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

Chainsaw Safety on the Farm and at Home

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. 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.

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.

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 handy.

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

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

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The Garden Bug
Too many new young stems ("suckers") growing from the roots of your lilac bush can compromise the vigor of the main plant. Remove them in the fall by digging down to the root and tearing them away from the roots, getting as much of each stem as possible. If they sprout up again, prune both the root and the young stem; they can grow a new tree. Plant elsewhere or give it to a friend.

- Brenda Weaver
Source: www.ehow.com,
growinggreener.blogspot.com

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Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic].
by Terry Stickels

Two friends decided to have a foot race. Each accelerated at a uniform rate from a standing start. Abby covered the last 1/5 distance in 4 seconds. Becky covered the last 1/4 distance in 5 seconds.

Who won?

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Estill Ag News

Thursday, November 13th, 6pm

Fall Cattle Production Meeting

Attention beef producers! The Estill County Cattlemen's Association and the Estill County Extension Service would like to invite cattle producers to a cattle production meeting on Thursday, November 13th, 6:00 p.m. at the Estill County Extension Office, 76 Golden Court (off Stacy Lane) in Irvine. This event will also be part of the Estill County Cattlemen's Association's annual meeting. All beef producers are invited to attend.

Richmond Southern States will sponsor a catered meal. There will be educational presentations. Please pre-register by November 7th by calling the Estill County Extension Office at 723-4557. Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

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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: K equals T

PBIL DEBZK D FZOH C EZK
DMDVGOIL ADVKTFZDCA KTDK
TOK D EOL PTBXXOIL HAIKAV:
"GDMM PTBBC ZX."

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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.

NR ETROL EH OERPLRKXER
XM YEQKJ N BETRW
EH BQXUNQXLM.
— NQREGW J. VGNMVEY

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Puzzle Answers

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer
C I D E R I A M F A
E L E A F P I L E S
N I K X P M U P T J
O C N O G A A N U R I Y A
E R F I N T O K O C I L
P U H Z K S Y S E C I
I E F E S M A V O L O
P U H S E L P P I
L C L O U D S O U H

Riddle Answer:
I am falling for you.

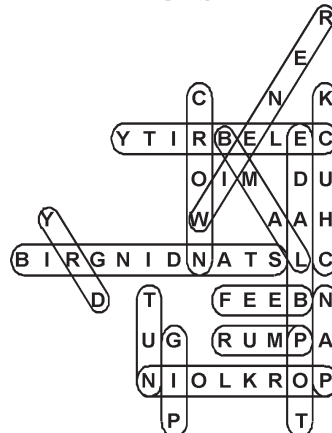
FEAR & KNIGHT

answer
D I P
I E S
G L O A T P
U R U M B L E
T B L N
B E R G G O L D
U N
I M B E D
E

Letter Box

Solution
T I Q Z O L C Y U
Y L U T I C O Q Z
C O Z Y Q U I L T
O Z T Q L Y U C I
U Y I C Z T L O Q
Q C L I U O T Z Y
I T Y O C Q Z U L
Z U O L Y I Q T C
L Q C U T Z Y I O

— ROAST



CryptoQuip

answer
Song about a quick but alarming earthquake that hit a big shopping center: "Mall Shook Up."

CryptoQuote

answer
An ounce of convention is worth a pound of primaries.
— Arnold H. Glasgow

Even Exchange

- answers
- 1. Rusty, Dusty
 - 2. Barter, Barber
 - 3. Miley, Miles
 - 4. Oliver, Silver
 - 5. Grape, Grace
 - 6. Swift, Shift
 - 7. Fasten, Fasted
 - 8. Judge, Nudge
 - 9. Miser, Miner
 - 10. Novice, Notice

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

King Crossword

Answers
Solution time: 24 mins.
L S D B E E P E K E D
O W E A L A R N I S T
V I M R I S E T E S T
E M I L I O E S T E V E Z
O U T S I R
P S A L M P E N C A B
H O W L W E D G U R U
D Y E L I Z F A R E D
F E Z A S P
G L O R I A E S T E F A N
R I D E R I C O E G O
U S E S D R O P E R E
B A S H S E T S S A L

Bible Trivia Answers

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

ANSWERS (1) Neither; (2) One
fresh; (3) Amortises; (4) Moth; (5) Og; (6) Fourth