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## Getting Your Horse Ready For Spring

"A long winter hair coat can give a false impression of the animal's body condition," Coleman said. "Feel along the horse's neck, withers, shoulders, rib cage, back and croup. Careful palpation over these areas will give you a good idea of its body condition."

"If you can feel individual ribs easily now, the horse needs more energy each day. This feeding adjustment will improve the animal's body condition to the point that you barely feel ribs but can't see them when the winter hair comes off. If you cannot feel ribs when applying pressure, the horse may be on the fat side."

Depending on the quality of hay and pasture available this past winter, some horses may be a little thin now. Ideally, horses should have come through the winter season with a body condition score of at least five, according to Coleman. "If your horse has a body condition score of less than five and is on pasture, you may need to feed four to five pounds of commercial feed with 10-percent protein or some oats," he said. "If the hay you have available is

of poor quality and pasture is limited, you may need to feed five to seven pounds of a 12-percent protein commercial feed or buy a higher quality hay.

"If your horse has a body condition score of seven and one half, you need to reduce its grain intake and maybe even feed less hay. Horses that are too fat take longer to get into proper physical condition for serious riding."

In addition to adjusting the feeding program, Coleman said now is a good time to check the horse's teeth and take care of any dental problems. Also check the horse's deworming and vaccination schedules. If these are not up to date, a visit with the veterinarian is in order.

Owners also should inspect horse's hooves to see

if these need trimming, or if the animal will need shoes to protect its feet during routine spring and summer activities. "Remember, a good relationship with your farrier is also good for your horses," he said.

"Checking your horse's body condition and overall health now will give ample time to prepare the horse for spring and summer," Coleman said. "Remember, your horse has been off all winter so it will take time to regain the condition it had last fall."

For more equine and livestock care information, contact the Estill County Extension Service at 723-4557.

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## Wishing Well®

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

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: K equals E

NCDAKQW ZP DZFLNCJ AOKDK  
 OQIW FZJNY HIZXFKVD CZG, GK  
 YOZDK AZ DQLK AOKV PZI Q  
 XIQNCE WQE.

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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.

KAO AK OPG FIGXIB  
 NWEJIKW AG AK  
 XPCNAMMWO, NIG AG AK  
 XPCNAMMWO NWEJIKW AG  
 AK FIGXIB.  
 — NWOLJDAO XCJOHBAO

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## Stickeler's Puzzle



Here is a 16-letter word known to almost everyone. See how long it takes you to reshuffle the letters to find the word.

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## Farming News

Thursday, March 10th @ 6pm

### March Cattlemen Meeting

There will be a beef cattlemen meeting on Thursday, March 10th, 6:00 p.m. at the Estill County Extension office. A catered meal will be provided.

Sponsors include Richmond Southern States, Estill County Cattlemen's Association, and Cooperative Extension. A presentation will be made about fly control options for cattle. Estill County Cattlemen's Association will have a business meeting afterward and everyone is welcome.

Tuesday, March 15th @ 5:30pm

### GAP Training Offered

Vegetable producers and farmer's market members interested in attaining a Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) Diploma can attend a training on Tuesday, March 15th, 5:30 p.m., at the Estill County Extension Office. Please let us know you are coming by calling 723-4557.

GAP is required for Farmer's Market members who want to offer raw produce samples at the market. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/GAP.html>

# AUCTION

(ABSOLUTE - RAIN OR SHINE)  
 Saturday, March 19<sup>TH</sup> at 10:00AM

## REAL ESTATE

Barnes Realty & Auction has been authorized to sell at public auction the surplus real estate for the City of Ravenna known as the Charlie Vanhuss property.

LOCATION: 515 Elm Street, Ravenna, Ky.

DIRECTIONS: From Irvine, take Hwy. #52 (River Drive) 1.7 miles, turn left at Fifth Street, Ravenna, then left on Elm Street. Signs will be posted.

### REAL ESTATE

**DESCRIPTION:** The house consists of 2 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, bath, utility, small enclosed back porch, partial basement area and an 8' x 20' concrete front porch. The dwelling has gas heater, washer/dryer hookup, concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, storm windows & doors. Nice level lot is approximately 50' x 150'.

**TERMS:** 10% down day of sale with balance on or before 30 days with delivery of deed. Property is being sold "As Is" condition. Any & all inspections are the responsibility of the buyer to be made prior to day of sale. Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed material. Not responsible for accidents.

**AUCTIONEERS' NOTES:** Extra nice level lot in good location. Would make a good starter home, retirement home or rental property. Call for more information or inspection of property.



515 Elm Street, Ravenna, Ky.

## Puzzle Answers

March 9, 2016

### Puzzles4Kids

Answer

What do you get if you tear a scarf in two?

A bandana split.

### FEAR NOT

answer

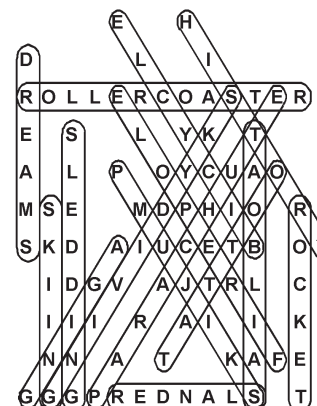


### Letter Box

Solution

O	U	D	H	P	T	E	S	A
P	H	A	S	E	D	O	U	T
E	S	T	U	O	A	D	P	H
A	P	E	O	D	H	U	T	S
U	D	S	P	T	E	H	A	O
H	T	O	A	U	S	P	D	E
D	E	P	T	S	O	A	H	U
T	O	H	D	A	U	S	E	P
S	A	U	E	H	P	T	O	D

NO REVERSE



### CryptoQuip

answer

Instead of solving these hard logic problems now, we chose to save them for a brainy day.

### CryptoQuote

answer

Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden, but it is forbidden because it is hurtful.  
 — Benjamin Franklin

### Even Exchange

answers

- Lively, Lovely
- Bland, Blond
- Twain, Train
- Justin, Austin
- Grape, Grace
- Court, Count
- Accept, Accent
- Sweep, Sleep
- Daily, Dairy
- Cattle, Castle

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

### Bible Trivia Answers

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

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