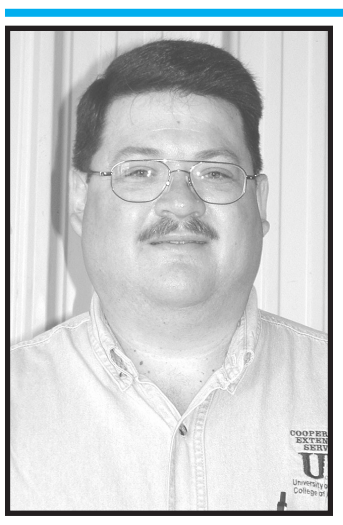
UK Looks Back on 50 Years of The Farm Machinery Show



Eric Baker
Estill County Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources

In the early 1960s, Blaine Parker was part of a group of agricultural engineers working on a rural electrification project. Parker was the chair of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Agricultural Engineering Department at the time. He had no idea that those group meetings would lead to a farm machinery demonstration that would still be going 50 years later and attracting visitors from around the world.

Parker, now in his 80s and long-since retired, said the group met in Louisville one year and started talking about doing a demonstration of electrical equipment. They worked with electric cooperatives with a goal of educating farmers about electricity on the farm.

"One of the big companies back then was Allis-Chalmers," Parker said. "They wanted to bring some farm equipment down, some tractors, to show the farmers." The first demonstration was in Lexington in 1963 in a small tobacco warehouse. After that initial offering, Parker said a few other companies wanted to participate, and they moved the event to Western Kentucky to reach a different audience. "It was great exposure for the companies and for farm people too," he said. "Farm people needed to be aware of what kinds of equipment were available." Parker said at some point, someone suggested the show get an official name. "Someone yelled, 'Hey, why don't we just call this the National Farm Machinery Show?'" Parker recalled. "Since nobody else was doing it, we decided right then and there to give it that name. Soon after, I was at a Chicago meeting of the American Association of Agricultural Engineers and people jumped all over me wanting to know what was going on down here in Kentucky. Once we explained it, it was official and the show began to grow."

In 1966, the first official National Farm Machinery Show took place at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville. UK and the electric cooperatives formed a committee with the fair board to organize future exhibits. Pretty soon, all the major farm equipment companies brought their newest offerings to the show. UKAg has maintained a strong presence of faculty, staff and students since the beginning. "It was a classic example of the right idea coming along at just the right time," said William Tolle, long-time chair of the in-house events committee for the Kentucky State Fair Board. "The enthusiasm of the early show organizers—combined with a great exposition facility in a central location—quickly propelled an exhibition to educate Kentucky farmers about the latest agricultural technologies into the nation's largest indoor farm machinery show."

Carl King came to UK as a student in 1966. He remembers going with a group of agricultural engineering students to the show in 1967. King stayed in the department as an engineer after graduation. He recently retired from his full-time position, but stayed on in a post-retirement appointment. "It's amazing to me how the show has grown," he said. "It's so much bigger now and encompasses so much more of agriculture than just machinery. Everything a farmer needs to do the job is right there under roof in one location. There's nothing like it in the world."

King has been at the show in some capacity every year since 1967. He said the growth in the scale of the equipment has been the most impressive thing. "In the 1960s, a 100 horsepower tractor was huge; now we're talking about 300-plus horsepower tractors," he said. "You maybe saw a two-row combine back then, at best. Now, you've got 12- to 15-row combines and corn planters with many more rows than that. Agriculture has just expanded in every way, and it's all on display there. If you've got four days and a good pair of shoes, you can compare all the brands and make a really informed decision for your farm."

Parker retired in 1997 and hasn't been to the show in several years. He said that while the event has evolved and grown over the years, the original purpose hasn't changed. "The sole purpose of the event, for us, was always to educate farmers," he added. UKAg looks back on 50 years of the farm machinery show. The event is February 11-14 at the KY Exposition Center in Louisville. Visit http://www.farmmachineryshow.org/ for details.

