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Record keeping may not be every farmer's favorite activity, and probably not the reason you got into farming as a career. With time, patience and a commitment to get it done, it can make your financial life a lot less worrisome.

According to UK Agriculture Economist Steve Isaacs, record keeping doesn't have to be stressful. It's a way to discover things about your farm that will help you make better long-term decisions. You can use a ledger book or a com-

# Making Farm Record Keeping A Priority

puter—whatever helps you maintain consistency. Software programs can make your data more meaningful. Software has become more user-friendly over time, and while it may not make the record keeping process fun, it could help you see the overall picture of your operation. Some programs track purchases of inputs and how you use the input on a particular enterprise or field. You'll be able to keep track of repair and maintenance records for specific farm equipment and produce balance sheets, income statements and cash flow budgets.

For many livestock operations, a good time to start keeping records is when the veterinarian comes to check the herd. Vets usually charge per head, so that data can help you develop a list of animals that need attention. You can use the same data to develop health histories of your animals, which will lead to more informed exams and diagnosis in the future.

Make record keeping a

team effort for your family. Sit down and work on the records and budget together. Perhaps one person can read the information while another person types it into the software program or writes it in the ledger book. Also, if you do a little bit each day and don't save it all up for the end of the year, you won't become overwhelmed.

If you've done the work throughout the year, year-end procedures can feel more satisfying. You can generate year-end reports with a few simple clicks and not have to sort through stacks of bills lying around the home or office.

The University of Ken-

tucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Department of Agricultural Economics has several tools online that could help with budgeting and decision making. Visit <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agecon/index.php?p=29> to see what is available.

If you prefer to keep records on paper, Kentucky Farm Record Books are available at your local Extension office. If you need more information, contact the Estill County Extension office at 723-4557..

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**Monday, January 25th @ 12 Noon**  
**Communications Essentials for Good Impressions**

Communication plays an important role in any relationship. But effective communication isn't necessarily natural – it takes some work to be a good communicator.

Join us on Monday, January 25th, at noon at the Estill County Extension Office to learn about non-verbal communication (body language) and the roles speaking and active listening play in communication.

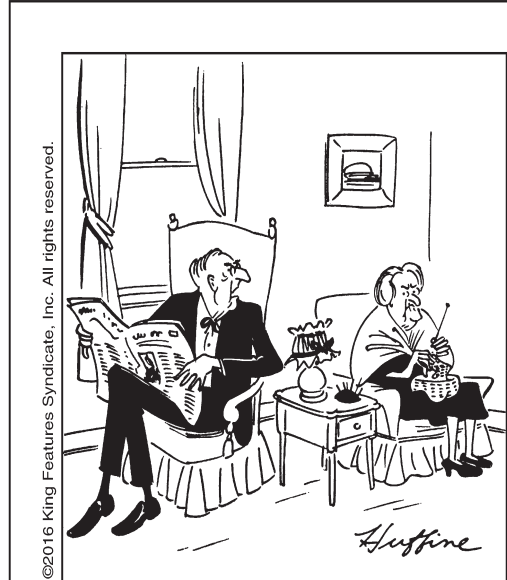
Gina Noc, Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Agent in Madison County will share tips for making sure you communicate the message you intend and for making a good impression.

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**The Garden Bug**  
**Pelargonium cotyledonis**

This plant is native to the dry, barren cliffs of the island of St. Helena in the southern Atlantic Ocean. Its local name is "Old Father Live Forever." It was brought to England in the 1760s. It favors cool, dry climates, and will exhibit partial or total defoliation during winter dormancy.

Source: [www.perfect-pelargoniums.com](http://www.perfect-pelargoniums.com)



"Will you pipe down for a while? These are my \_\_\_\_\_ years, remember?"

## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Annoy  
**BARGED** \_\_\_\_\_

Prod  
**DUEGN** \_\_\_\_\_

Master  
**TORNLOC** \_\_\_\_\_

Distort  
**GELMAN** \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY'S WORD

\_\_\_\_\_

**Stickeler's Puzzle**  
**STICKELERS** (sic)  
by Terry Stickels

Below is a figure built by using different-sized square sheets of paper.

What is the minimum number of these square sheets needed to construct this figure?

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Stickeler's Answer on Page 11

**DANNY NEWMAN**  
**Now Hauling Gravel for Tipton Ridge Quarry**  
**Single-Axle Dump Truck**  
**Loads Range From 1 to 12 Tons**  
**(606) 723-9816 or**  
**(606) 643-6118**

**MILLERS CREEK**  
**TOP SOIL & FILL DIRT**  
**Rock Hauling 1-12 Tons**  
**Call (606) 726-9004**

**Community News**

**Thursday, January 21st @ 6pm**  
**Beef Cattle Producer Meeting**  
There will be a beef cattle producer meeting on Thursday, January 21st, 6:00 p.m. at the Estill County Extension office. The meeting is cosponsored by Tri-County Fertilizer & Propane, CPC Commodities, Estill County Cattlemen's Association (ECCA), and Cooperative Extension. The meeting topic is winter feeding supplements. A meal will be served. ECCA will have their January business meeting afterward. Please pre-register by calling 723-4557 no later than January 19th.

**Order By Friday, January 22nd**  
**Apple and Pear Rootstock**  
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.  
We typically order Malling7 (55% of standard size) and/or MM.111 (80% of standard) semi-dwarf apple rootstock and a pear rootstock. Please place your order on or before January 22nd by calling 606-723-4557. The rootstocks usually arrive by the first of March. Orders must be prepaid by February 19th.  
In addition, we will take orders for strawberry, blackberry, blueberry, raspberry, asparagus, and Candy onion plants. Plant delivery will be in early April. If you are interested or have questions, call our office at 723-4557. Orders must be prepaid by March 18th.

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

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: **Z** equals **W**

ZCTW XCT CJY UTKRBT LQFVT

URNTY ZFVC CTN KQNNTWV

IJDDJWV HWFICV, XCT ZTWV

UJKH VR XLQFNT RWT.

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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.

DOMU YGVIUIDD; YQ YD QOI

TMDQ QOKQ KQQKXOID

YQDIVP QE QOI NEDQ

FTYVVYKUQ NIQKVD.

— REVQKYTI

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**Puzzle Answers**  
**January 20, 2016**

**Puzzles4Kids**  
Answer

**FEAR & KNIGHT**  
answer

**Letter Box**  
Solution

N	T	I	B	H	U	M	L	A
L	U	M	N	I	A	B	H	T
A	B	H	L	T	M	I	U	N
B	N	T	I	A	H	L	M	U
U	I	L	T	M	B	N	A	H
H	M	A	U	N	L	T	B	I
M	L	N	A	U	I	H	T	B
T	H	U	M	B	N	A	I	L
I	A	B	H	L	T	U	N	M

**ANAGRAMS OF MLB TEAMS**

**CryptoQuip**  
answer  
When she had become quite bored with her current gallant knight, she went back to squire one.

**CryptoQuote**  
answer  
Shun idleness; it is the rust that attaches itself to the most brilliant metals.  
— Voltaire

**Even Exchange**  
Donna M. Pettman

1. Defend, Depend	6. Clear, Clean
2. Metal, Medal	7. Orange, Grange
3. Acorn, Adom	8. Break, Bleak
4. Hangar, Hanger	9. Lawyer, Sawyer
5. Torch, Touch	10. Shave, Suave

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answer

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

**King Crossword**  
Answers  
Solution time: 25 mins.

**Bible Trivia Answers**

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

ANSWERS (1 Old; 2) Ram; (3) Caleb; (4) Only once; (5) Ostich; (6) 3