4557. *Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.*



The Garden Bug
Prairie Sunflower

Found throughout North America, this plant has had many uses in native American culture. Parts of it have been used as a food source, to make medicine for skin ailments and insect bites, and to make face-paint for ceremonies. The vigor of these plants in an area was seen as an indicator of whether the area sustained enough rainfall and could support crops.

- Brenda Weaver
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Stickeler's Answer

Stickelers Answer

The youngest brother is 11, the middle brother is 22 and the oldest brother is 44. In 22 years, the youngest will be 33 — half as old as his oldest brother at 66.

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Agriculture Events

Friday, June 6, 2014

Fish Sale For Re/Stocking Farm Ponds

The Estill County Conservation District 2014 FISH SALE will be Friday, June 6, 2014, in the District parking lot, 11:00 am - 11:30 am. This will be the only fish sale the District is holding in 2014.

The Conservation District is located at 1505 Richmond Road, Phone 723-5104. Or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ECCDKY.

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

Reed and Burdi wait by the phone; Duckworth and 18-year-olds have options



Bob Watkins

Career weekend (and not) in America, this one. If professional baseball is your passion then reserve clause a time slot in front of the teevee — Major League Baseball's annual draft, Thursday through Saturday.

Top prospects in the Commonwealth waiting for a telephone to ring are A.J. Reed, University of Kentucky first baseman, and pitcher Nick Burdi at University of Louisville.

Reed, college National Player of the Year, is projected as high as 30th (Texas Rangers). Burdi may go 34th (St. Louis Cardinals). First, he faces an adrenaline-draining weekend as UofL hosts an NCAA super regional at Jack Patterson Stadium.

The important news is: Reed at 6-4, 245 pounds and Burdi at 6-3, 220, are men, 21 year-olds. Physically, and with three years on a college campus where they learned to think, communicate, behave and cooperate at higher levels, be polite to women, respectful to seniors, give to community, be on time, and call home now-and-then.

At 21, Reed and Burdi have a clue about career obligations and decision-making.

Three years college on the resume.

This weekend, MLB draft rules are significant.

✓ High school players, if they have graduated and have not yet attended college or junior college are eligible for draft.

✓ College players, from four-year schools who have either completed their junior or senior years or are at least 21 years old, are eligible.

✓ And, junior college players, regardless of how many years of school they have completed.

Because the NCAA and Major League Baseball have a sensible accommodation, 18-year-olds and parents/guardian have good options.

• **Choose a job.**

Enter the work force immediately. In this case, professional baseball rookie league. Pack a bag, say good-bye to Mom and catch a flight to Bellingham, Washington, or Missoula or Medicine Hat Montana.

• **Choose a scholarship.**

But, unlike college basketball where Coach Exploitation tells an 18-year-old "... come be a pretend student at my school for seven months and I'll make ya rich," the NCAA-MLB pact says a kid signs on for three years.

All of which brings me to Kaleb Duckworth. Great name, isn't it?

Reports reflect a kid much decorated at Henderson County High School. A community prize. All State (twice), Kentucky Gatorade Baseball Player of the Year and best of it: a 3.8 grade point average.

At 6-3, 210-pounds, Duckworth is a promising outfield prospect. Chance at a professional baseball

career. For this weekend's MLB draft, his name is not among the top 200 prospects, but the kid has a full house hand anyway. Duckworth has a scholarship to Western Kentucky University.

Finally, I will risk a presumption. Duckworth will move to Bowling Green, be homesick awhile, do his own laundry, be exposed to a little Vonnegut and a lot of Twain and play a game he loves then look up one day and be stunned the calendar says, 2017. And, he will tell someone special, "best three years of my life!"

America, I love this place.

LOUISVILLE ENDS UK SEASON

Louisville baseball basked in the glow of what must rank among the best weekend's in Cardinal history, any sport. UofL beat Kentucky, ended the Wildcats' season, pushed its record to a gaudy 48-15, and advanced to an NCAA super regional this weekend ... at home.

Initially, Cardinal fans and hometown media seemed more interested in gloating over beating Kentucky, than advancing in the NAAs.

