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mosquitoes have had a and keep swimming pools downright miserable. Many recreational and work activities have been ruined by the constant annoyance and irritation mosquito bites inflict.

While more than 50 mosquito species can be found in the state, only a few are and swampy areas and other a significant nuisance and/ or public health threat. It's drain or fill tree holes and important to know where stumps with mortar or sealmosquitoes breed and what you can do to reduce their numbers in and around your home and to protect yourself from bites. There are limits cisterns and septic tanks. Be to what we can do to minimize their abundance, but employing a few easy techniques can give you a little relief.

The most effective way to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home is to find and eliminate their breeding sites, which is standing water. There are the chance of being bitten. plenty of potential places in which mosquitoes can develop. A neglected bird bath, swimming pool or clogged rain gutter can produce hundreds of new mosquitoes in a just a few days. Trees up-quito repellents contain the rooted by storms leave soil active ingredient diethyldepressions that collect seep- meta-toluamide age and rainwater. Large ar- The higher the percentage eas of standing water, such of DEET in the product, the as from swamps, sluggishly longer the protection lasts.

# **Controlling Mosquitoes**

Clean debris from rain gutfaucets and air conditioners that produce puddles for several days. Change water mosquito-eating fish (aerafor egg laying and development). Fill or drain ditches soil depressions. Remove, ant to prevent accumulation of water. Eliminate standing water and seepage around animal watering troughs, sure that cistern screens are intact and that access covers fit tightly.

Keep mosquitoes out of your home by keeping windows, doors and porches tightly sealed and insect screens in good repair. Staying indoors at dusk and during evening hours will lessen Long-sleeved shirts and pants will provide protection when outdoors, but bites can still occur through thin clothing and to exposed skin.

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There are several steps may provide some relief, but majority are moths, beetles you can take to minimize generally to a lesser degree mosquito breeding on your and for shorter duration than property. Dispose of debris DEET products. It is often or garbage that can hold desirable to apply insect re- mosquito repelling properwater. Empty accumulated pellent on outer clothing as water from trash cans, boats, well as the skin. Always read wheel barrows, pet dishes and follow directions on the and flower pot bottoms. container. You should not apply mosquito repellent to ters and unclog obstructed the hands of young children, downspouts. Repair leaking and you should wash treated skin with soap and water af-

ter returning indoors. Many consumer products With the moist summer in bird baths and wading claim to attract, repel or kill we've had in Kentucky, pools at least once a week mosquitoes. Most of these devices do not significantly prime environment to flour- cleaned and chlorinated. reduce mosquito abundance ish. They can make your life Ornamental pools can be or incidence of bites. De-

effort, you can prevent them from

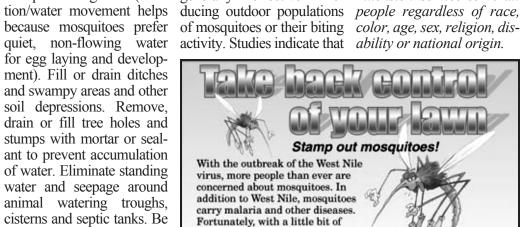
breeding in your yard.

may require efforts beyond tions are available for use mosquitoes make up only a those of individual property with young children. Non-tiny percentage of the insects DEET containing repellents captures in such traps. The and other harmless night flying insects.

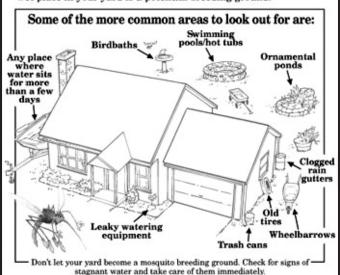
Citronella oil does have ties, and the scented candles can provide a degree of protection. For maximum effect, use multiple candles placed within a few feet of where people are sitting. A single candle at the center or edge of a picnic blanket probably won't provide much benefit other than atmosphere.

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

Educational programs of aerated or stocked with vices like "bug zappers" are the Kentucky Cooperative generally ineffective in re- Extension Service serve all



Most mosquitoes lay their eggs around water, so any damp or wet place in your yard is a potential breeding ground.



Tuesdays, 3-7, and Senior Day, 2nd Tuesday, 10-2

### **Estill County Farmers' Market**

The Estill County Farmers' Market is now open on Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. On the second Tuesday of each month market hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is Senior Day, but it is not limited to seniors; all are welcome. The market is also open on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market could close sooner if vendors sell out, so customers are advised to come early for best selection.

Thursday, August 22nd @ 7:00 pm

### Organic Gardening Seminar

If you are interested in organic gardening information, please attend our Organic Gardening Practices Seminar on Thursday, August 22, 7:00 p.m., at the Estill County Extension Office, 76 Golden Court (off Stacy Lane), in Irvine. Kentucky Department of Agriculture Organic Program Manager Adam Watson will discuss organic terminology, organic garden practices, and discuss organic certification process. Call the Extension office if you need more information.



http://www.educationalcoloringpages.com/flower.html http://www.raisingourkids.com/coloring-pages/animal/flower/ http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/flower-colouring-pages

- Brenda Weaver

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# Stickeler's Answer

# **Stickelers Answer**

- 1. bruise busier, rubies, buries
- 2. traces crates, reacts, recast, caster
- 3. names means, manes, manse
- 4. street tester, setter, retest

### Wishing 2 8 Ε 0 Ν R Ν 3 8 D Ε F 5 2 8 6 3 8 Ε 6 3 8 2 3 С M Ε 0 3 5 3 6 5 3 D Ν Α Ε R R 2 5 2 5 D R Ε S Ε S Ε D Ν

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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### CryptoQuote

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.

TE SZI DMYFFS VYRH HZ

FZAM VMTUWH, HWMDM

YDM ZRFS HWDMM HWTRUA

HZ UTPM IQ: KDMYLEYAH,

FIRXW YRN NTRRMD.

KMRCYOTR EDYRLFTR

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## CryptoQuip

for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

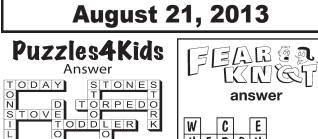
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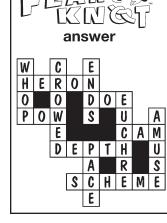
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THE THREE R's

(ARBIT/RARY



## **Even Exchange**

6. Loser, Loner

1. Terry, Merry 2. Refuse, Refute 7. Cloak, Croak

3. Hoist, Heist 8. Senior, Sensor

4. Prude, Prune 9. Harpo, Harps

5. Shrink, Shriek 10. Taller, Teller

### Weekly SUDOKU \_\_\_

Answer

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

### **King** Crossword — **Answers**

Solution time: 21 mins. O O H S W O K A G E S
P R E M I E R E C O R A
S E M I N A R Y C A S K
L O N S V E L T E
A L I E N S T E P
B A B Y P L O T T E R E X P L O R E A U T O

R A M P P R I C E

W A S A B I S H E

### **CryptoQuip** When a company's top dog

(R/E/IRRAB)

stays somewhere long-term, I'd call him the resident president

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(ROIRRAW)

### CryptoQuote answei

If you really want to lose weight, there are only three things to give up: breakfast, lunch and dinner. - Benjamin Franklin

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

Adoniram; 6) Profit 2) Two; 3) 30; 4) Six; 5) ANSWERS: 1) Neither;

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