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Ways to Prevent Tick Bites

Townsend, UK extension entomologist in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. “Common places to find ticks are behind the knees, around the waist, under arms, neck and head.”

Several effective precautions will reduce exposure. Wear a repellent; products containing DEET are particularly effective. A spray-on clothing treatment containing permethrin is good to use when in places where ticks are likely to be abundant. Avoid walking through tall grass and brushy areas along fence lines or adjacent to woods. Wear light-colored clothing so ticks are easy to spot. Check pets when they come in from outdoors. The lone star tick and the American dog tick are the most common species

found in the state. Their tick bites usually are just an itchy nuisance, but these ticks can carry diseases. Fortunately, only a very small percentage of them are infected. The adult female lone star tick, which has a white spot on its back, can carry erlichiosis. Its saliva, injected during feeding, may cause some people to develop a “red meat allergy,” a condition diagnosed more often as awareness of it increases. American dog ticks, reddish-brown with mottled white markings on their backs, have the potential to carry spotted fever. In addition, the blacklegged tick, also known as the deer tick, is becoming more common in the state and carries Lyme disease.

Prevention is the key to reducing the chance

of being bitten by a tick. Even then, it is almost inevitable that some ticks will get past protective efforts, but prompt removal of attached ticks reduces the chance of infection if the tick is carrying a disease. Use fine-tipped tweezers to remove an attached tick. Grasp it as close to the skin as possible and remove it with a gentle, steady pull. Then, wash the bite area and your hands. Apply an antiseptic to the bite site to protect the wound from infection.

For more information, contact the Estill County Cooperative Extension Service at 723-4557.

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Tick season is underway and a University of Kentucky entomologist is reminding Kentuckians to take precautions to protect themselves and their loved ones from tick bites. “In tick-prone areas, check yourself, children and other family members every two hours, and very thoroughly after returning home from hikes and other outdoor activities,” said Lee

Preventing Cedar Rust Disease on Apple Trees

With spring rain showers and warming weather, cedar rust galls are developing on cedar and other Juniper species. As galls swell, they produce spores that threaten apple (and sometimes crabapple and hawthorn). Galls indicate that rust pathogens are releasing or preparing to release infective spores.

which produces large brown galls on cedar and other species of Juniperus, cedar-quince rust that produces orange swellings on twigs and fruit, and cedar-hawthorn rust that forms galls similar to cedar-apple rust, only smaller. All three fungi have similar life cycles.

Fungicides should be used as protectants to prevent rust pathogens from infecting. After

symptoms develop on apple, it is often too late for control. Early protection of apples, crabapples, and hawthorns is important, as most infections occur within the first 30 days after bloom. Many general purpose fruit tree sprays may not control rusts. Homeowner fungicides available include products like Immunox and Mancozeb.

fruit growers should consult publication ID-21, “Disease and Insect Control Program for Home Grown Fruit in Kentucky.” For landscapes, consult UK Extension publication ID-88, “Woody Plant Disease Control Guide for Kentucky.” All three are available through the Cooperative Extension office. For more information, call 723-4557.



Growing catnip Cats love to paw, chew on, and roll around in this perennial herb. Catnip is related to other mint plants, like spearmint, basil and oregano. Its stems and leaves store oils, and its blossoms display white, pink or purple petals. It is easily propagated by seed, stem cuttings, or rootball division. You can sow seeds outside early in the spring with a light cover of hay, or start them indoors in trays and transplant them outside after the last chance of frost. It likes either sun or shade, and can grow 2 to 3 feet.

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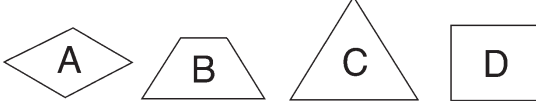
Bye-bye Mosquitoes Purple martins love mosquitoes, and putting up purple martin housing is a sure way to eliminate mosquitoes from your backyard. Martin housing can be found at many local hardware stores or retail outlets that carry birding supplies. Once established, martins will return year after year.

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Stickeler's Puzzle



Three of the four pieces below can be re-assembled to form an equilateral triangle. Try your skill at putting those three pieces in the right places.



