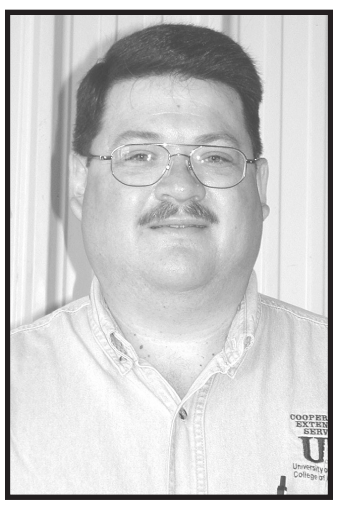
Bug Proof Your House This Fall



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You may have noticed your home being invaded by an assortment of pests this fall, including Asian lady beetles, boxelder bugs, crickets, spiders and black soldier beetle larvae. These creatures typically visit homes that provide easy entry this time of year, often seeking refuge from changing weather.

Pest proofing your home is the most efficient way to keep these critters out. A swatter, broom or vacuum cleaner and trash container will take care of pests that occasionally wander indoors. It's best to deal with boxelder bugs and lady beetles outside, before they enter your home.

Following these guidelines will help pest proof your home or place of business and some may even help you conserve energy and increase the comfort level this fall and winter.

Install door sweeps or thresholds at the base of all exterior entry doors, paying particular attention to the bottom corners that are a common entry location. Insects and spiders can enter through a gap of one-sixteenth of an inch or less. Get down on the floor and check for light entering under doors; this indicates possible pest entryways.

To close other potential pest entries, apply caulk on the bottom outside edges and sides of door thresholds; fit garage doors with a rubber bottom seal because vinyl doesn't seal well in the winter; and line the bottom track of sliding glass doors with foam weather stripping ½ to ¾ inch wide to seal any gaps.

Utility openings where pipes and wires enter the foundation and siding are common entry points for spiders, ants, yellowjackets and rodents. You can use caulk, cement, urethane expandable foam, steel wool and copper mesh to plug openings around outdoor faucets, receptacles, gas meters, clothes dryer vents and telephone or cable television wires.

Apply a good-quality silicone or acrylic latex caulk to cracks around windows, doors, fascia boards and other openings. Before you apply the caulk, clean existing caulk, and remove any that's peeling to aid adhesion. Be sure to use a good caulking gun. Desirable features are a back-off trigger to stop caulk when desired, a built-in "slicer" to remove the tip from new caulking tubes, and a nail to puncture the seal within. These guns are available for less than $10.

To reduce the entry of lady beetles, cluster flies and other overwintering pests, repair gaps and tears in window and door screens. Keep windows closed when adults are emerging to prevent entry. Repairing screens also will keep out flies, gnats, mosquitoes and midges next summer.

Another way to prevent pest entry is to apply an exterior barrier treatment with insecticides. To gain the most from this effort, apply long-lasting liquid formulations that contain synthetic pyrethroids. These products are available at some hardware, lawn and garden shops.

If you apply the barrier treatment, use a compressed air or hose-end sprayer to treat the base of all exterior doors, garage, crawl space entrances, foundation vents, utility openings and beneath siding. It's also useful to treat the outside perimeter of the foundation with a two- to six-foot wide band along the ground and two to three feet up the foundation wall.

If you prefer not to tackle these pest-proofing activities, contact a professional pest control firm. Many firms are beginning to offer pest-proofing services.

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

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The Garden Bug

This North American native is particularly abundant in the Appalachian Mountains, growing in moist, shaded sites in forests and clearings. With its leaves almost gone, the witch hazel comes into glorious bloom in late October to early November. Its fragrant yellow flowers are often the only sign of color in the woods. Early European settlers observed Native Americans using a forked branch of this plant to "dowse" for water.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers, www.biolib.cz

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Estill Ag News

Thursday, October 30th, 10am-3pm

Kentucky Beef Conference

The Kentucky Beef Conference is scheduled for Thursday, October 30th at the Fayette County Extension Office, Red Mile Road (behind Central Equipment). Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the program runs 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The event is entitled "Today's Challenges, Tomorrow's Opportunities" and provides valuable information to cattle producers across the state. This year's conference will cover cattle marketing and long term trends, getting cows bred, cow herd expansion, and receiving/testing new replacements.

