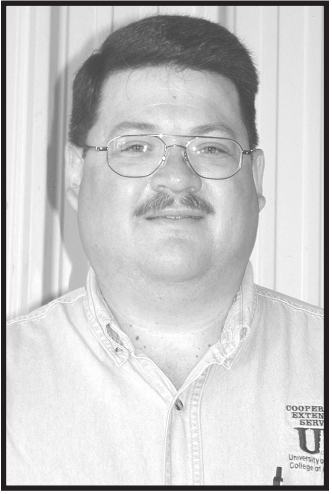


# Take control of weeds in the vegetable garden



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Home gardeners eagerly await the first ripe tomato, mess of green beans, and ears of sweet corn they get to pick from their own gardens. While the fresh produce is delicious, growing them requires managing various pests . . . especially

weeds. UK Extension horticulturalist John Strang notes that weeds compete with crops for water, nutrients and sunlight. Some weeds, like quackgrass, can chemically inhibit vegetable plant growth. Others host insect pests and disease pathogens. All of these result in fewer fresh vegetables for your table.

There are some preventive practices that effectively combat weeds. Frequent hoeing or rototilling on a weekly basis helps eliminate weeds when they are small and easily removed.

If you plant rows a little closer, vegetable crops provide more shade and that also helps to reduce weed pressure. After you harvest a crop, plant another in its place to continue using the space.

Mulching works very well in the home garden. Use organic material such as grass clippings, leaves or straw to eliminate weed growth and build up organic matter to make the soil more fertile and easier to work. Do not use grass clippings from a lawn that was treated recently with a herbicide. Treated clippings can cause vegetable plant twisting and can even kill some sensitive crops. Be careful about the kind of organic material you use. Hay can introduce a considerable load of weed seeds into your garden.

Black plastic mulch is beneficial to certain vegetables including tomatoes, eggplants, peppers and vine crops. In addition to shading out and eliminating weeds, plastic mulches conserve moisture and

promote early crop growth by helping heat up the soil in spring. Landscape fabric has the added advantage of being water permeable and can be used for multiple years; although it is more expensive than black plastic.

Most importantly, do everything possible to keep garden weeds from going to seed. One red root pigweed plant can produce 100,000 seeds that can continue to germinate over the next 15 to 20 years.

For timely gardening tips, contact the Estill County Cooperative Extension office at 723-4557.

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## Estill County Fair showcases agriculture!

County fairs are a great community event that showcase agriculture and have loads of fun for the entire family. Each event requires many dedicated fair board members and volunteers to make the event pleasurable for those attending. I for one would like to say "thank you" for all those who help make the Estill County fair a success

each year. The Estill County Fair is scheduled for July 1st through July 8th at the Estill County fairgrounds on South Irvine Road. I will highlight some of the agriculture activities occurring at the fair. On Saturday, July 1st there will be several livestock shows including meat goat show (11 a.m.), swine show (5 p.m.), and a horse

show (6 p.m.). Monday, July 3rd is when you can enter various exhibits at the exhibit hall from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and attend the poultry show at 6:30 p.m. The cattle show is Wednesday, July 5th at 6:30 p.m. On Friday, July 7th is the youth and adult tractor driving contest at 1 p.m. Last but not least, the open sheep show is Saturday, July 8th at 10

a.m. Many other events are planned for all ages.

If you are interested in participating or being a spectator, details are listed on our webpage so visit <http://estill.ca.uky.edu/> then click on the county fair tab. You can also find Estill County Fair information on Facebook. We hope to see you at the county fair!



### National Pollinator Week JUNE 19-25, 2017

Started ten years ago by the Pollinator Partnership and approved by the U.S. Senate, this special week's activities address the urgent issue of declining pollinator populations. It has grown into an international celebration of the valuable ecosystem services provided by bees, birds, butterflies, bats and beetles. The website [pollinator.org](http://pollinator.org) is filled with kits and activities, planting guides, posters, events and programs to help you explore this issue. - Brenda Weaver  
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## Stickeler's Puzzle



The sum of each row, column and diagonal is the same in a magic square. The numbers 1-25 are used for this particular puzzle. Each row, column and diagonal should total 65. See if you can fill in the missing numbers.

9			5	17
3	20	7		
	14	1	18	
		25	12	4
15	2			23

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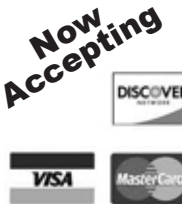
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## CryptoQuip

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: M equals S

UFPOYI RURPSDFGM SYC  
CRMKOMOI MDSOGM, ZRMDRGCSZ  
WR GRMFUPRC DF KBUU FBD SUU  
DWR MDRKM.

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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.

JTWK V EBCH JVAT OH SCA,  
JTY XKYJD IQA ATCA DTW  
GWMCGUD OW OYGW CD C  
EBCHATVKM ATCK V UY TWG.  
— OYKACVMKW

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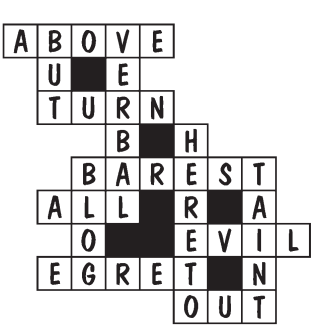
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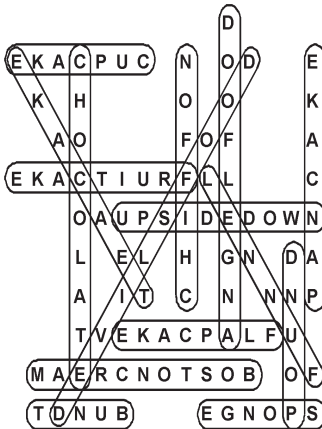
### FEAR & KNIGHT answer



### Letter Box Solution

U	F	L	Y	S	O	E	B	K
Y	S	E	B	U	K	O	L	F
O	B	K	L	E	F	Y	S	U
F	U	O	F	L	S	K	Y	E
E	L	S	K	B	Y	U	J	O
K	Y	B	U	O	E	S	F	L
S	K	Y	O	F	B	L	U	E
B	O	U	E	Y	L	F	K	S
L	E	F	S	K	U	B	O	Y

LET THEM EAT CAKE



### CryptoQuip answer

Loving elevators and despising stairs, yesterday he resolved to pull out all the steps.

### CryptoQuote answer

When I play with my cat, who knows but that she regards me more as a plaything than I do her. — Montaigne

### Even Exchange answers

- Potion, Motion
- Boast, Blast
- Inland, Island
- Child, Chill
- Dingo, Diego
- Recent, Repent
- Leash, Lease
- Major, Manor
- Swept, Slept
- Detour, Devour

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

### King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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

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