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# Preventing Hay Fires

quality but no danger of fire. With free air circulation around a bale, both heat and moisture can dissipate. A single bale rarely heats enough to catch on fire, but when you place bales close together or stack with other bales that are also heating, it is much more difficult for the heat to leave the bales. A good practice is to leave bales scattered in the barn for three to four weeks before placing them in a stack.

If the bales are wetter than they should be, the temperatures can easily rise above 130 degrees. At 140 to 150 degrees, more microbial growth and chemical reactions within the hay cause it to generate heat at an increasingly rapid rate.

If hay temperatures reach 150 degrees, you need to move bales to allow for better air circulation and frequently check the temperature. At 180 degrees, fire is imminent, and at 200 degrees, it is likely present. In either case, you need to notify the fire department. It is best to wait for them to arrive before removing the hay from the stack in case of a flare up.

Smoke from hay treated with an acid preservative may contain toxic fumes, so keep

people away from the smoke and inform the firefighters of any treatments you applied.

To check hay temperature, you may use several types of thermometers. Find one that is durable, easy to use and will measure up to 200 degrees.

Attaching a string or a thin wire and lowering or pushing it into a probe that has been inserted into the hay is one way to use a simple glass thermometer. Do not insert them directly into the hay because they easily break. It is best to use only spirit-filled glass thermometers to prevent accidentally contaminating hay with mercury from a broken thermometer.

You can use electronic thermometers with remote sensors and a digital read-out. Avoid LED displays as they are often hard to read in bright light. An LCD is a better choice. Some electronic moisture meters also measure temperature.

Long stem thermometers, commonly called compost thermometers, are probably the most rugged and reliable. With these types, the price increases with the dial size and length of the stem. It may be tempting to stick these directly into a hay bale, but the

stem can be easily bent and the accuracy or operation of the thermometer could be destroyed.

It is best and necessary in most cases to use some kind of hay probe. You can make one for yourself using steel pipe or electrical conduit or you can purchase commercial probes.

Measure the wettest hay first. Probe square bales from the side, round bales from the end. Insert the probe near the center of the bale. In round bales, if the core is loosely formed, probe 6 to 12 inches away from the center where the hay will be more tightly packed.

In large stacks, it may be difficult to reach the center, but it is important to get at least 5 to 10 feet down from the top or in from the side. The most critical factor is to reach where the wettest hay is stored. It is best to probe at several locations and at different depths within a stack to locate the warmest spot.

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At farm field day on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at the Callahan Farm, UK weed specialist J.D. Green discussed pasture management to reduce weeds and make pastures more productive. (Courtesy of Eric Baker, Estill County Extension Agent)

## The Garden Bug

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Sources: [www.thegardenhelper.com/acidsoil](http://www.thegardenhelper.com/acidsoil)

## Birding BITS

BY Cindy Brook

### Getting Started

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## Stickeler's Puzzle

by Terry Stickels

Match the words on the left with their meanings on the right.

1. oneirism	a. shelter, protection
2. aslant	b. absent-minded daydreaming
3. anathematize	c. mitigate, alleviate
4. aegis	d. oblique
5. allay	e. declare to be evil

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**Stickeler's Answer on Page 11**

## Wishing Well®

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

ML ZJT ATFNBRYPH MUAHFLHNQ

UHFNBKRWYH ZJT JTXBQ QJ XHQ

R FHLTKW - JF YJUHQBKX QJ

QBRQ WHLHNQ.

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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.

QX RXF TBXO UXNE OXNRQYQ

JWRKYE, JXE YHYEUFBWRK

OWMM CRXAC NZ PKPWRTF WF.

- VPMFPTPE KEPAWPR

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# Puzzle Answers

## July 5, 2017

### Puzzles4Kids

Answer

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

Riddle Answer:  
Viper your nose.

### FEAR KN&T

answer

	A		S						
P	A	L	A	T	E				
O	W	E	T		P				
W	E	T		P	I	T	Y		
E					L	A	W		
G	R	E	A	S	Y				
	A								
L	A	R	G	O					
E									

### Letter Box

Solution

T	W	I	U	A	P	N	G	O
O	P	G	N	T	W	I	A	U
U	N	A	I	G	O	W	P	T
G	T	W	P	U	A	O	N	I
A	I	U	W	O	N	P	T	G
N	O	P	T	I	G	A	U	W
W	A	O	G	N	T	U	I	P
P	U	T	A	W	I	G	O	N
I	G	N	O	P	U	T	W	A

### Even Exchange

answers

1. Flake, Flame
2. Barney, Barley
3. Loner, Loser
4. Gaggle, Gigggle
5. Saute, Sauce
6. Cherry, Sherry
7. Humor, Rumor
8. Resort, Retort
9. Saber, Sober
10. Nickel, Nicked

### JAMES BOND VILLAINS

R	E	G	B	C	O	L	D	E	V		
A	G	N	N								
A											
H	M	D	L	E	F	O	L	B	H	V	
K	D	A	M	F	D	B	L	C	O		
O	R	T	R	E	V	E	L	Y	A	N	K
A	E	B	A	L	O	R	A	S			
X	I	K	C	D	S	S	O				
G											

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

### CryptoQuip

answer

If you purchase imperfect merchandise you ought to get a refund - or something to that defect.

### CryptoQuote

answer

Do not show your wounded finger, for everything will knock up against it. - Baltasar Gracian

### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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

### Bible Trivia Answers

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ANSWERS (1) Neither; (2) Liberty; (3) Truth; (4) 0; (5) Romans; (5) Paul