



# Just Hunting

by Steve Brewer

While I am still recovering, let us take time today to explain a question I get all the time. "How much does an actual hunt cost, hunting with an out of state outfitter?" I hear all the time, you are paying too much for that hunt, I found it cheaper, here or there. Cheaper is not always better when it comes to paying an Outfitter. I have hunted in many states with Outfitters that may have a limited number of animals you are hunting, but the population is not really what you need to have a good hunt.

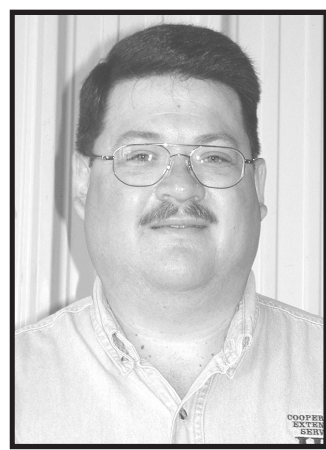
Let us look into the true cost of, let us say a Merriam turkey hunt, in Nebraska. You see where the outfitter advertises a three-day hunt, guided, or semi-guided, for \$1500.00. You need to ask him, what is

the shot rate, not kill rate, on the hunt. Shot rate is good, anything above 92 percent. Kill rate should be close to 100 percent.

Now let's work with his price, all inclusive, of \$1500.00. You need to buy your tags; add an extra \$200.00 for two tags, you never want to go on a hunt that far with just one tag. Every state is choking to death from lack of money, so don't expect the price to come down. Next you can figure at least another 10 percent on the bill for a tip to your guide. I give 20 percent as a norm; especially if we kill. Next, you need to get there, and it is a three-thousand mile round trip. That means food, rooms coming and going at one hundred dollars per night while on the road. Meals will run another fifty dollars a day, gas will run you another six hundred for the round trip. You always need to buy a gift or so to bring your family, costing another one hundred dollars. So now a hunt that started out at \$1500.00 is now up to over \$3000.00. Not counting a tire rotation and oil change before you leave and one up on your return.

As I have hunted with several outfitters and understand the hidden cost; several of my friends go down like a French prize fighter when they see the true cost. I guess that is the reason I hunt alone most of the time. The hunting buddies I have either have the money, but not the time, or the time but not the money.

Till next week, have a good one.



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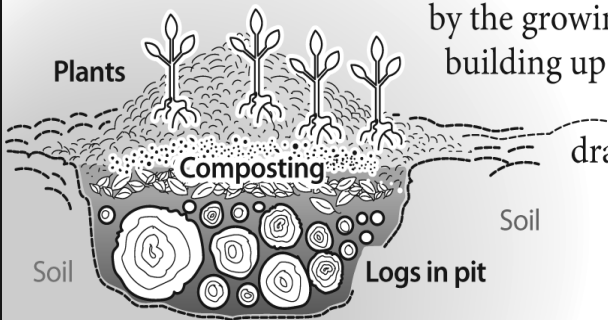
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- B. Weaver  
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4	2	3	2	4	6	3	6	3	8	4	2	4
I	B	A	A	D	S	I	H	D	C	E	L	A
3	7	4	6	4	5	3	8	6	2	5	3	7
I	F	S	A	A	A	S	R	R	M	N	R	R
5	3	6	4	5	3	4	3	4	2	7	8	4
E	E	E	R	W	C	E	E	F	Y	E	E	L
8	2	5	6	2	3	5	6	5	2	6	3	5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

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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: E equals S

GYDM JYD UCLUDL UDRCM RHPHMR

DPDLTUZBT LCMBZQ GHKB

YCHLEJTKDE, HJ GCE EYDCL

QCBMDEE.

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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.

LKRE V'W ZVYRP, V YRZX.

V XBQ, "V UBE'Z GR B

XATRYLFWBE ZFPBQ."

- NBPB TVEORZZ XWVZK

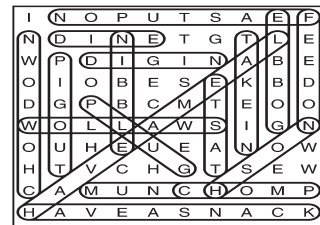
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## Puzzle Answers

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### Puzzles4Kids

Answer



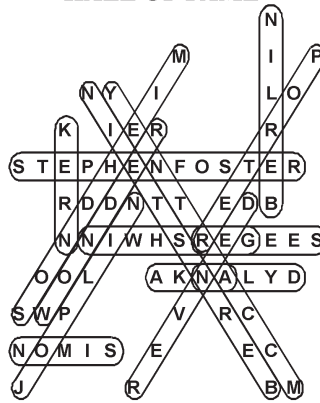
Riddle Answer:  
It goes chew chew.

### Letter Box

Solution

B	P	R	N	I	E	D	A	O
N	O	D	P	A	B	R	I	E
A	E	I	O	R	D	N	P	B
R	B	O	I	N	A	E	D	P
I	N	P	D	E	R	O	B	A
E	D	A	B	O	P	I	N	R
P	I	N	E	B	O	A	R	D
O	R	B	A	D	I	P	E	N
D	A	E	R	P	N	B	O	I

### SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME



**CryptoQuip**  
answer  
When the barber began giving everybody random wild hairstyles, it was sheer madness.

**CryptoQuote**  
answer  
When I'm tired, I rest. I say, "I can't be a superwoman today."  
- Jada Pinkett Smith

### FEAR & KNIGHT

answer



### Even Exchange

answers

- Taller, Teller
- Seven, Sever
- Onion, Union
- Wallow, Wallop
- Grown, Groan
- Yeast, Feast
- Squire, Squirm
- Loner, Loser
- Create, Crease
- Bellow, Billow

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

## Farming News

January, 2020

### Fruit Tree Rootstock Orders

The Estill County Extension Service will be taking orders for apple and pear rootstocks through January 24th. If you want to propagate a favorite apple or pear, grafting is one of the easiest ways to preserve that cultivar. To graft, you will need scion wood (terminal branch segments from last year's growth collected at the end of February) and a rootstock. If you do not know how to graft, come by the office for information or assistance.

We typically order Malling7 (55% of standard size) and/or MM.111 (80% of standard) semi-dwarf apple rootstock and a pear rootstock. Please place your order and prepay by January 24th. The rootstocks usually arrive by the last of February or first of March.

In addition, we will take orders for strawberry, blackberry, blueberry, raspberry, asparagus, rhubarb, and Candy onion plants. Plant delivery will be in early April. If you are interested or have questions, call our office at 723-4557 or visit our Facebook page by searching for "Estill County KY Cooperative Extension". Plant orders must be placed and prepaid by March 13th. Call 606-723-4557 for details.

## Stickeler's Puzzle



How many anagrams can you find for each word?

- auctioned
- mastering
- introduces
- restrain
- teardrop

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### Stickeler's Answer on Page 9



"No one really knows why they are alive until they know what they'd die for."  
- Martin Luther King Jr.

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ANSWERS (1 Old; 2) Jesse; 6) Pharaoh's; Lot; 3) Balaam; 4) Eliphaz;