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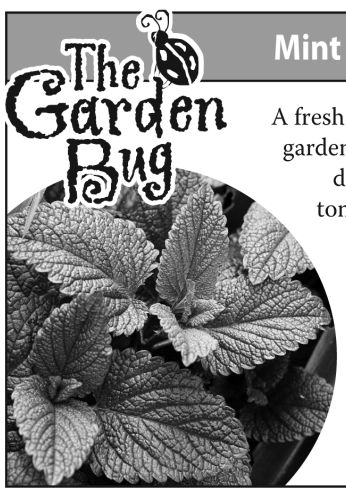
The Garden Bug — Mint

BY BRENDA WEAVER



A fresh snip from a mint plant in your garden can be used to garnish plates, desserts or drinks. Cabbage and tomato plants are said to increase their yield if mint is grown nearby. Moths, ants and mice can be repelled by its scent. Mint plants can spread quickly if left unattended, so keep them cut back weekly during growing season.

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Farm News

Thursday, February 5th @ 10am

Private Pesticide Applicator Training

Private pesticide applicator certification meetings are scheduled for Thursday, February 5th, 10:00 a.m. and Monday, February 16th, 7:00 p.m. The meetings are at the Estill County Extension Office, 76 Golden Court (off Stacy Lane) in Irvine. The training will educate participants on the proper handling and use of pesticides. Certified private pesticide applicators must be recertified every three years. Farmers must be certified to purchase restricted-use pesticides. If you need further information or to pre-register, please feel free to contact me at 723-4557.

Tuesday, February 17th @ 6pm

Corn & Soybean Update

County Extension Services of Estill, Clark, and Madison County have partnered to host a "Corn & Soybean Update" on Tuesday, February 17th, 6:00 p.m., at the Clark County Farm Bureau Building, 115 South Highland Street, Winchester, KY. We hope all grain producers can attend. A sponsored meal will be provided. If you plan to attend, pre-register by calling 723-4557.

Order through February 20th

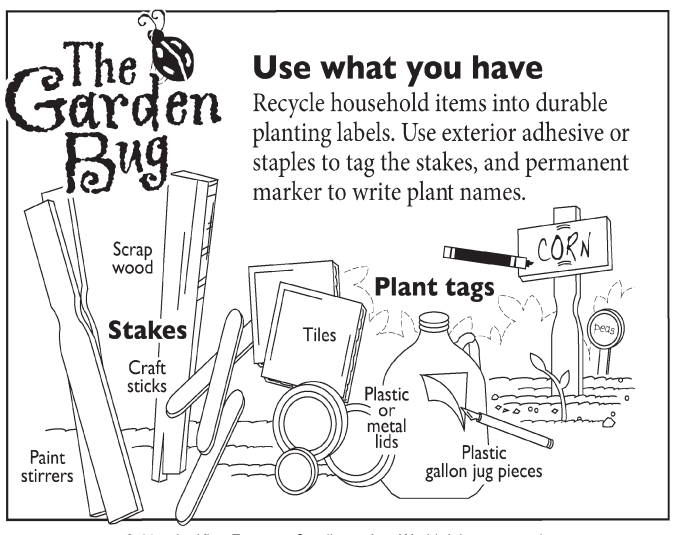
Fruit Tree Rootstock, etc.

The Estill Extension Service will be taking orders for apple and pear rootstocks this month. If you want to propagate a favorite apple or pear, grafting is one of the easiest ways to preserve that cultivar. To graft, you will need scion wood (terminal branch segments from last year's growth collected at the end of February) and a rootstock. If you do not know how to graft, come by the office for information or assistance.

The Garden Bug

Use what you have

Recycle household items into durable planting labels. Use exterior adhesive or staples to tag the stakes, and permanent marker to write plant names.



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Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic]. by Terry Stickels

In the following puzzle, the first number in each set of boxes has a certain relationship with the second number in that set. That relationship is the same in all five sets.

