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People living in town or on a small lot might not think they have space to garden, but that is not necessarily the case. UK Cooperative Extension Service publication, ID-248: Gardening in Small Spaces, shows you how you can garden in a small area.

Besides space, an issue that may limit gardening is sunlight. Most vegetables require full sun, meaning six or more hours of direct sunlight each day. If you

# Try a small-scale garden this year

have an open yard free of tall trees or a south-facing sunny patio, you should have sufficient light. If you only get four hours or so of light, try lettuce, spinach and radishes for the spring garden, or Swiss chard, cucumbers or winter squash for the summer garden.

Gardening with limited space is best done in raised beds in the yard or containers for the patio. Beds can be made of many materials such as wood, plastic, vinyl or concrete blocks. Kill or cover any existing grass within the bed area and add 6 to 8 inches of amended soil. Amended soil includes 25% garden soil and 75% organic matter such as a mixture of peat, humus and compost. Little fertilizer should be needed if the mix contains at least 25% compost.

For patio gardening, use pots or other containers to grow vegetables. These containers should be filled with potting soil, not garden soil. Use containers large enough to provide soil for good plant root growth. Plants in containers will need occasional fertilizer. Consult the fertilizer label for specific instructions. Larger pots will need less frequent watering than small pots, although container vegetables may need water once a day in the heat of summer. Make sure there are drainage holes to allow excess water to escape the pot. A five-gallon bucket is the perfect size for a tomato, while a 10-inch pot will hold a hot pepper plant.

The Gardening in Small Spaces publication includes information on plant spacing for beds and

containers. Gardening in Small Spaces is available at <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/ID/ID248/ID248.pdf>. A companion publication, ID-128: Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky, provides information on planting dates and care instructions for most vegetables. Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky is at <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/id/id128/id128.pdf>. Contact me at the Estill County Cooperative Extension Service at 723-4557 for a copy of either publication or for additional gardening information.

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6	7	2	8	6	7	2	7	2	7	8	2	2
V	U	U	N	E	C	R	A	N	N	G	E	Y

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: E equals R

PISHKAI MQI DHMMEIAA YZ QIE  
  
RKIAM PIU JA AY NJED, JM  
  
SEIHMIA CYMA YN QHEU NIICJZRA.

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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.

LOD RBUPK SY PSWD Z IZYW  
  
KZHQSH. SC MBJ RZHL LB  
  
YDD SL RDPP, MBJ KB HBL  
  
YLZHK SH BHD GPZQD.  
  
— QOSHJZ ZQODED

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### The Garden Bug

## "Shakespeare" gardens

honor the famous playwright and have been set up in parks all over the world, often near theatres. They contain plants, flowers and trees found in his many works, such as almond, birch, blackberries, camomile, caraway, cedar, daffodil, ebony, fig, gooseberry, hazel, hyssop, lettuce, marjoram, mulberry, nutmeg, oats, olive, pear, pomegranate, quince, radish, rye, rosemary, saffron, strawberry, sycamore, thorn, violet, wormwood and yew. — Brenda Weaver

Rosemary (18th-century woodcut)

Sources: *The Plant-Lore and Garden-Craft of Shakespeare* by Henry Ellacombe, 1884; [www.botanicalshakespeare.com](http://www.botanicalshakespeare.com)



## Birding BITS

BY  
Cindy Brook

### A Warbler Affair

The other day I came home to a yard filled with warblers. There were three black and white warblers chasing each other around some pine trees. And my tray feeder had yellow-rumps, yellow-throated and pine warblers all eating sunflower chips. It was quite the sight!

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## UK Horticulture Webinar Wednesdays Continue

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The free Horticulture Webinar Wednesdays continue on Zoom each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. ET/11:30 p.m. CT. University of Kentucky extension specialists and horticulture agents teach the 45- to 60-minute sessions, covering a variety of topics that will be of interest to those tending large or small gardens or landscapes, no matter their expertise level.

Topics for April and May include: Using Native Plants in the Landscape - April 7, Companion Planting - April 14, How to Start a Community Garden - April 21, Common Vegetable Diseases - April 28, From My Head To My Toes - May 5, Japanese Art of Kokedama - May 12, Begonias - May 19, and Summer and Fall Lawn Care - May 26.

Those interested in joining the webinars should register for one or more of the sessions at <https://tinyurl.com/UKYHortWebWed21>. Last year's webinars are available for viewing at <https://kentuckyhortnews.com/horticulture-webinar-wednesdays/season-one/>.

