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# Creep pens benefit calves

feed and access to clean water without having to compete with or be in the way of adult cattle. These pens can improve calf health and reduce their risk of being trampled by adults. UK's Eden Shale Farm in Owen County, which is operated by the Kentucky Beef Network, has had great success using creep pens for their calves.

Calves instinctively want to rest in dry spaces. Oftentimes, this means they lay in wasted hay in the feeding area, but this increases their risk of being trampled. By installing a creep pen, you are allowing only calves to have access to one area of your farm. These pens are created by using creep gates, which have smaller openings. The creep area should provide a dry, comfortable area for calves using bedding or grass. Placing a heavy traf-

fic pad at pen entrances will cut down on erosion and mud. Within the area, a producer may want to give the calves a place to seek shelter and/or supplemental feed. By providing supplemental feed, you also can jump start your weaning program.

Find a dry, well-drained area of your farm to place a creep pen. This area should be near the calving area. You can maximize its use by positioning the pen in a location where there is access to multiple pastures. Ideally, it would be near your winter-feeding area, hay storage facility and machinery storage to help reduce fuel costs and time. Being near the feeding area can also help calves pair up with their mom after they finish eating.

To install a creep area, you will need gates, fence, geotextile fabric, gravel and possibly access to

feeders and waterers. You can reduce installation expenses by using materials you have on hand and repurposing an area of your farm that fits creep pen criteria. While you still may have some upfront costs, the cost of losing one calf would pay for this project's implementation.

Additional information, including a sample design, is in the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service publication, AEN 143, Calf Areas, Pens, or Pastures: A Case Study, which is available online at <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/AEN/AEN143/AEN143.pdf> or by contacting the Estill County Extension office at 723-4557.

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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 P

TQQBUSCR T RSKO USQVOTALE YLK  
QYXVVSCR ITR, SH AXBOE IL QLLC  
TQ T HXHL-TOO OXQQ.

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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.

UGN YJZS DJIMSZRGO NBXI  
NBS OJZS JR JOM YSI XIM  
NBS OJZS JR UJJTW AW NBS  
WSQZSN OJZS JR JQSXI.  
— B.F. OJPSQZXRN

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# Farming News

## Order by Friday, March 13th Extension Service Plant Orders

The Estill County Extension Service will take orders for strawberry, blackberry, blueberry, raspberry, asparagus, rhubarb, and Candy onion plants until March 13th. 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 prepaid by March 13th. Call 606-723-4557 for details.

## Friday, March 13th Cow-Calf Profitability Conference

Madison County Extension Service will host a Cow-Calf Profitability Conference Friday, March 13th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Surrounding county producers are welcome. A sponsored meal is provided so call 859-623-4072 to pre-register by March 9th.

Cow-Calf Profitability Conferences are one-day, intensive seminars focusing on key topics for beef producers. Topics covered are 1) cow-calf budgeting and key profit drivers; 2) managing overhead costs - focus on hay production; 3) hay production costs & their impact on cow-calf profitability; 4) understanding breeding stock depreciation; 5) improved winter feeding practices; 6) keys to cowherd management; 7) tax management tools, strategies, and issues; and 8) profitable stocking rates.

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# Stickeler's Puzzle



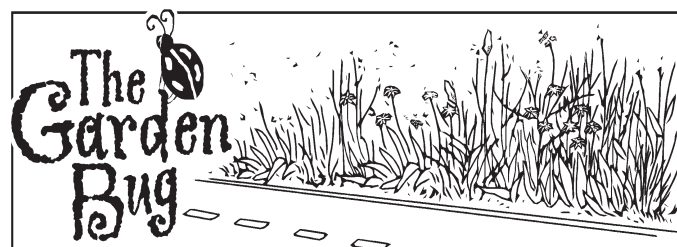
What is the next number in the following sequence?

8, 24, 12, 36, 18, 54, 27, 81, ?

