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One of the last garden chores of the season is preparing our strawberry plants for winter. Strawberry plants have already set their buds for next spring's flowers and the crop can be lost unless you protect them from harsh winter conditions.

Winter Care For Strawberry Plants

A fully dormant strawberry plant's flower buds can be damaged at temperatures below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. In addition to flower bud damage, the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil that commonly occurs in winter and early spring can cause plant roots to break and the plants to be heaved right out of the ground.

Mulching strawberry plants will insulate them from extreme low temperatures, minimize soil heaving and decrease excessive drying (desiccation) of the plant crowns. But be sure to wait until plants are dormant before you pile on the mulch. Applying mulch too early can cause the crown of the plant to rot. Plants should be mulched before the temperature drops below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, usually by late

November or early December.

Several materials can be used for winter mulch, including clean (weed-free) straw, chopped cornstalks, hay, corncobs or bark chips. Tree leaves and grass clippings are not recommended, since they tend to mat down and smother the plants. About 2-3 inches of mulch, after settling, should provide adequate protection. This is a great use for those fall decorator straw bales.

Put a note on your garden calendar to uncover the plants in spring as new growth begins. Rake off

most of the mulch as soon as the first new leaves develop. The new growth will probably look a little yellow at first but will green up with exposure to light. Rake the mulch between the rows to provide weed control and a source of emergency cover in case frost threatens. Mulching around the plants will also help keep the berries clean.

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

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Stickeler's Puzzle

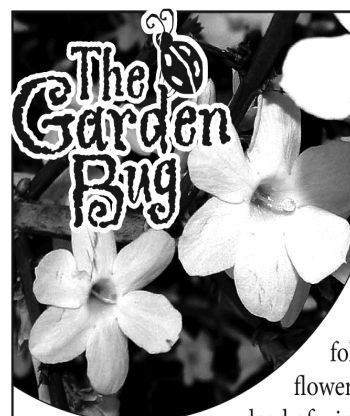


Here's a scrambled quote from one of the master comedians, Johnny Carson. See how long it takes you to unscramble it.

Office packages time mail
Christmas your for the so them
early lose in post can

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Stickeler's Answer on Page 11



Winter jasmine

A native of China, *Jasminum nudiflorum* is a vining shrub that grows 3-4 feet high and twice as wide. Its willowy stems root wherever they touch the ground, forming a thick wall of foliage. Hundreds of bright yellow flowers open all along the stems in the dead of winter. Often confused with forsythia, it actually blossoms over a much longer period.

— Brenda Weaver

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AUCTION

Saturday, December 5TH at 10:00^{AM}

PERSONAL PROPERTY "FARM MACHINERY"

We have been authorized to sell at public auction the personal property of Clyde & Carolyn Young located at 500 Lock 11 Road, Irvine, Ky.

DIRECTIONS: From Irvine, take Hwy. 89 N 7.5 miles. From Winchester, take Hwy. 89 S 20 miles. From Clay City, take Hwy. 82 - 8 miles, turn right on Hwy. 89 N 1 1/2 miles. Then turn on Hwy. 1886 W (New Fox Rd. - Across from Ivory Hill Baptist) proceed 4.8 miles, turn left on Lock 11 Rd., proceed 1/2 mile & watch for signs.

TRUCK: 1989 Toyota 4x4- 5 speed-roll bar- good tires.

FARM MACHINERY & SUPPLIES: 2006 New Holland TC40A - 4 wheel drive diesel tractor with grill guard, roll bar, only 166 hrs. (excellent cond.). 1977-3600 Ford Tractor-diesel with 1416 hrs.-has new tires, weight on front-spin out wheels (new filters & fluids-good cond.). WOODS RD 7200-6' finishing mower, 5' BUSH HOG, EMCO-gravity corn bed-model 6672 with Kory farm running gear, FORD plows, TSC 5' grader box, 6' disc harrows, 256 New Holland hay rake, 14' farm wagon, FORD 2 row corn planter, FORD post hole diggers, 501- hay mower, BUSH HOG 5' rotovator, 6' Ford grader blade, cultivators, 6' King Cutter grader blade, 3 pt. hitch-fertilize spreader, seed sower, sprayer & potato digger. Carry all frame, boom pole, hay spear, truck bed trailer, 1 row tob. setter, tob. bed roller, 4x7 utility Butler trailer/15"tires. Several steel post, 14' & 2-12' metal gates, chain saw, air tank, ramps, ladders, boomers, cables, tob. presses, tob. sticks and large 4'x8' metal water tank with baffles.

