

Cut Christmas Tree Purchase and Care



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When purchasing a cut Christmas tree, remember the following points: 1) a fresh tree is green, although some growers may spray dyes on their trees to tint them and reduce water loss, 2) fresh needles are hard to pull from branches, 3) when bent between your fingers, fresh needles do not break, 4) the trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and 5) when the trunk of a tree is bounced on the ground, a shower of falling needles shows that tree is too dry. The fresher the tree, the longer it will retain its needles. The freshest trees are locally grown.

In order to keep your cut Christmas tree looking good longer and decrease needle drop, consider the following

tips. After you get the tree home, remove another 1 or 2 inches of the cut end of the stem to allow the sap to flow. Place the tree in a bucket of warm water (the heat will help get the sap flowing and open the water conducting channels in the wood) until you're ready to move it into the house. Select a spot in the home away from any heat sources - stoves, registers, fireplaces, etc. Limit the hours that electric lights are lit on the tree because each light is a hot spot on the needles.

Keep the cut tree watered. Use the following solution: 1 cup of corn syrup and 3 tablespoons of liquid bleach added to 1 gallon of water (The bleach tends to thin out the sticky pitch from the tree's water conducting channels and allows water to get into the tree. The corn syrup provides the tree with a source of simple carbohydrates for food.) Continue adding the solution to the reservoir as long as the tree remains in the house.

A listing of Kentucky Christmas tree farms is at the website kychristmastreefarm.com. We hope each of you have a joyous holiday season!

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Burn Ban has been lifted for Estill County and the Daniel Boone Ntl. Forest

Estill County J/E Wallace Taylor's office announced on Tuesday, December 6th that "the Burn Ban that was put into place per Executive Order has been lifted." However, county officials would like to remind everyone that "it is still Fire Season until December 15th. Please do not hesitate to contact either the Judge's office or Derrick Muncie, fire chief, at 723-2661, if you have any questions."

On Monday, December 5th, fire management officials with the Daniel Boone National Forest rescinded an order that prohibited any fire outside of designated recreation areas. The order was issued in early November due to drought conditions and an increasing number of wildfires across the forest.

In addition, Tunnel Ridge Road in the Red River Gorge is now open to public travel. The road and surrounding area were closed for nearly a month after an illegal campfire, set after the fire ban, was abandoned and allowed to escape.

While the recent rains were beneficial, forest visitors are encouraged to continue using caution with fire. According to the National Weather Service, the average rainfall level for southern and eastern Kentucky remains below normal for this time of year.

The fall season for wild-fire hazard runs through December 15. During this time, it is illegal to burn brush or debris within 150 feet of woodland or brushland from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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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: P equals E

JGPE CVM ZPP DEKLC HNZZG ZWVJX

UDLRXC DQ PDWG VQGPL, CVM

ANKGQ POWXDNA "NH XVO WVMXU

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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.

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WJHZXXXZ DJZUE UAX DLOZ EL

CNAX EJZ IUEEHZWW JUMC

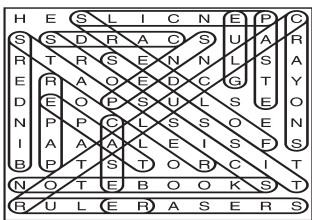
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Puzzle Answers December 7, 2016

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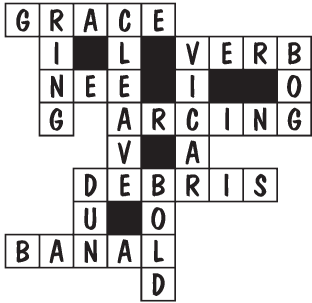


Riddle Answer:
He nose a lot.

Letter Box Solution

L	D	C	O	R	E	T	P	A
E	T	O	P	D	A	L	R	C
P	R	A	T	L	C	E	D	O
T	E	L	D	C	O	R	A	P
C	A	P	R	T	L	D	O	E
D	O	R	A	E	P	C	T	L
A	C	T	E	P	D	O	L	R
O	L	D	C	A	R	P	E	T
R	P	E	L	O	T	A	C	D

FEAR & KNOT answer



Even Exchange answers

1. Cannon, Canyon
2. Stock, Stork
3. Bonnet, Sonnet
4. Porch, Parch
5. Trial, Trill
6. Witch, Watch
7. Hamper, Hammer
8. Packer, Packet
9. Quick, Quirk
10. Scared, Stared

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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

Bible Trivia Answers

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

ANSWERS: (1) Old; (2) Uzziah; (3) Eve; (4) Elijah; (5) Bethany; (6) Dorcas

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Pre-pay by January 20th

Taking Orders for Rootstock

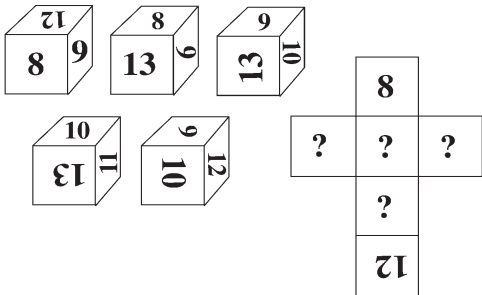
The Estill County Cooperative Extension Service will be ordering apple and pear rootstocks now through mid-January. If you want to propagate a favorite apple or pear, grafting is one of the easiest ways to preserve that cultivar. To graft, you will need scion wood (terminal branch segments from last 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



Below are five different perspectives of the same cube. Fill in the missing numbers in the two-dimensional model so that it can be folded correctly into a cube.



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