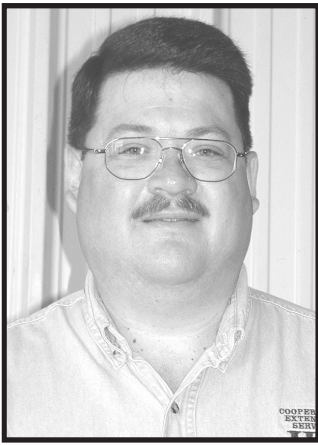


# Take control of weeds in the vegetable garden



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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 effective-

ly 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 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 other gardening tips, contact the Estill County Cooperative Extension office at 723-4557.

### Estill County Fair showcases agriculture!

County fairs are a great community event that showcase agriculture and has 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 June 30 through July 7th at the Estill County fairgrounds on South Irvine Road. I will highlight some of the agri-

culture activities occurring at the fair. On Saturday, June 30th there will be two livestock shows including sheep show (11 a.m.) and swine show (5 p.m.). Monday, July 2nd 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 4th 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 meat goat show is Saturday, July 7th at 11 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!

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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 S

CESGV UQQARJP CS WX YPUX  
LQAZCHG, WX JGRPBLQV ZVRGN  
"XQY HBQYUN LG CHBCWGN QE  
XQYV HBGUE!"

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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.

FSVJ LFA VPOSIJLZ YUBSL,  
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# Puzzle Answers

## June 20, 2018

### Puzzles4Kids

Answer  
SHAMPOO TRAMS  
TE VITAMINS  
AMONG RAGAM  
MAMMAL GAMA  
AZO JAMERICA  
NAME CARAMELS

### Letter Box

Solution  
I A O R D V F N K  
N V D F A K R I O  
F R K N O I D V A  
A D R O V N K F I  
K I N D F A V O R  
O F V I K R A D N  
R K I V N D O A F  
D N F A R O I K V  
V O A K I F N R D

### FEAR & KNIT

answer  
R O U T  
O A  
L E V A N T  
A G U L P  
G P O X O  
E E I  
P R O D D N  
E X H O R T  
N

### Even Exchange

- answers
- Brooke, Brooks
  - Guide, Guise
  - Sidney, Sydney
  - Union, Onion
  - Packer, Pucker
  - Cloak, Clock
  - Pleat, Plead
  - Writer, Waiter
  - Harry, Hurry
  - Brush, Brash

### Weekly SUDOKU

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

### King Crossword

Answers  
Solution time: 24 mins.  
F L A I R S O C K S  
S O U R C E A N O I N T  
P U T T E R M U T T E R  
U G H D U M P S B E E  
R H E A N I L D A Z E  
S T R A P D E L U G E S  
H I M R A N  
A R S E N I C O C E A N  
D E E D N A B E A S E  
A F T D A T E D S T A  
G U T T E R B U T T E R  
E N L A C E O C H E R S  
D E P O T P E E R S

### Bible Trivia Answers

Now available by Wilson Casey! 2017 Bible Trivia box calendar loaded with daily teasers.

ANSWERS (1) New; (2) Death; (3) Dead Sea; (4) Nebuchadnezzar; (5) Stephen; (6) Hoses



## Summer storms

Tender, young plants are very vulnerable to damage from heavy rain, strong winds and hailstorms. Monitor local weather reports daily throughout the growing season.

Keep plenty of buckets, plastic jugs or pots on hand to place over each young plant for the duration of the storm, placing a brick or a heavy rock on top to secure it. Remove promptly when danger is past.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: [www.reelgardening.co.za](http://www.reelgardening.co.za)



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Good Riddance  
Too many squirrels? Try these tips:

- Use only safflower seed in your feeders.
- Hang feeders at least 8 feet from the ground.
- Don't hang feeders on tree branches.
- Try a squirrel baffle on your pole or post. It should be at least 5 feet from the ground.

E-mail: [birdingbits@cfl.rr.com](mailto:birdingbits@cfl.rr.com)  
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## Miss Estill County Fair Beauty Pageants

(Scheduled for Saturday, June 30, 2018)

Applications are now available @ <https://www.estillcountyagriculturalfair.com>. You will be able to pay your entry fee through this website also. Applications must be scanned along with birth certificate and emailed back to the email address listed on the application.

- Miss Estill County Open Beauty Contest - Ages 16-21 - Entry Fee \$45
- Miss Estill County Open Teen Beauty Contest - Ages 13-15 - Entry Fee \$40
- Miss Estill County Pre-Teen Pageant (Closed) - Ages 8-12 - Entry Fee \$30

Entry deadline for all 3 pageants is Friday, June 29, 2018, 4:00 p.m.  
Any questions or for more information contact Gina Flynn (606) 975-5851, [gina.flynn@estill.kyschools.us](mailto:gina.flynn@estill.kyschools.us) or Tammy Cole (859) 582-2695, [tammy.cole@powell.kyschools.us](mailto:tammy.cole@powell.kyschools.us)

## top ten

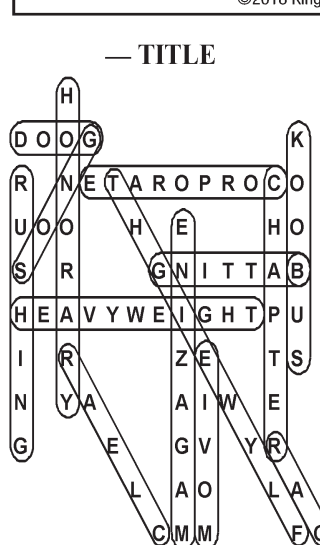
### Best Fast-Food Experience

- Subway
- Popeye's
- Panera Bread
- Little Caesar's
- Baskin Robbins
- Pizza Hut
- Sonic Drive-In
- Starbucks
- Dairy Queen
- Chick-fil-A (tie) KFC

Source: Temkin Group, 2018  
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## Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS (sic)  
by Terry Stickels  
What countries border Denmark?  
Stickeler's Answer on Page 11  
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### CryptoQuip answer

After looking at my ugly bookcase, my neighbor cried "You should be ashamed of your shelf!"

### CryptoQuote answer

When two elephants fight, it is the grass that gets trampled.  
- Swahili proverb

## You Bend'em - We Mend'em



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