## Stickeler's Answer Stickelers Answer

1-c, 2-e, 3-a, 4-f, 5-b, 6-d

### Stickeler's Puzzle on Page 7

## Puzzle Answers

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

P E G L D F D T E Y  
R P N T O O I V O M  
E A E D G R I U P D  
V H N S U G D Y E V  
E A Q T I R B O R L  
R T U Z H A E A A O  
O L H N H A R S O V  
F A I I S Z N P C E  
Y X L E S I C K L T  
M E H G O O D K S U

Creates lots of hard feelings.  
guest bed is so firm, it  
Because the mattress on her  
answer  
**Cryptoquip**

— China Achebe  
stand in one place.  
see it well, you do not  
dancing. If you want to  
The world is like a mask  
answer  
**Cryptoquote**

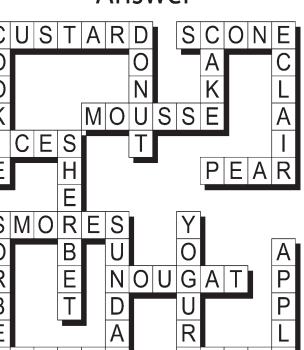
**Bible Word Search on Page 7**

## Puzzle Answers

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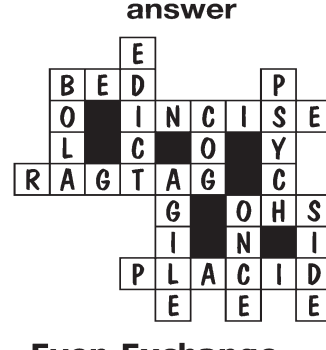
### Puzzles4Kids

Answer



### FEAR KNIGHT

answer



### Even Exchange

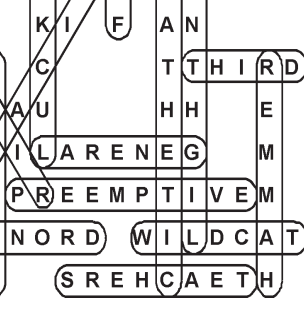
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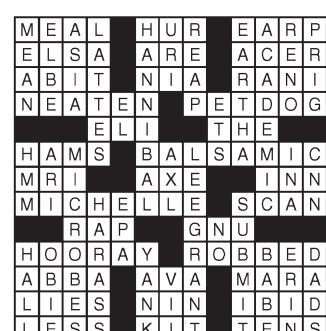
1. Ballet, Bullet
2. Flake, Flame
3. Waiter, Writer
4. Month, Mouth
5. Chord, Chore
6. Hunger, Hunter
7. Throne, Throng
8. Hover, Homer
9. Stalk, Stall
10. Saddler, Ladder

## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.





## Letter Box

Solution

T	X	C	A	E	L	B	O	M
M	L	O	B	T	X	C	E	A
A	B	E	C	O	M	X	L	T
X	E	M	O	B	T	A	C	L
L	A	T	E	X	C	O	M	B
C	O	B	M	L	A	T	X	E
O	T	X	L	A	E	M	B	C
E	C	A	X	M	B	L	T	O
B	M	L	T	C	O	E	A	X

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

### Bible Trivia Answers

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

**ANSWERS** 1) Neither; 2) Wine; 3) Cephas; 4) Gold; 5) Nicodemus; 6) Jeremiah

## THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



**SCHOOL DAZE**

DO YOU WANT HELP WITH YOUR HOMEWORK?

NO THANKS, DAD..I CAN MAKE THE MISTAKES MYSELF...

— THANK TO MICKI NIEMAN, WILKES BARRE, PA.



**EVER HAPPEN TO YOU? THE PHONE IN THE TV SHOW RINGS AND...**

R-R-RING-A-LING-RING-RING-G-G--

THAT MUST BE LOOPIE..HE SAID HE'D DROP BY...

I'LL GET IT--I'M EXPECTING A CALL FROM MY OFFICE!

THAT'S THE ICE-CREAM TRUCK..

— THANK TO QUITE A FEW CONTRIBUTORS ALL OVER U.S.A.

## BY AL SCADUTO



**GROUNDS FOR YOU-KNOW-WHAT**

WE'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU FOLKS OUT TO DINNER...

NO, NO! WE WOULDN'T HEAR OF IT... WE'LL EAT HERE... MIGRAINA LOVES TO COOK...

VESUVIUS ABOUT TO ERUPT

— THANK TO "BARBARA Z", HALIFAX, FL.



R-R-RING-A-LING-RING-RING-G-G--

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