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Spring Pruning Tips & More

to one-fourth of the tree's volume. Start by thinning out branches by cutting them off close to the tree's trunk or a large limb. Leave the base of the branch, known as the collar, intact. Cutting the collar will prevent the plant from growing over the wound caused from pruning. Pruning in this manner allows for a healthy tree that is more open to sunlight and air movement. If the branch is cut back only part way, there will likely be a crowded regrowth of new branches where the cut was made. Do not seal or paint the wounds resulting from pruning because this will only delay the tree's healing process. With spring-flowering shrubs, rejuvenation pruning may be needed, and the time to prune is fast approaching. The best time to prune these plants is right after they have flowered. If the shrub is pruned before it blooms, the buds have been removed before their flowers were enjoyed. When pruning is done after blooming, the flowers will have been enjoyed, and the plant can recover, grow and produce more buds for flowers next spring. Rejuvenation pruning removes one-third of the shrub's oldest growth. This pruning entails selecting the thickest, darkest and unhealthiest stems or branches and cutting them back. Stems

should be cut back to soil level and branches to the point of intersection with the shrub's main trunk. This ensures that only the youngest, most productive wood (that which produces the most/best flowers) remains a part of the shrub. Shrubs that will bloom during the summer months can also be pruned during the early spring. Pruning is not limited to a certain time of year. Homeowners can prune at any time if they notice branches and limbs that are damaged either from weather, disease or insects. Pruning is invigorating for the plants in a home landscape so one should not necessarily think of pruning as a means of size control. If you have a plant that has grown out-of-bounds, pruning may not be the answer - you may need to consider replacing the plant with one that will reach a smaller size at maturity. For more information, contact the Estill County Extension office at 723-4557.

The meeting will focus on the range of possibilities to generate income from your woodlands that depend on your location, forest type, and so on. If you are interested in attending, pre-register at the Extension office at 723-4557. Kentucky Master Loggers can receive 1.5 hours continuing education credit by attending. Hope to see everyone next week!

Private Pesticide Applicator Training

A certified private pesticide applicator can purchase and use restricted-use pesticides to produce any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by him/her or an employer, or to the lands of a farmer-neighbor, if the application is made without compensation other than trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities. Certified private applicators also may train workers to satisfy Worker Protection Standards. If anyone is interested, there will be a private pesticide applicator training Monday, February 17th, 7:00 p.m. at the Estill County Extension office. Please call 723-4557 to register. **(EOP)**

Forest Webinar

The Estill County Extension office will host a webinar meeting called "More than Timber: Income Opportunities from Non-timber Forest Products" Thursday, February 20th. The meeting will be from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



Planning your garden style

- Consider a **container garden** to grow your fruits, vegetables, or herbs. Only a small, sunny area is needed for your pots.
- You can choose a **raised garden bed**. This works for smaller properties, or if you prefer multiple small beds instead of one large plot.
- You can plan an **in-ground garden**. Make sure the area receives good sun, then plan its dimensions, what you will plant in it, and how much you will plant. Prepare the soil and the water source to be used. Schedule the planting and maintenance. - B. Weaver

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No Wet Seed
If birdseed is wet and stale and sitting in your feeder, and the birds have stopped coming, it might be time to clean it out. Throw away the old seed, scrub the feeder with hot, soapy water, air dry and refill. Your feathered friends will be back in no time.

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Wishing Well®

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

VOG SCQMVEP IJT WRBRWGW RMVC
VIC AJEVT, TC R TQAAC TG VOGP
XRNOV EGMJXG RV SKGJBG KJMW.

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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.

B FBMP XN PHZR VN UNVVRU-
XBNV FBXP HVQ MPBK XPHX
CNRM VNX MHBE OHMX; ONJ B
BVXRVC XN LN BV PHJA'M FHQ.
- INPV KHWE INVRM

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Puzzle Answers February 12, 2020

Puzzles4Kids

Answer
WINNERS TR HONOR
ORAIN T EEA REG
T H EASTER EW ION
G N G OTHERS
WRIST NEITHER
AIT T GINGER ENE
RIGHT AIRSHOW

Weekly SUDOKU

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

3-D WORDS

S IDES AD DLE U
A I E I D
D V C L N R D
E O E E D E D I E I
D A E H O A E D G D
E P O O W D A E D
D A C D N E D I V I D

FEAR & KNIT

answer
A B Y S M L
L U I
G L E V Y
B A G I S E
I S I N
M I G H T
B Y C
W A R M T H
L

Even Exchange

- answers
- Shelf, Shell
 - Indent, Invent
 - Brake, Broke
 - Leave, Lease
 - Cannon, Cannot
 - Harps, Harpo
 - Dodger, Lodger
 - Stare, Share
 - Handy, Hardy
 - Meager, Meaner