What is the missing number?

2	3	7	5	30	6		
13	8	2					

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Stickeler's Answer on Page 11

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

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

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.

XFVFRCHCYB LEH QZYRFS XLEX QFYQVF TCVV VYYP EX EBGXLCBD ZEXLFZ XLEB FEAL YXLFZ.

— EBB VEBSFZH

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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: **I** equals **T**

UNWB' IOZS FYZFSHZNZD L DNHK VJY VLB SLINZD L ILBIP RYKKOBU: "RLHP JLW L KNIIKS FKLR."

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Puzzle Answers

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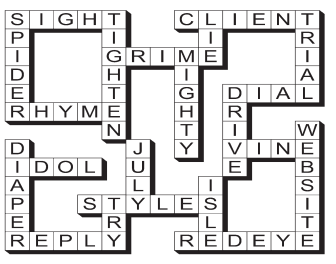
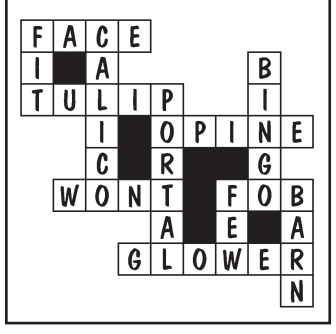
Puzzles4Kids

Answer



FEAR KNOT

answer



Letter Box

Solution

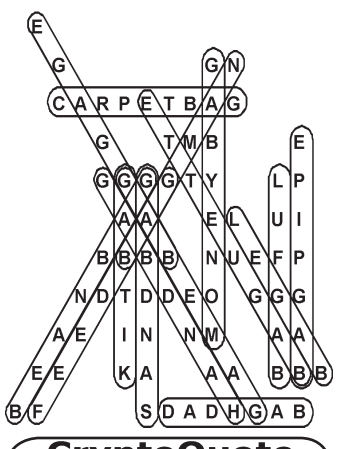
W	O	L	F	T	R	A	C	K
K	R	A	L	W	C	T	O	F
C	T	F	O	K	A	W	L	R
A	F	O	R	L	W	K	T	C
L	K	C	A	O	T	F	R	W
R	W	T	K	C	F	O	A	L
O	A	W	C	F	L	R	K	T
F	L	K	T	R	O	C	W	A
T	C	R	W	A	K	L	F	O

Even Exchange

answers

1. Marlin, Martin
2. Globe, Glove
3. Barber, Berber
4. Daily, Doily
5. Ellen, Allen
6. Repeal, Reveal
7. Lathe, Lithe
8. Polite, Police
9. Fresh, Flesh
10. Chill, Child

BAGGY WORDS



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

CryptoQuote

answer

Television has proved that people will look at anything rather than each other.
— ANN LANDERS

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

J	O	W	L	■	G	A	L	■	C	A	D	S
A	R	E	A	■	Y	M	A	■	O	M	I	T
M	E	L	T	■	M	A	D	M	O	N	E	Y
B	O	L	E	Y	N	■	D	E	L	E	T	E
■	■	■	S	E	A	S	■	T	I	S	■	■
B	A	D	T	A	S	T	E	■	T	I	E	R
O	L	E	■	S	T	O	N	E	■	A	L	E
P	I	C	S	■	S	A	D	S	A	C	K	S
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O	P	E	N	E	R	■	R	U	D	D	E	R
G	L	A	D	R	A	G	S	■	I	O	T	A
L	O	S	E	■	V	I	E	■	C	L	A	P
E	W	E	R	■	E	N	D	■	T	E	S	T

CryptoQuip

answer

Kids' tune concerning a girl who was eating a tasty mollusk: "Mary Had a Little Clam."

Bible Trivia Answers

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

ANSWERS 1) Old; 2) Nehemiah; 3) Holy Spirit; 4) Isaiah; 5) Solomon; 6) John

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