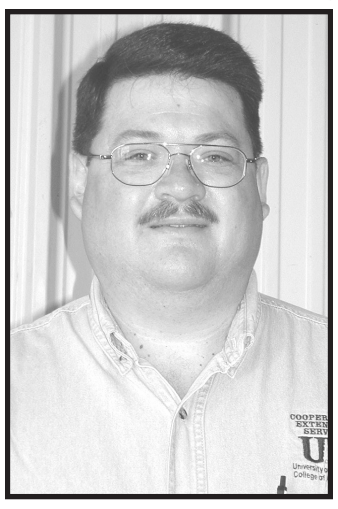
Keeping Firewood Pests Outside



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Most insects in firewood won't harm people or their homes, but insects emerging from firewood can concern homeowners and put a damper on the pleasure from a nice, crackling fire. Homeowners can keep these pests out in the cold by handling the wood properly.

"The best way to keep insects found on or inside logs out of your home, is to store and use the firewood so that you prevent their entry indoors," said Mike Potter, entomologist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "We strongly advise against spraying firewood with an insecticide. This practice is unnecessary, ineffective and could result in the release of harmful vapors when the wood is burned."

Some pests such as termites, wood-boring beetles and carpenter ants tunnel into firewood and feed within the logs. Others simply hide or overwinter underneath the bark. These include centipedes, spiders, scorpions, wood cockroaches, ground beetles, sowbugs and pillbugs. The only harm these hibernators typically cause is annoyance as they crawl or fly around the house upon emerging within a few days after the logs are bought indoors.

Potter gave these tips to keep firewood insects out in the cold. Store firewood outdoors away from the house and off the ground. Stacking logs off the ground increases air circulation for drying and helps prevent moisture problems. One way is to stack firewood on poles suspended between concrete blocks or on old pallets. Burn older wood first to reduce the length of time insects have to become established in the logs. Before bringing firewood inside, shake or knock logs together to dislodge insects clinging to the bark. Check the bottom of log carriers because insects often crawl into them when logs are brought indoors. Bring only enough firewood indoors to be used immediately or within a few hours. Pests emerge from firewood kept indoors for an extended period of time. This wood also can become a nesting site for rodents. Lastly, use a broom or vacuum cleaner to eliminate the occasional insect emerging from firewood.

For more pest control information, contact the Estill County Extension Service at 723-4557. The Extension office will close December 26th through January 2nd for the holidays. We will reopen January 3rd. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Birding BITS by Cindy Brook

Auld Lang Syne

As the year draws to a close, I recall my greatest birding moment of 2016, when an American bald eagle flew across the street right in front of me while I was driving to work. It took my breath away. Think back ... what was your favorite birding moment? Happy New Year, everyone!

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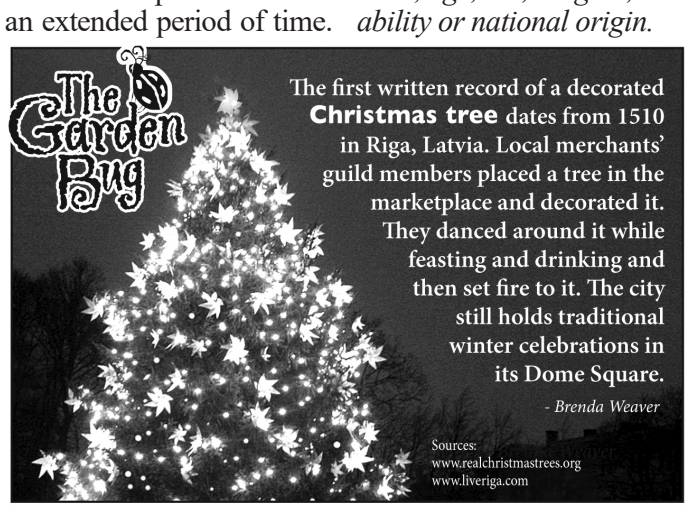

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CryptoQuip

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: **A** equals **F**

BMNMDPDXM RZW PUTLM LDNS UA N ODYUHD BWOODXGR BMZVB ZVDSNMUXT: "ODADHMUYD UPPDOUNMDGR."