WINDFALL FOR WILLY

Recovery from ankle surgery, Willie Cauley-Stein won't play when Kentucky travels to the Bahamas in August. Tough break? Hardly. The amiable Mr. Cool on this roster, Cauley-Stein will watch a little ball, show up at practice, make a beach comb stroll or two, pal around with the guys in sunshine, and watch newcomers Trey Lyles and Karl-Anthony Towns strut

their stuff.

Cauley-Stein will chuckle to himself seeing the new kids have fun without having to deal with college basketball's premier shot-blocker next season, their teammate.

WORTH REPEATING DEPT.

✓ Billy Donovan handled beautifully another question about leaving Florida or not at the SEC spring meetings last week.

"... when you start making guarantees about life and start making guarantees about where you're going to be, that's not good," Donovan said. "If for some reason I ever change(d) my mind and did something, I wouldn't want (people) saying, 'Well, he promised, he guaranteed, he said this on record.' I just think when you start doing that, that's a mistake."

Straight up. Another reason the Donovan is the best in the SEC by a light year or two.

✓ Jim Brown, football Hall of Famer, speaking at a forum in Austin, Texas last week, said he's opposed to unionizing college athletes, but is also a critic of the NCAA model.

"It's not going to be a struggle between the NCAA and the union," Brown said. "that will just be (about) money. Put the value back on education."

PARTING SHOT

According to a USA Report, 11 of the best 25 college football coaching jobs are in the SEC. Ole Miss just missed being the 12th. Best paying jobs? The SEC has seven, led by Nick Saban at Alabama, \$5,545,852-a-year.

And so it goes.

Wishing Well®

2	6	2	8	7	2	4	6	8	5	7	6	4
A	B	B	N	P	U	A	E	O	O	R	C	H
7	6	7	3	7	2	5	3	4	5	2	3	6
O	O	F	S	O	N	T	T	E	H	D	A	U
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5	8	5	8	4	8	2	4	5	2	5	4	2
P	O	Y	N	O	S	E	A	O	S	U	D	S

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.

FN MZ VFMG FNUENZ

PMZXNSL U LPNOASN TZMVL

ZMA AFN VNHYFA AHQQ FN

WNUSL HA. - PMSZNHQQN

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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: P equals W

SCLOK ILP VUBDL OFUEK O

FEIXG UM XEKL OIJ AUBOFAL

IDSGK XCOPALCY:

"PUCVY UM LIJLOCVLIK."

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Puzzle Answers

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

PRAGUE	P	ARGUE
REFILL	L	FLIER
ELBOWS	E	BLOWS
ARCADE	A	CARED
SNOOPS	S	SPOON
SPOUSE	E	SOUPS
GLADES	G	DEALS
PASTOR	O	PARTS
ARMIES	A	MISER
WASHED	W	HEADS
ARENAS	A	NEARS
SANELY	Y	LANES

FEAR & KNIGHT

answer

A	F	A	R						
L	L	F							
P	O	L	K	A					
A		A	G	E	N	C	Y		
C		L				R			
A	N	G	E	L		A			
I		A				N			
F	I	X	A	T	E				
T									

Letter Box

Solution

H	E	Y	I	V	L	N	S	O
N	S	I	O	Y	H	L	E	V
O	L	V	S	E	N	Y	H	I
I	N	E	L	O	Y	S	V	H
S	Y	H	V	N	E	O	I	L
L	V	O	H	S	I	E	N	Y
E	H	L	N	I	O	V	Y	S
Y	O	S	E	H	V	I	L	N
V	I	N	Y	L	S	H	O	E

Even Exchange

answers

1. Scrap, Scram
2. Bather, Bother
3. Mount, Mound
4. Choir, Chair
5. Force, Farce
6. Market, Marker
7. Paddle, Saddle
8. Green, Greek
9. Willow, Wallow
10. Crook, Croon

UK PRIME MINISTERS OF QUEEN VICTORIA

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

CryptoQuip

answer

Great new movie about a bunch of cute and lovable night crawlers: "Worms of Endearment."

King Crossword

Solution time: 21 mins.

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

Bible Trivia Answers

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

ANSWERS: (1) Neather; (2) Nephthiah; (3) Zephaniah; (4) Daniel; (5) Die; (6) Daniel