King Crossword

Answers
Solution time: 21 mins.
C A S E A L P S A G E
A L O T N O S Y N O W
W I S C O N S I N A R E
H E A T F I D O
A D D E D F I D O
H A R D F A L C O N E R
A L A S I L A S D A Y
B I C O N V E X V A S E
O B O E G I S T S
A M N I O F A T A
L E I Z I R C O N I U M
I R A E V A N D O S E
T E N D Y N E S N A G

Letter Box

Solution
O U R C L I E N T
I C N T R E L U O
E T L O U N I R C
N L E R O C T I U
R O T I N U C E L
C I U E T L R O N
T N C L E O U R I
L E O U I R N T C
U R I N C T O L E

Farming News

Thursday, February 13th at 6:00pm

Cattle Producer Meeting

Cooperative Extension and Estill County Cattlemen's Association are having a cattle producer meeting Thursday, February 13th, 6:00 p.m., at the Estill County Extension office. A catered meal will be provided. The meeting is sponsored by Bluegrass Stockyards of Richmond. Our guest speaker is UK Beef Specialist Jeff Lehmkuhler. Please pre-register by February 10th by calling 723-4557. Estill County Cattlemen's Association will have a business meeting afterward.

Stickeler's Puzzle

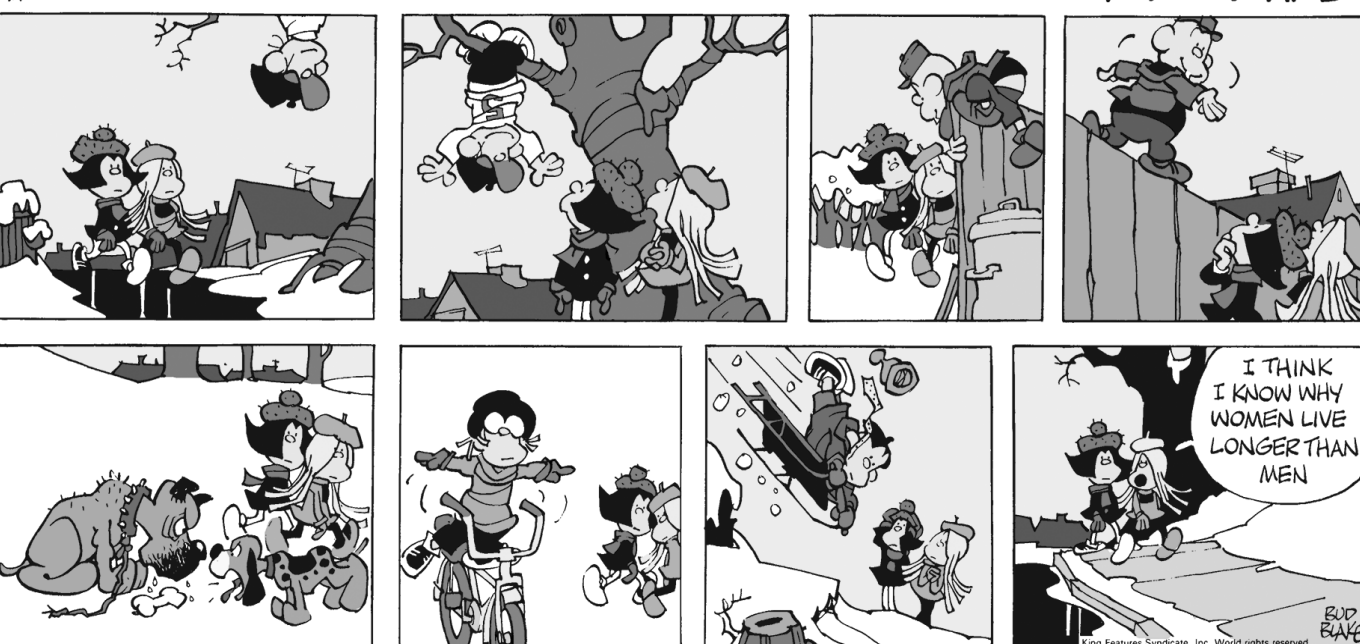


Match the words on the left with their meanings on the right.
1) unciform a) shaped like a branch
2) ramiform b) shaped like a wing
3) aciform c) shaped like a hook
4) reniform d) shaped like a needle
5) aliform e) shaped like a kidney

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Stickeler's Answer on Page 11

TIGER



by BUD BLAKE

I THINK I KNOW WHY WOMEN LIVE LONGER THAN MEN

Bible Trivia Answers
Now available by Wilson Casey! 2017 Bible Trivia box calendar loaded with daily teasers.
ANSWERS (1 Old; 2) Amos; (3 Pharaoh; 4) Ezekiel; (5 Philadelphia; 6) House