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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.

HNCTI H VPBKHTJ'B CMVAS PBAB, NCBM ZFLAB XFTJ VFN H VHTJO MVFTI ZFMV ZVFGV MC FNQSABB CMVAS ZCNAT.

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Estill Extension Service AGRICULTURE NEWS

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January 9-10, 2017

Kentucky Fruit & Vegetable Conference

The 2017 Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference is planned for January 9-10, 2017 at the Embassy Suites Hotel off Newtown Pike, in Lexington. The program and registration form can be found by going to our Horticulture Department web site at: http://www.uky.edu/hort/node/1724 . A copy of the printed program and registration form can be requested from the Extension office.

This meeting will be of great benefit particularly for growers that are considering growing and marketing a crop, as well as for experienced growers.

We encourage all fruit and vegetable growers to attend this very informative meeting.

This year we have sessions on Commercial Fruit and Vegetable Production, Organic Production, Farmers' Markets, Small Fruit Production, Direct and Wholesale Marketing, Greenhouse and High Tunnel Production, the Grape and Wine Short Course, Food Safety and a What to Think About Before You Plant workshop. Preconference Sunday evening sessions include a Plasticulture Strawberry Short Course, Tree Fruit/Small Fruit and Vegetable Round Table Discussions.

For more information, call 606-723-4557.

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Pre-pay by January 20th

Taking Orders for Rootstock

The Estill County Cooperative Extension Service will be ordering apple and pear rootstocks now through mid-January. 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 rootstock. If you do not know how to graft, come by the Extension office for more information.

We typically order Malling7 (55% of standard size tree) and/or MM.111 (80% of standard) semi-dwarf apple rootstock and a pear rootstock. Please pre-pay your order by January 20th at the price of $1.00 each. The rootstocks usually arrive the first of March. To order, call 723-4557 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic]. by Terry Stickels

Can you match the common conditions with their medical names?

1. shingles	a. trismus
2. mumps	b. parotitis
3. hives	c. conjunctivitis
4. pinkeye	d. herpes zoster
5. lockjaw	e. urticaria

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Puzzle Answers

December 21, 2016

Puzzles4Kids Answer

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STOLEN	L	STONE
STUPOR	U	SPORT
FOSSIL	S	FOILS
SHRIMP	H	PRISM
DISPEL	P	SLIDE
FURIES	U	FIRES
PARTED	P	TREAD
SAMPLE	P	MEALS
INSEAM	I	MANES
WARNED	E	DRAWN
PASSER	S	SPARE

FEAR KNOT answer

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Letter Box Solution

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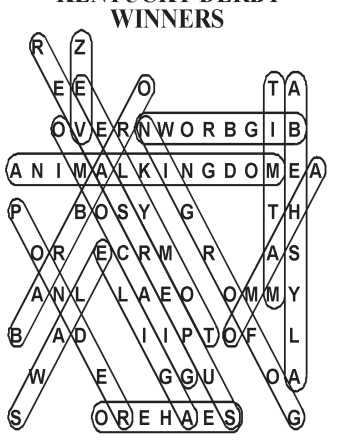
S	A	P	U	C	O	R	E	M
M	C	U	E	S	R	P	O	A
U	E	C	M	R	A	S	P	O
R	P	A	S	O	E	U	M	C
O	M	S	C	P	U	A	R	E

Even Exchange answers

1. Puppy, Poppy
2. Margie, Margin
3. Eight, Night
4. Deluge, Delude
5. Liner, Linen
6. Roast, Roost
7. Bicker, Backer
8. Gamble, Garble
9. Green, Greet
10. Search, Starch

KENTUCKY DERBY WINNERS



Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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CryptoQuip answer

Statement you might hear if a device suddenly stops operating: "Defective immediately."

CryptoQuote answer

Among a husband's other uses, most wives find him a handy thing with which to impress other women.
— Charles W. Morton

King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

L	A	S	T		T	S	P		S	U	R	E
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Bible Trivia Answers

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

ANSWERS: (1) Matthew/Luke; 2) 2 years; 3) Nazareth; 4) Bethlehem; 5) Herod; 6) Zero