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In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims held a three-day feast to celebrate a bountiful harvest. This event is regarded by many as the nation's first Thanksgiving. The Wampanoag Indians in attendance played a key role. Historians have recorded ceremonies of thanks among other groups of European settlers in North America. These include the British colonists in Virginia as early as 1619.

The legacy of thanks and the feast have survived the centuries, as the event be-

Thanksgiving and Turkey Facts

came a national holiday 152 years ago (October 3, 1863) when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November as a national day of thanksgiving. Later, President Franklin Roosevelt clarified that Thanksgiving should always be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of the month to encourage earlier holiday shopping, never on the occasional fifth Thursday. (Source: U. S. Census Bureau newsroom webpage) According to USDA Economic Research Service, turkey meat production in the United States for 2017 is 6.008 billion pounds 6.008 billion pounds. Turkey consumption in the United States is expected to be 16.5 pounds per person in 2017 for a total consumption of 5.386 billion pounds. Minnesota is the top turkey producing state with 44.5 million birds this year.

In addition, USDA says wholesale whole turkey prices fell in 2017, rela-

tive to 2016, and have remained below historical averages since January, indicating that demand may not be keeping up with current supply levels. Typically, wholesale turkey prices have a seasonal trend, with prices climbing from their bottom level in the beginning of the year to a peak near Thanksgiving. This year, whole turkey prices have not increased as in years past and have dipped further throughout the summer. The average price for a whole frozen hen in August was just under 97 cents per pound, 3 percent below January and 19 percent below August 2016. As of the fourth week of September, prices had fallen farther to 96 cents. The last time wholesale prices were below \$1 per pound as late as September was in 2010.

If you have questions about how to safely cook, store and serve food for guests, contact the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline (1-888-674-6854) week-

days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST. Food Safety & Inspection Service virtual food safety representative, Ask Karen, is available 24/7 in English and Spanish at AskKaren.gov or downloadable from the iTunes and Android app stores. The agency also has a Safe Turkey Preparation playlist on its YouTube channel with instructional videos on safely thawing, stuffing, brining, and cooking turkeys.

For more information, contact the Estill County Extension Office at 723-4557. We wish you all a happy Thanksgiving! The Extension office will be closed November 23-24 in observance of Thanksgiving. As you enjoy your meals this holiday season, please remember to also thank a farmer!

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

XK V OIZGEQ IK VZWSTVEXVP

LVTWZGXVEW DQTQ NVSSEXPR

XS IZS, LXRBS SBVS NQ DILNVS

OILNVS?

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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.

IVUP DNS'CU QNIP JPQ NSH,
MNZUHVKPB JOIJDH HSCPM SR

— JPQ KH'M SMSJOOD HVU

PNMUM NW DNSC WCKUPQM.

— NCMNP IUOUM

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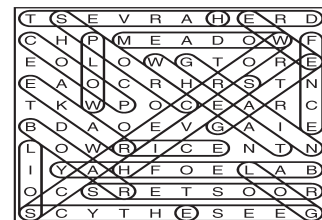
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Puzzle Answers

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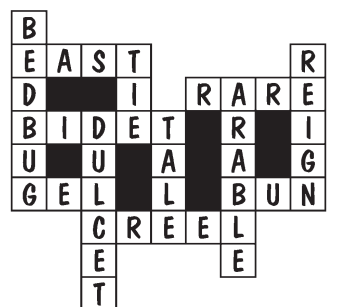
Answer



Riddle Answer:
He tractor down.

FEAR KN&T

answer

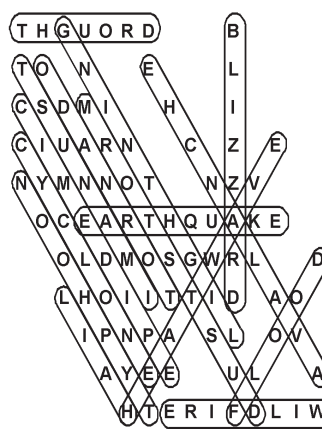


Letter Box

Solution

D	R	I	N	K	C	O	L	A
O	A	N	D	I	L	R	K	C
K	L	C	O	A	R	I	N	D
N	K	A	C	L	I	D	R	O
I	D	L	R	O	K	C	A	N
R	C	O	A	N	D	K	I	L
L	O	R	K	D	A	N	C	I
A	N	K	I	C	O	L	D	R
C	I	D	L	R	N	A	O	K

NATURE'S FURY



CryptoQuip answer

If a couple of Australian marsupials were battling it out, might that be wombat combat?

CryptoQuote answer

When you're down and out, something always turns up — and it's usually the noses of your friends. — Orson Welles

Even Exchange

answers

1. Kennel, Kernel
2. Cruise, Bruise
3. Grand, Grant
4. Manor, Minor
5. Castle, Cattle
6. Limbs, Limbo
7. Divide, Divine
8. Paste, Pasta
9. Month, Mouth
10. Batter, Bitter

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

T	O	F	U	T	A	M	S	C	A	N
O	M	E	N	A	P	E	T	E	S	T
T	A	L	C	U	R	N	A	N	K	H
E	N	T	R	A	P	O	S	L	O	H
O	V	E	R	T	H	E	T	O	P	
T	H	E	S	E	I	T	A	T	A	L
S	A	P	S	C	G	I	S	P	I	N
A	L	I	O	O	H	T	A	H	O	E
R	O	C	K	B	O	T	T	O	M	
U	N	I	T	H	O	P	P	E	R	
P	E	R	I	D	O	L	A	V	A	
R	E	E	F	E	O	N	E	V	E	N
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"I can tell you what I think of having a nuclear power plant in this town in one word — _____!"

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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Cover
A **L** **O** **C** **K**

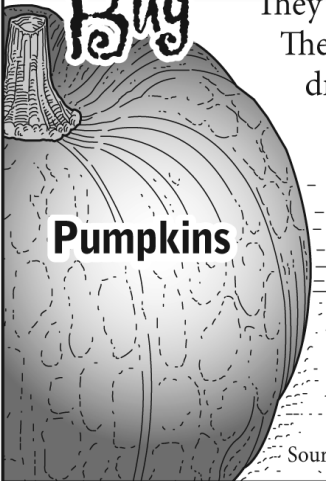
Reside
G **O** **B** **L** **E** **N**

Vision
G **A** **M** **I** **E** **R**

Capture
P **A** **R** **E** **N** **T**

TODAY'S WORD

The Garden Bug



Pumpkins

Long before the arrival of European explorers, native Americans utilized the pulp and rinds of many kinds of gourds and squash for food. They ate the seeds and used them as a medicine. The vine blossoms were added to stews. When dried, they could be ground into flour, made into containers, or pounded flat and cut into slender strips to make baskets, mats or other items. The English settlers called the largest and roundest of the hard-skinned winter squash "pumpkins," after the Greek for 'large melon' (*pepon*) and the French word *pompon*.

— Brenda Weaver

Sources: allaboutpumpkins.com, missouribotanicalgarden.org

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Birding BITS

BY
Cindy Brook

Mesh Bird Feeder

Recently I purchased a No-No Bronze Tray Birdfeeder (Amazon.com), and it's terrific. I filled it with a black oil seed mix, and it has become a very popular feeder in my backyard. I'm looking forward to seeing it filled with American goldfinches. That will be so cool.

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Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic]
by Terry Stickels

Here's an alphabetic for your holiday vacation. Remember that zero cannot begin a sentence.

READ Let G = 5
MORE M = 8
+ GOOD R = 3
BOOKS

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Americanisms



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