HUNTING & FISHING: 9' Sportsman 111 boat & trailer with fish finder, 10' John boat, wood oars, minnow buckets, 2 ladder tree stands, a climbing deer stand, deer decoy, rabbit cages, brass tumblers, horse collars & hanes. 8' Hammer Head shark mount.

LAWN MOWERS: Cub Cadet-1440 riding mower (42" deck), Gravity Super Convertible mower, 2 Murray push mowers, hand push mower, Jacobsen mulcher mower & older Ford riding mower.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: "Blue Grass Oil Tank" large kerosene barrel with pump (good cond.), small & large lantern replacement globes (several), hand water pump, RR lantern, cash register, laying off plow, hand corn planter, 3 bicycles, Standard oil cans (large), army locker, US wood stove, metal tricycle. Bachelor's bureau, iron bed, Canterbury grandfather clock, school desk, cast iron tubs, 8' iron/wood bench, wood kegs, wood boxes, dolphin figurines & divided wood Coke crates with bottles.

FURNITURE, ETC.: Glass top dining table/6 chairs, bar stools, 2-two pc. Living room sets, recliner, library table, 3 pc. Bedroom set, rockers, twin bed, numerous chairs, pictures, 5 tier what not stand, chest, quilt racks, glass top coffee/end tables, metal kit. shelf, magazine rack, small kit. appliances. Grills, coolers, hand dollies, wheel barrow, shop vac., hand tools, gas & elec. logs & junk iron.

TERMS: Cash or check with proper ID day of sale with 6% sales tax. Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed material. Property sold "AS IS" condition.

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AUCTIONEERS' NOTES: ABSOLUTELY/Nicest/Clean/barn kept farm machinery offered at auction. SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! Only a partial list-many - many other items too numerous to mention. Everything Sells! SO-BE THERE- BID LAST & BUY!



1989 Toyota Pickup Truck



2006 New Holland TC40A Tractor



1977 Ford 3600 Diesel Tractor

Wishing Well®

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

XH X YNGE DKVC KVV NOJE
ILDJVH KTU UN K OKEXJCL KPC,
LNG PNGVU DKL X'I K DJKDNTJU
YJHNEIJE.

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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.

ASWD W QWH HKKCN XH
PWLCKHXHP XN W TWND-XLIH
UWTO, AXDS W SXHPK XH
XD. — TSWLFKN CZCFKM
AWLHKL

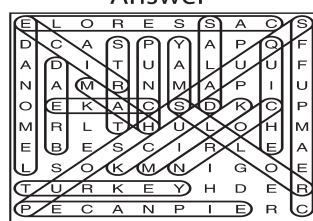
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Puzzle Answers

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Puzzles4Kids

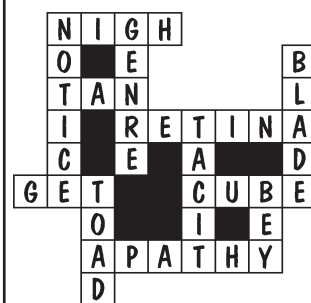
Answer



Riddle Answer:
Apple sigh - der.

FEAR & KNIGHT

answer

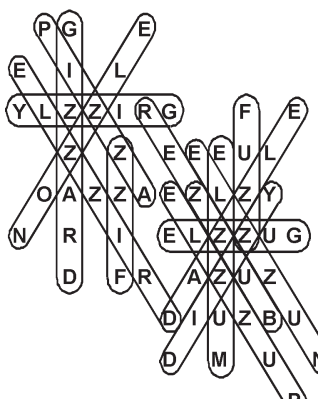


Letter Box

Solution

O	T	L	S	H	C	Y	K	U
C	Y	S	T	K	U	L	H	O
U	H	K	L	O	Y	C	T	S
T	L	Y	H	S	K	O	U	C
S	C	H	O	U	L	T	Y	K
K	O	U	Y	C	T	S	L	H
H	S	T	U	L	O	K	C	Y
L	U	C	K	Y	S	H	O	T
Y	K	O	C	T	H	U	S	L

CATCHING SOME Z'S



CryptoQuip

answer

If I pour salt all over myself and do a variety act, you could say I'm a seasoned performer.

CryptoQuote

answer

What a man needs in gardening is a cast-iron back, with a hinge in it. — Charles Dudley Warner

Even Exchange

Donna M. Pettman

- Bread, Break
- Reside, Beside
- Carve, Curve
- Elder, Elmer
- Stared, Scared
- Julie, Julia
- Debit, Debut
- Ladder, Larder
- Marvel, Marcel
- Atone, Alone

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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

Bible Trivia Answers

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

ANSWERS (1 Old: 2) Leviticus: (3) Simon Peter; (4) 49; (5) Amittai; (6) 5

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