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species. You'll find them most often in overgrown bushy areas. They also congregate in shady, humid areas near stream banks, under or around shade trees or in berry thickets.

Only the larval (immature) stage of this family of mites causes the itching problem. After hatching, larvae crawl around until they find and attach to a suitable host. In addition to humans, chiggers feed on a variety of wild and domestic animals, including snakes, turtles, birds, rodents and domestic pets such as dogs and cats.

A widespread myth is that chiggers burrow into your skin and feed on your blood. This isn't true. Instead, they attach to a skin pore or hair follicle and then inject a salivary fluid that produces a hard, domed area around them, and they use a feeding tube to withdraw liquefied tissues from hosts. The red welt rash and intense itching are allergic reactions to the salivary secretions and can

last for up to two weeks or longer.

Larvae feed for about three or four days; then drop off and eventually mature into non-parasitic adults.

There are ways you can protect yourself from these itchy pests. Avoid walking through unmown fields, brush and other overgrown areas. Instead, walk in the center of mown trails to avoid brushing up against vegetation where chiggers congregate.

Create a chigger barrier when you hike or camp in potentially chigger-infested areas so that chiggers can't come in contact with your skin. Wear long pants that are tucked into boots or socks and long-sleeve shirts. Clothing made of tightly woven fabrics keep chiggers from reaching the skin as easily.

You can also apply an insect or tick repellent; just be sure to read and follow the directions on the container. Products containing DEET or picaradin are easy to find and use. Also, there are clothing treatments containing permethrin.

Showering or bathing immediately after coming indoors effectively removes

chiggers that have not yet attached. If that is not possible, thoroughly and briskly rubbing your skin with a dry towel may remove many chiggers before they are able to attach and feed.

While chiggers are most common in wild overgrowth, they can also make a home in shady areas of yards, parks, camps, picnic sites and recreation areas. You can control chiggers in your outdoor environment with effective vegetation management that allows penetration of sunlight and reduces humidity. Prune trees and bushes and mow closer to allow more sunlight and to lower humidity. Remove scrub brush piles and accumulated debris to reduce protection for small animals and are important hosts for chiggers. As an added benefit, these steps will reduce problems with ticks as well.

Contact the Estill County Extension Office at 723-4557 for more pest control information.

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Chigger Time

According to UK Extension Entomologists and many of you who have first-hand experience, it is chigger time across Kentucky. Chiggers are actually the immature stage of certain mite

Farm News

Ends Friday, July 10, 2015

County Ag. Investment Program (CAIP)

Applications will be available for Estill County's CAIP to assist farmers in making important on-farm investments.

Application Period:

Through Friday, July 10, 2015

Application will only be accepted during this time. Please obtain your Farm Serial Number (FSN) from the Farm Service Agency at the Richmond USDA Service Center prior to applying.

Application Availability:

Estill County Conservation District
1505 Richmond Road
Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

For More Information: Contact 606-723-5104 or Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ECCDKY.

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agriculture Development Board.

Through August 3, 2015

2015 County Committee Elections

If you know someone interested in serving on a local FSA County Committee, now is the time to submit that person's name as a nominee for the 2015 County Committee Elections.

From June 15 through August 3, you can nominate a candidate for your local FSA county committee. And almost anyone participating or cooperating in an FSA program - and of legal voting age - can be nominated.

Download the nomination form from the website at fsa.usda.gov/elections or pick one up at your local office. Remember, forms must be postmarked or delivered back to the county office by the August 3 deadline. Voting will take place this fall.

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 - Jowl Bacon..... \$3⁵⁰/Lb.
 - Pork Tenderloin..... \$4⁵⁰/Lb.
 - Pork Chops..... \$4⁰⁰/Lb.
 - Spare Ribs..... \$3⁵⁰/Lb.
 - Country Style Ribs..... \$3⁵⁰/Lb.
 - Baby Back Pork Ribs... \$3⁵⁰/Lb.
 - Pork Burgers..... \$4⁰⁰/Lb. (Ground, pattied pork with no seasoning)
 - Bratwursts..... \$4⁰⁰/Lb.
- Bundle Packages**
- 1/4 Processed Hog..... \$115⁰⁰
 - 1/2 Processed Hog..... \$210⁰⁰
 - Whole Processed Hog... \$440⁰⁰

The Garden Bug

Huckleberries

Although very similar in taste and appearance to the blueberry, the seeds within the huckleberry give it a crunchy texture when fresh, with a flavor a little more tart than the blueberries. They are found only in the wild, and harvested by hand throughout the summer months; be aware that you may be in a bear's favorite patch! They can be used interchangeably in most blueberry recipes.

www.huckleberries.org

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Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic]

by Terry Stickels

Here is a scrambled 15-letter word that is known to all. See how long it takes you to unravel it.

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 S O
A T I
P I O A
T I Z N H
    
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Stickeler's Answer on Page 11

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

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: H equals E

NHDOZX QHUQYLIDWYDN BHQ

XJMDN GIGX, Y BHIQW OBH

LJOBHQ HZHUBIDO PBJMOYDN

"OMPA OMPA!"

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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.

JY MIJGDIO MDID RFFW

QPOJXDOOV DX, GTDZ'W THKD

GFF VPST ODXOD GF QD

MIJGDIO. -- JIKJX O. SFQQ

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Puzzle Answers

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

Why is Alabama the smartest state?

Because it has four A's and one B.

FEAR & KNOT

answer

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H A S P
U   U
T H I R D T
U   I   C U R B
B   S   U E
C U M   N   E
A   T   O S S
P R I M E
R
    
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Letter Box

Solution

L	M	A	N	O	I	W	D	Y
D	O	W	A	Y	L	I	N	M
I	N	Y	W	D	M	A	O	L
O	Y	I	M	W	N	D	L	A
A	L	N	D	I	Y	O	M	W
M	W	D	O	L	A	N	Y	I
W	I	L	Y	N	O	M	A	D
Y	A	O	I	M	D	L	W	N
N	D	M	L	A	W	Y	I	O

Even Exchange

answers

1. Betsy, Betty
2. Claude, Clause
3. Strait, Strain
4. Leave, Lease
5. Mayor, Major
6. Butter, Butler
7. Parks, Parka
8. Health, Hearth
9. Scoop, Snoop
10. Father, Lather

ORDERS

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    B E
  I L G G
H I T T E N N G T
T H E H K Y O I O
L K C O C E E T H
I L R G N I D N A T S
A A A E P I O A
M T G M S M B
    
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

CryptoQuip

answer

Gently reprimanding her young baby, I heard the mother elephant shouting "Tusk tusk!"

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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

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

Answers: (1) Neither; (2) Agams; (3) Hoses; (4) Honey; (5) Blaspheemy; (6) Nun