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Farm Safety Week & Fall Harvest

The number of fatalities in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting in Kentucky totaled 13 in 2017, according to the Kentucky Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) Program's annual report. Because agricultural workers have this risk, Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles proclaimed the week of September 16-22 as Farm Safety and Health Week to call attention to the hazards unique to farming and encourage all Kentuckians to put safety first.

Fall harvest season is a busy time for Kentucky farmers and their families. According to UK Extension Professor and Agricultural Safety & Health Specialist Mark Purschwitz, it also is a peak season for agricultural injuries and an important time for farm families and the public to pay attention to safety.

Long working hours can lead to fatigue and stress, making farm workers less alert to potential safety hazards. Take breaks when operating equipment for an extended period of

time. If possible, trade off with other workers for a change of pace. Dress appropriately for the job. Avoid loose clothing, jackets with dangling strings and sweatshirts that could get entangled in moving equipment. Entanglement in moving parts, especially power take-offs or other chain and belt drivers, is a major fall harvest hazard. Inspect machinery and equipment to be sure shields and guards on moving parts are in place and in good repair. Replace ineffective or missing safety equipment. Before getting off equipment, disengage the power and wait for moving parts to completely stop. When possible, shut off the engine. It is always a good idea to take the ignition key with you so another person does not unexpectedly start equipment while you are performing maintenance or repair. If you are working under any piece of equipment, such as a header unit, always use the jack stand or hydraulic cylinder locks to prevent it from suddenly falling and pinning you. Be sure all safety locks are operational.

A pinhole-size hydraulic leak can cause severe tissue damage. If a farmer is injected with oil from a hydraulic leak, they should seek immediate medical assistance. The oil must be surgically removed, and delays can result in serious infections and possible amputations. Always use paper or cardboard to

check for hydraulic leaks. Tractor overturns are the leading cause of farm deaths. To prevent these tragedies, equip older model tractors with a roll-over protective structure. Most tractors manufactured after the late 1960s or early 1970s can be equipped with a ROPS for a reasonable price. Make it a habit to use the seat belt to ensure you remain inside the zone of protection provided by the ROPS or safety cab. The seat belt also will keep you from being thrown off the tractor if you hit an obstacle. Being thrown off the tractor and run over is the second leading cause of tractor deaths. Never allow any extra riders on tractors or equipment. Keep bystanders away from operating equipment. Also, be aware of people who may have come into the area. Always check around equipment before starting or moving it. Carry a fire extinguisher on all tractors and self-propelled equipment. Periodically check extinguishers to be sure they are pressurized and in good condition. To prevent fires, be sure equipment is clean and hoses and fuel systems are in good shape and not leaking. Remove trash and debris around engine components.

Farm vehicles on public roads are annually involved in thousands of injury accidents in the United States, and more than 200 collisions involving farm machinery on public roads occur in Kentucky every

year. Thus, people driving farm machinery and those driving vehicles should be especially careful and watchful. Keep slow-moving-vehicle emblems and extremity markings clean and bright to help motorists notice equipment. Replace faded slow moving vehicle (SMV) emblems and check headlights, tail-lights and flashing lights for satisfactory operation. To alert on-coming drivers, use reflectors or reflective tape when the edges of towed equipment extend beyond the left side of a tractor. When possible, pull completely off the road to let a line of traffic pass.

Since it may be difficult to anticipate the operational intentions of farm machinery on the roadway, other drivers need to watch for unmarked field entrances or other places the tractor driver might be planning to enter. A tractor may need to move to the right to complete a left turn so do not assume the tractor driver wants you to pass when moving to the right side. Pass only in a designated passing zone or when the other driver signals and completely pulls off the road. Please be patient as farmers travel the roads to bring in the harvest.

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A	U	N	P	G	L	E	S	E	F	S	E	R

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: O equals S

VI RNZ'S AVL T RNZE INASTE
IAUBO CN OCUR UFFTOOVHAT,
RNZ WVMQC FNPOVSTE
LTTBVP M CUHO NP CQTW.