Registration is $10.00 per person to cover the cost of a buffet lunch and refreshments. Please pre-register by calling the Extension Office 723-4557 by October 27th. If you are interested in carpooling to the meeting, let us know.

Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic]. by Terry Stickels

Which word doesn't belong with the others below?

a) sister
b) brother
c) cousin
d) aunt
e) niece
f) mother
g) father

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Stickeler's Answer on Page 11

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P	S	G	Y	P	J	A	E	O	G	R	O	G
8	3	8	6	7	3	6	5	6	5	4	7	2
R	Y	E	U	O	F	E	S	X	O	O	O	L
5	3	5	2	6	8	6	8	2	5	2	5	7
N	R	A	A	U	A	D	D	D	L	F	I	D
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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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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: **X** equals **G**

EJYQV YNQ GHHL NEU E

AODNER TNOIQ AELOWX EW

HAQIQY, DNQ THFWU FR TOYN

QXX HW NQV JEGQ.

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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.

NA WGGUW ADG QGWW Z

WAZAGWUZH ZUMOHAW AM,

ADG UMJG DG QMPGW

ADG TQZF.

— BNH DORRZJC

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Puzzle Answers

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Puzzles4Kids

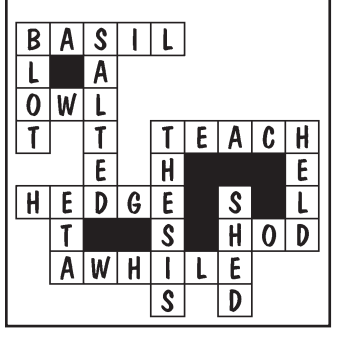
Answer

What do ghosts do when they get into a car?

They buckle their sheet belts.

Fear Knot

answer



Letter Box

Solution

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E	S	B	M	H	G	I	U	L
M	U	I	L	B	S	E	H	G
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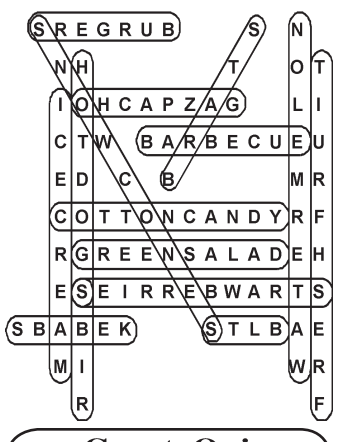
B	L	U	I	S	H	G	E	M
I	M	S	G	E	L	U	B	H
G	H	E	B	M	U	S	L	I

Even Exchange

answers

1. Chair, Chain
2. Rattle, Battle
3. Forte, Forty
4. Mental, Menial
5. Salty, Sally
6. Damper, Dapper
7. Linen, Liner
8. Avert, Alert
9. Humor, Rumor
10. Gerald, Herald

SUMMER FOOD



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

CryptoQuip

answer

After the cook had a mishap while making an omelet, she wound up with egg on her face.

CryptoQuote

answer

It seems the less a statesman amounts to, the more he loves the flag.
— Kin Hubbard

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Bible Trivia Answers

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

ANSWERS 1) Old; 2) Flowers; 3) Understanding; 4) Jehoiada; 5) Job 29; 6) Sixth

RE-ELECT
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I have really enjoyed my current term as State Representative. I have gotten to meet and talk with many of you, and your ideas and concerns keep me pushing forward. I will continue to support cutting taxes, developing and improving our roads, creating and keeping jobs in our communities, and to work with all parties to ensure the best solutions. I will continue to be a conservative voice for our district.

I appreciate all the support I have received, and I am asking for your continued support.

Thank you,

Toby

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