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# Creep pens benefit calves

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 traffic 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.

In addition, UK Beef specialists have recorded online webinars on timely beef cattle topics. Some recent videos are Winter Feeding Structures by Steve Higgins, Director of UK Environmental Compliance and Structures & Working Facilities by Morgan Hayes and Josh Jackson, UK Department of Animal Science Assistant Professors. All recorded webinars are available on the UK Department of Animal & Food Science YouTube page [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu4t18Zo2E\\_4\\_DB-BELPjPmG](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu4t18Zo2E_4_DB-BELPjPmG)

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

YIAE G PGBSKEVWS CVLAW G  
PIGBGPSAB YGF SKK ZGEF  
JASGVNW, KEA ZVCIS PGNN VS  
KLABJBGYE.

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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.

NJ WJXNDJL LNHDC XWLC  
SDOD SQOCGNRDI WC UQIC;  
LGDP GWYD JQL VQOUQLLDJ  
LGNC. — LDOOP ROWLXGDLL

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The inner petals of this Grandiflora rose are pale orange, with the undersides slightly darker. The outer petals are edged in red, and curl under. The fully-bloomed flower can be 4 1/2" across, have up to 25 petals, and carries a light, pleasing fragrance. A bush of this kind can grow 4 feet tall and 2 feet wide, and display many blooms at a time throughout a growing season. When set next to blue flowers such as delphinium it is especially striking.

Source: [www.allaboutrosegardening.com](http://www.allaboutrosegardening.com) — Brenda Weaver



Welcome to Birding!  
If you want to attract colorful songbirds to your backyard, fill a tube feeder with black oil sunflower seed or toss white proso millet on the ground. It won't take very long before you see your first cardinal pair. I promise, you'll be hooked and won't regret it.

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## Extension is taking orders for Apple and Pear Rootstock

The Estill County Extension office is taking orders for apple and pear rootstocks. If you want to propagate a favorite apple or pear, grafting is one of the easiest, cheapest 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 rootstock. If you do not know how to graft, contact me for more information.

We typically order Malling7 (55% of standard size tree) and/or MM.111 (80% of standard) semi-dwarf apple rootstock and a pear rootstock. I have a limited supply reserved and their cost has increased to \$1.50 each. Please pre-pay your order by January 22nd. The rootstocks usually arrive the first of March. To place an order, you can call 723-4557 beginning January 4th.

## Stickeler's Answer

### Stickelers Answer

1-d, 2-e, 3-b, 4-a, 5-c

### Stickeler's Puzzle on Page 9

## Puzzle Answers

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

When a cartoonist gives a character way too many details, one might call it **Cryptoquip** answer

In ancient times cats were worshiped as gods; they have not forgotten this. — Terry Pratchett **Cryptoquote** answer

### Bible Word Search on Page 9

## Puzzle Answers

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### Puzzles4Kids

Answer

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

Riddle Answer:  
A slope poke.

### CONTAINERS

I	N	R	W	C	L	K	S	S	A	S	R	I	Y	P	P	R	E	M	A	X	O	B	D	A	E	R	B	V	O	K	R	E	T	N	A	C	E	D	G	J
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### Letter Box

Solution

H	A	R	L	E	Q	U	I	N
L	N	E	U	I	A	R	H	Q
U	Q	I	H	N	R	E	A	L
R	H	N	E	A	L	Q	U	I
E	L	Q	I	U	H	A	N	R
A	I	U	Q	R	N	H	L	E
I	E	H	N	Q	U	L	R	A
N	R	L	A	H	E	I	Q	U
Q	U	A	R	L	I	N	E	H

### FEAR KNIT

answer

P	E	N
G	R	E
I	Y	E
A	A	D
N	E	A
T	F	A
G	I	P

### Even Exchange

- answers
1. Tinder, Tender
  2. Relax, Relay
  3. Juggle, Jungle
  4. Blank, Bland
  5. Water, Wager
  6. Swept, Slept
  7. Assure, Assume
  8. Probe, Prose
  9. Cheer, Cheek
  10. Kitten, Mitten

### King Crossword

Solution time: 23 mins.

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

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

### Bible Trivia Answers

\*Test Your Bible Knowledge\*, with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.



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