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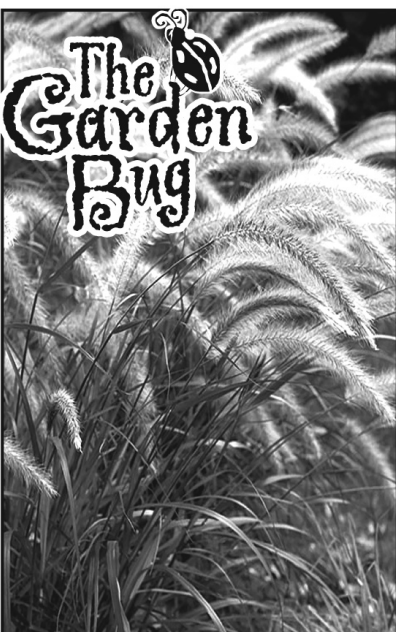
CryptoQuote

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.

WHJJVF MW VPEKJEMJEGAZ
APVYGJT UMTRYZ CJGRJJE
GFPQXFG YET YVGMPE, RFJBJ
MG PIGJE WQCWGMGQGGJW
IPB CPGF.
— DPEF Y. FPAUJW

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- Brenda Weaver

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Vacation Advice

When I go on vacation, I shut down the bird garden. The birds are all right, because they do not depend on me for food. They do quite nicely with their God-given instincts. As soon as I return, though, I fill my central tray feeder and the birds are back in no time!

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Puzzle Answers September 19, 2018

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

Why do kids wear glasses in math class?

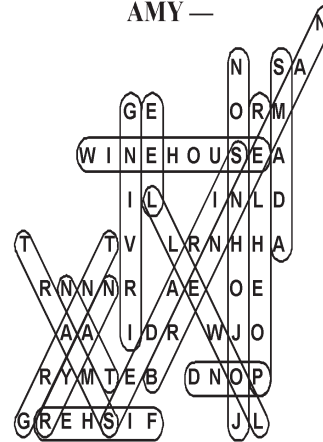
It improves di-vision.

Letter Box

Solution

I	H	R	C	G	T	Y	P	O
Y	G	T	O	P	H	R	C	I
C	O	P	Y	R	I	G	H	T
O	P	Y	T	C	G	H	I	R
H	T	G	R	I	P	C	O	Y
R	I	C	H	O	Y	T	G	P
P	R	I	G	T	C	O	Y	H
G	Y	O	P	H	R	I	T	C
T	C	H	I	Y	O	P	R	G

AMY —



FEAR & KNIGHT

answer

L	I	T	M	U	S			
E	E	K						
M	E	E	T	I				
O				K	N	E	L	T
N	U	S		I				I
	T		S					N
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Even Exchange

answers

- Guest, Quest
- Mature, Nature
- Front, Frond
- Rubble, Rumble
- Judge, Fudge
- Potter, Porter
- White, Whine
- Staple, Stable
- Honed, Honey
- Revive, Revise

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

King Crossword

Answers

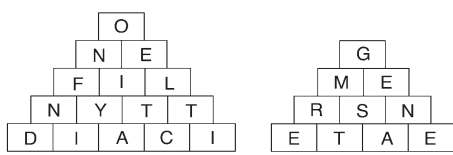
Solution time: 21 mins.

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P	E	G	P	E	A	R	L	S	E	A	
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E	R	I	E	A	L	E	S	E	E	D	

Stickeler's Puzzle



Here's a "double pyramid" puzzle...
When put together, the two words
form a well-known phrase.



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Stickeler's Answer on Page 11

Americanisms



"Americans will put up
with anything provided
it doesn't block traffic."

—Dan Rather

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and business
partners.

Thank you!



Bible Trivia Answers

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ANSWERS (1) Neither; (2) One
fresh; (3) Amortises; (4) Moth; (5)
Og; (6) Fourth