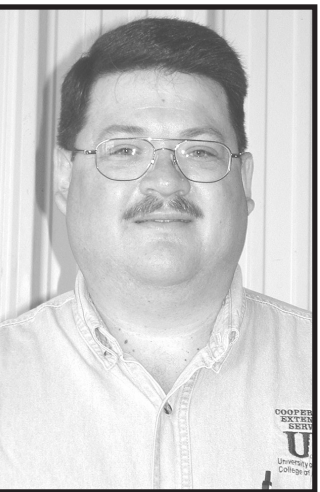


AT RIGHT: Norma Stacy (right), chair of the Estill County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, accepts the 2015 Gold Star Award of Excellence from Betty Farris (left), chair of the Kentucky Farm Bureau state Women's Committee, presented during a December 4 recognition program at the 96th Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting. BELOW: Kenneth Rice, President of Estill County Farm Bureau (center), accepts an award for its outstanding membership and program achievement in 2015, from Brad Smith, CEO of KFB Insurance Companies (left), and David S. Beck, Executive VP of the KFB Federation at the Dec. 4 banquet.



**Eric Baker**  
Estill County Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources

Most insects in firewood won't harm people or their homes, but insects emerging from firewood can concern homeowners and put a damper on the pleasure from a nice, crackling fire. Homeowners can keep these pests out in the cold by handling the wood properly.

"The best way to keep insects found on or inside logs out of your home, is to store and use the firewood so that you prevent their entry indoors," said Mike Potter, entomologist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "We strongly advise against spraying firewood with an insecticide. This practice is unnecessary,

## Keeping Firewood Pets Outside

ineffective and could result in the release of harmful vapors when the wood is burned."

Some pests such as termites, wood-boring beetles and carpenter ants tunnel into firewood and feed within the logs. Others simply hide or overwinter underneath the bark. These include centipedes, spiders, scorpions, wood cockroaches, ground beetles, sowbugs and pillbugs. The only harm these hibernators typically cause is annoyance as they crawl or fly around the house upon emerging within a few days after the logs are bought indoors.

Potter gave these tips to keep firewood insects out in the cold. Store firewood outdoors away from the house and off the ground. Stacking logs off the ground increases air circulation for drying and helps prevent moisture problems. You can stack firewood on poles suspended between concrete blocks or on old pallets. Burn older wood first to reduce the length of time insects have to become established in the logs. Before bringing firewood inside, shake or knock logs together to dislodge insects clinging to the bark. Check the bottom of log carriers because insects often crawl into

them when logs are brought indoors. Bring only enough firewood indoors to be used immediately or within a few hours. Pests emerge from firewood kept indoors for an extended period of time. This wood also can become a nesting site for rodents. Lastly, use a broom or vacuum cleaner to eliminate the occasional insect emerging from firewood.

### Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference is January 4-5

The 2016 Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference and Trade Show will again be at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Lexington, Ky., Monday and Tuesday, January 4 and 5, 2016. Highlights of this year's meeting will be pre-conference Tree Fruit, Small Fruit and Vegetable Round Table Discussions.

During the conference there will be sessions on Farmers' Markets, Commercial Fruit and Vegetable Production, Greenhouse and High Tunnel Production, Small Fruit Production, Organic Production, the Grape and Wine Short Course, Direct & Wholesale Marketing, Food Safety and Non Insured Crop Disaster As-

sistance Program. We have many excellent out-of-state expert speakers this year.

There will be an optional Celebration of Kentucky Wines Monday evening. We will also have Exhibitor/Grower and Conference Luncheons featuring Kentucky Proud products.

For more information about the conference, or to request registration materials, contact Mary Ann Kelley at 270-365-7541, ext. 216. The conference program and registration sheet are available online at <http://www.uky.edu/hort/node/1632>.

Advanced registration is due Dec. 18th.

If you have fruit and vegetable production questions, contact me at the Estill County Extension Service at 723-4557. The Extension Office will close December 25th through January 1st for the holidays. We will reopen January 4th. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

For more information, contact the Estill County Extension Office at 723-4557.

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## Stickeler's Puzzle

**STICKELERS**<sup>[sic]</sup>  
by Terry Stickels

If it were two hours later, it would be half as long until midnight as it would be if it were one hour later.

What time is it now?

- A. 9:00 p.m.
- B. 10:00 p.m.
- C. 11:00 p.m.
- D. 12:00 p.m.

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Stickeler's Answer on Page 11

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

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B THJ GPAOIGZA TBQE QBIWAO  
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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.

R BMPKRVTE SRYT FK FP  
RYYTPKT MBTFP, RP  
CZRBZ YFPH PMGDT  
FWSZMEK FET TPSRETDH  
KCFDDMCTV WI.  
— NMKTIZ FVVRKMP

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## Puzzle Answers December 9, 2015

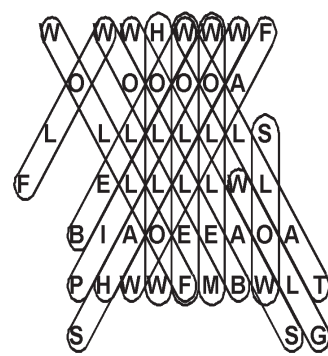
### Puzzles4Kids Answer

JASPER	J	PEARS
SHEILA	I	LEASH
TEXANS	N	TAXES
GORDON	G	DONOR
VERBAL	L	BRAVE
ENVIES	E	VINES
SLOWED	S	DOWEL
STREAM	M	TEARS
PHRASE	E	SHARP
ALMOST	L	MOATS
FILLED	L	FIELD
SCALED	S	DECAL

### Letter Box Solution

A	B	R	I	C	N	T	L	U
N	I	L	U	R	T	B	C	A
U	C	T	A	B	L	N	I	R
B	T	U	L	A	I	C	R	N
C	L	A	B	N	R	U	T	I
I	R	N	C	T	U	L	A	B
L	U	B	R	I	C	A	N	T
T	A	I	N	L	B	R	U	C
R	N	C	T	U	A	I	B	L

### HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?



### CryptoQuip answer

When I discovered how much that stunning new watch cost, I was overcome with ticker shock.

### CryptoQuote answer

I consider time as an immense ocean, in which many noble authors are entirely swallowed up. — Joseph Addison

### FEAR & KNIGHT answer



### Even Exchange

- Donna M. Pettman
- Summit, Submit
  - Decree, Degree
  - Model, Motel
  - Sally, Salty
  - Taller, Teller
  - Canyon, Cannon
  - Planet, Planes
  - Otter, Other
  - Minor, Miner
  - Strong, String

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

### King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

### Bible Trivia Answers

Casey's trivia book "Know It? ... or Not?" is available from BearManorMedia.com

ANSWERS (1) New; (2) Engaged; (3) Bible; (4) Herod; (5) Nazareth; (6) Silver

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