- A) 162
- B) 9
- C) 40.5
- D) -1

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## Stickeler's Answer on Page 11



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contains everything you might want to know about North American wildflowers, such as how they got their common names, their botanical names, habitats, growing needs, medicinal properties, folklore, invasiveness, classifications and endangered status. - Brenda Weaver

Source: wildflowerinformation.org

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# Puzzle Answers March 4, 2020

## Puzzles4Kids

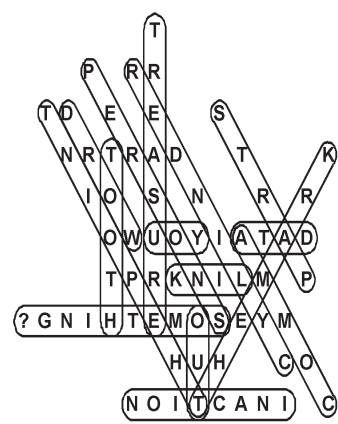
Answer  
BOWING W BINGO  
LASSIE I SEALS  
SPROUT T POURS  
THRONE H TONER  
SPARSE A PRESS  
LEMONS S MELON  
EVADER E RAVED  
VALISE A EVILS  
SPACES S CAPES  
BEAUTS A TUBES  
SWERVE W VEERS

## Weekly SUDOKU

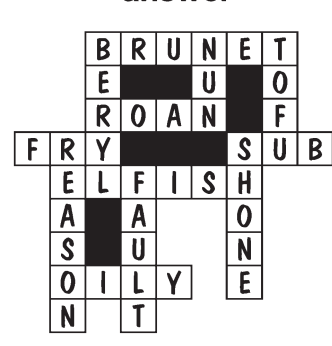
Answer

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

## MISSING



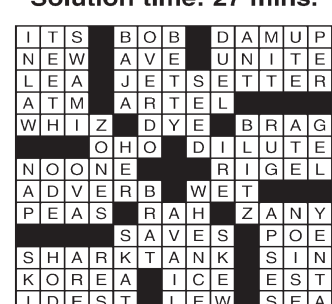
## FEAR & KNIGHT



## Even Exchange

- answers
- Lisbon, Liston
  - Torch, Touch
  - Sally, Salty
  - Expert, Expect
  - Repeat, Reheat
  - Pride, Price
  - Newer, Never
  - Flight, Fright
  - Honey, Honed
  - Gerald, Herald

## King Crossword



## Letter Box

Solution

Y	L	R	A	I	H	B	N	T
A	N	H	B	T	Y	R	I	L
B	I	T	R	N	L	A	H	Y
I	T	A	N	Y	B	H	L	R
R	B	L	T	H	A	I	Y	N
H	Y	N	I	L	R	T	B	A
T	R	Y	H	B	N	L	A	I
N	H	I	L	A	T	Y	R	B
L	A	B	Y	R	I	N	T	H



## Flowers to give at Easter

Lilies represents hope, love, divinity and purity and indicate gratitude of friendship. Daffodils are one of the first signs of spring. They can have a romantic connotation. In Germany, daffodils are known as Easter bells. Tulips are another early sign of spring and the rebirth of the season after winter. They are often given to indicate feelings of love. Daisies are considered cheerful. They are available in red, yellow, pink and purple. Hyacinths have incredible fragrance and delicate blossoms. - B. Weaver

Source: www.easternfloral.com



Don't Feed the Dogs  
Sharon from New Whiteland, Ind., likes to feed extras to the birds like bread and popcorn. To prevent her beagles from eating these items, she throws the extra snacks on her garage roof. "The birds enjoy this and the dogs can't get to it. Problem solved!" Thanks for sharing, Sharon!

E-mail: birdingbits@efl.r.com

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## TIGER



## Bible Trivia Answers

ANSWERS 1) New; 2) David; 3) Epher; 4) Joshua; 5) sus; 6) Gomer; 7) Isaiah; 8) Gomer