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Farming News

Thursday, May 31st @ 3:30pm

UK Ag Equine Farm & Facilities Expo

University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs will host its annual Farm and Facilities Expo from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. EDT Thursday, May 31, at Knapper Farm, 485 Chatham Lane in Harrodsburg.

Friday, June 15th @ 6:30pm

Backyard Beekeeping at the Museum

Tammy Horn Potter, Kentucky State Apiarist, will give a presentation on “Backyard Beekeeping” on Friday, June 15, 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., at the Estill County Historical Museum, 133/135 Broadway in Irvine, Kentucky.

Wishing Well®

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

ASX MSBCA-BCPXC GBBJ UXVA

PQMSNVL NVAB ASX JNAGSXV,

RCQVANGQHHF QMJNVL "USXCX'M

ASX RCFXC?"

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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.

Y ORXVWLYP RQ WMZ ESW

UYM PZVV Y LYM SZ RQ

WXZM-LRMOZO ESZM SZ

LZYMZ SZ SYQ Y SWVZ RM

SRQ SZYO. — YMWMLWLFQ

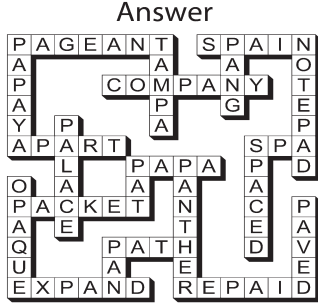
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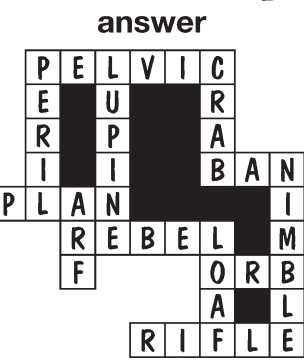
Puzzle Answers

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Letter Box

Solution

A	P	T	N	I	E	O	C	K
C	I	E	K	P	O	T	N	A
K	O	N	T	C	A	E	P	I
P	A	I	O	E	T	C	K	N
O	E	K	C	N	I	A	T	P
N	T	C	A	K	P	I	O	E
E	K	O	I	T	N	P	A	C
I	N	A	P	O	C	K	E	T
T	C	P	E	A	K	N	I	O

Even Exchange

answers

- Chose, Chase
- Strew, Shrew
- Austin, Justin
- Minor, Minor
- Falter, Faster
- Brainy, Brawny
- Crush, Crash
- Detail, Detain
- Norse, Noise
- Insect, Insert

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

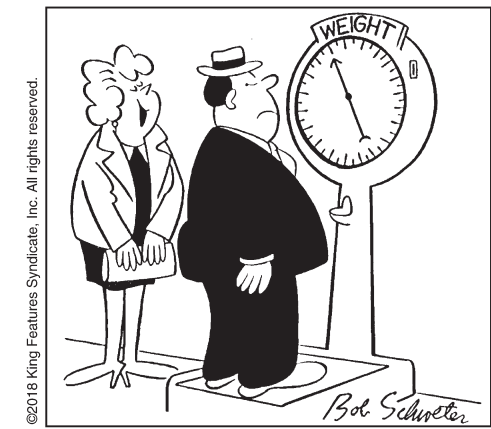
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8	7	5	1	6	4	3	2	9
4	3	6	2	9	8	5	7	1
9	4	1	7	2	3	6	8	5
6	2	3	4	8	5	1	9	7
7	5	8	6	1	9	4	3	2

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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



“Up, up, up! _____ should be so lucky!”

SCRAMBLERS

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!

Bonus	WARDER	_____	_____	_____	_____
Glance	DANGER	_____	_____	_____	_____
Adapt	JAUSDT	_____	_____	_____	_____
Piles	LOUSED	_____	_____	_____	_____

TODAY'S WORD

CryptoQuip

answer
The short-order cook went dashing into the kitchen, frantically asking “Where’s the fryer?”

CryptoQuote

answer
A diplomat is one who can tell a man he is open-minded when he means he has a hole in his head. — Anonymous

Bible Trivia Answers

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ANSWERS (1) Neither; (2) Angels; (3) Peter; (4) Phillip; (5) Melchizedek; (6) Lazarus