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University of Kentucky entomologists want peothe Asian needle ant.

south central Kentucky as from a bee or a wasp. but DeVries encourages ing standing water areas and stung the homeown- The literature suggests people who find the ants and removing dead trees er. This is one of the state's that the venom from this to not panic. "Physically from their property. first reports of the ants ant may be more hazard- removing ants from the sect has been in Kentucky stings." since at least 2013 and in the state, but tends to gists say the insect has liver a nasty sting, it may live primarily outdoors, abdomen, which is usu-said. they are most active dur- ally visible to the naked ing warmer months with eye," said Zachary DeVr- the ants outdoors, they number is 723-4557. the weather gets cooler.

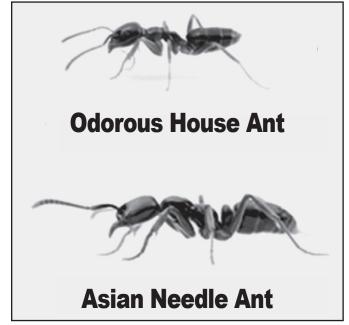
only sting when they feel threatened. However, than carpenter ants."

# Be aware of the Asian needle ant

the chances of a person getting stung greatly increase when the Asian needle ant moves indoors.

"Their sting is painful, and people report that they have a burning sensation paired with a pinsand-needles feeling for a couple of weeks after being stung," said Jonathan Larson, extension entomologist with the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "Most people do not need to ple to be aware of a new seek medical treatment if stinging pest in the state, they are stung by an Asian needle ant, unless they

populations declining as ies, UK assistant profes- can use granular baits Fortunately, Asian "The Asian needle ant is sites and other areas with needle ants do not tend about twice as long as high ant activity. to be aggressive and the odorous house ant but considerably smaller their home less appeal-



sor of urban entomology. and target their nesting

Kentuckians can make ing to ants in general by

- Brenda Weaver

**Slugs** can devour several times their own body weight in one night, leaving

gaping holes in leaves, torn foliage, and

slime trails in their wake. Hostas and lettuce are their most common targets, but many

other garden favorites are also susceptible. To trap them, take a shallow container,

bury it even with the soil level and

Not much information sealing up cracks and Recently, Asian needle have a known allergy to is available on effective crevices, keeping their ants invaded a home in other insect stings, such Asian needle ant control, grass mowed, eliminat-

UK entomologists coming indoors. The in- ous than bee and wasp home using a vacuum encourage people who cleaner will help prevent think they have encoun-Asian needle ants look stings and provide immetered an Asian needle the U.S. since the 1930s. similar to other ant spediate control, but given ant to submit a sample to It is found throughout cies, but UK entomolo- this ant's ability to de- their local office of the UK Cooperative Extension stay outdoors, preying on some distinguishing fea- be worth contacting a li- Service for identification. other ants and termites. tures. "This ant has a large censed pest control com- Estill County Cooperative Like other insects who stinger at the end of its pany if ants are found," he Extension is located at 76 Golden Court off Sta-If individuals discover cy Lane. Our telephone

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# expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status or physical or mental disability.

#### New Seed Blend

I've been filling a hanging tray feeder with safflower seed and unsalted peanuts. Sure, cardinals love both of these foods, but so do titmice, wrens, chickadees, finches and some warblers. And while woodpeckers don't eat safflower, they come for the peanuts. All bases are covered!

E-mail: birdingbits@cfl.rr.com

#### fill it with beer to within an inch of the rim. The slugs are attracted to the yeast in the beer and drown. Change the beer every few days. Source: organicgardening.com

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**ESTILL COUNTY** 

AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications will be available for Estill County's

CAIP to assist farmers in making

important on-farm investments.

Application Period: June 8 - June 26, 2020

Applications will only be accepted during this time.

from the Farm Service Agency at the Richmond

USDA Service Center prior to applying.

office door or through email.

**Application Availability:** 

Please obtain your Farm Serial Number (FSN)

Due to COVID-19 our office is Physically Closed

Estill County Conservation District

1505 Richmond Road (Outside office door)

Or by email ECCD@outlook.com

For More Information: Contact 606-723-5104 or

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ECCDKY.

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agriculture Development Board.

to the Public, but applications are available outside

#### Farmers can get a grant to help address food insecurity

The Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky, in partnership with Community Farm Alliance, the Appalachian Impact Fund, and CEDIK at the University of Kentucky, is pleased to provide grant funding through the Central Appalachian Family Farm Fund for farmers in Southeast Kentucky. These grants can be used to sustain and increase growing capacity in the midst of COVID-19 as a mechanism to help address food insecurity within communities.

Counties eligible as of 5/15/2020: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Clinton, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Whitley and Wolfe.

A family farm can apply for funds up to \$750 and no more than one grant will be awarded per farming operation. These are grants and do **NOT** need to be repaid. The application should take you approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, the first round of applications were reviewed May 25, 2020 and approval emails sent. Apply anytime by going to the following website - http://cedik.ca.uky.edu/family-farm-fund . If you have questions, you can email info@appalachianky.org



### Puzzles4Kids

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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 up-

per left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the

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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: D equals O

KGT HNWFT DS CGWMQYTC GLC

TCFLYLKTP NLHWPYI. IDE FDEYP CLI

WK'C QDWMQ KGNDEQG KGT NDDS.

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**CryptoQuote** 

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.

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LTOROEP YU YR TOQORRGJD

UL FGVO GU EOGRU LTO

LUSOJ KOJRLT SGKKD.

— USOLHLJ JOYV

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C U S

1. Adorn, Acorn

2. Listen, Liston

3. Baker, Biker

4. Tiber, Tibet

5. Humble, Hubble

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**Even Exchange** 

answer

ELOPE

E T Y M O N

HAM

6. Tower, Towel

7. Cairo, Cairn

8. Inland, Island

9. Wizard, Lizard

10. Broad, Bread

**King** Crossword —

**Answers** 

Solution time: 21 mins.

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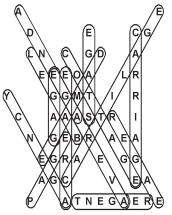
POPCORN

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

#### 9 3 2 1 7 8 4 6 WELL-AGED WORDS



The price of shingles has escalated rapidly. You could say it's going through the roof.

HERUB ERBUFA

**Letter Box** Solution

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice guestions

by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

Pharaoh; 6) Tent door Jacob; 3) Aaron; 4) Shechem; 5) ANSWERS 1) New; 2)

## TIGER

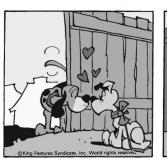








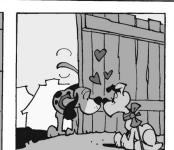














# by BUD BLAKE

#### CryptoQuip answer

to make at least one other person happy

<b>CryptoQuote</b>
answer
In order to be happy
oneself it is necessary

Theodor Reik

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